Gent.n Baltimore Dec.r 5.th 1770 —

Since the Arrival of the Restoration the 21.st ult.o I have wrote you Several times; This now serves to inform you, she has Delivered all her Goods, and will today begin to take in her Iron in order that She may fall down to Annapolis Road, there to load ~~it~~ as being the most convenient place, for ~~loading her to~~ taking in Tob.o at this Season of the Year; I hope she will be able to sail the last of January or first of February at farthest. The Prices for Wheat and Flour Still keep up, altho' Our Acc.ts from every part except Ireland are Very Discouraging and over there, not so ~~Vastly~~ Very Good as to induce So Many Vessels to go there, as has gone now Sailing for that place

I have ~~given~~ agreed with Mr. Archibald Buchanan & William Buchanan his Brother to furnish them with Ironmongery &c. from Bristol You'll see on What terms by Inner of the 2.d Inst. Our Agreement is reduced to Writing as shall also Mr. William Smith & Mr. John McLure. —

I don't thinke it would be amiss if You was to Inclose me Letters & Shop Notes for all Goods Shipt here, for the future that ~~I may~~ in case of any Accident I might withhold them. —— The Goods You shipt me are sold to abt £100 Sterling at 100 p.r C.t advance and 6 months C.t; You'll be no Doubt Surprised when I tell you that within these 2 months not less than £100,000 Sterling first cost of Goods has been imported to Baltimore Town alone & I dont Suppose there is a tenth of it Remaining now On hand; tis true we have had Many Customers here, this Fall who Perhaps we may Never See again because Philadelphia is More convenient to them, but You may be Assured that all the traders on the west Side of Susquehanna will Stick to this place from the Same principle of Convenience which will Occasion a great Vent of Goods.

If you do not conclude to Send the Elizabeth out immediately ~~and~~ a Ship the Goods I wrote for p.r the first Vessel that Sails for this, it would be better to decline Sending them at all; as with.t they are in early the Sale will be in some measure Lost; However from what I have said in my former Letters & which I have no Reason to contradict now, I am induced to think I shall See the Elizabeth early in the Spring. ——

Resp.t Gentlemen Your Humble Servt
Chester Rud.d Bristol
Via York —