their proportionable charges Amt. to £ also a Copy of the Shop Notes — Spencer has not ½ a hhd of Coals left which he will want for his Stove — I have Coal enough but it is so small that Palmer says it will not answer the end you want it for. I should be glad if it was in my Power to spend the t mass with you — but as I expect to dispatch the Ship in at a Fortnight I cant possibly leave this. I hope to be able to see you by the 15th Jany — Not an ounce of Venison has appeared at Market this Shall; if any should I will lay my hands on it for You. I am Dr Sir,

Yr Very hble Serv.
James Cheston

To Mr Thomas Ringgold
Chester Town

Dr Sir

Baltimore 19 December 1772

I rec. yr Letter of the 9th & immediately applied to the wheat Purchasers in Town who I found ready enough to purchase yr Quantity & at yr price, if it had been here; but they did not choose to run the risk of bringing it from Wye at this time of Year, when Haps the weather might set in hard and prevent the Vessel it was wanted for from getting out this Winter; this together with their not having it in their Power to judge of the Quality themselves, is the Reason I could not sell it. If you do not meet with a purchase with You I think you had better send a Sample over here by the first opportunity, which if the weather proves moderate may Haps induce some of them to take it — I expect a Ship I have in now will sail in at a Fortnight for Bristol, it will be a good opportunity for yr Papers at Your damaged Goods to go home by; if you'll send them so as to be here in that Time I'll take care to forward them

I am Dr Sir
Yr Very hble Servt
J C

Mr Robt Brown
Queens Town

Dear Sir

Baltimore 19 December 1772

By Mr Ringgold's Sloop I send you the the Goods you desired me to send to Bristol for, the amt as p Shop Notes inclosed is £17.12/ Sterlg, which I shall call upon You for when I come next to Chester which I expect will be at the middle of next Month I am Dr Sir

Yr very hble Servt
James Cheston

To Mr Caleb Pickett
Chester Town

Dr Sir

Baltimore 22 December 1772

I rec. yr Letter of the 18 Inst just now, as the Boat that brot it is going off again immediately, I have sent a Line to the Capt. at the Cordage, not having Time to inquire at it myself — I shall send the Rugs home by the Isabella, You shall have a Rec for them by the next opportunity — My Reason for writing to You at the fall was that what I sold here measured considerably over the Quantity it was shipd for; as to my sending a Person over to see the 46 bags measured it is out of the question entirely it would be very odd indeed if you could not be depended on especially by me in Things of much greater Consequence; If you'll be kind enough to have it measured, I well willingly pay a Man for doing it. I will write to the House at Mr Ellers Hole: inclosd you have the Bill of Lading which I some how or other am sending to him before — The Isabella I think will sail in a Fortnight if the weather keeps open I am Dr Sir

Your Very hble Servt
James Cheston

To Mr John Page
Swan Creek