Baltimore Jan.y 2d. 1772

Gent.n

Your favor of the 21st ult.o came to hand the last post but one I should have been answerd by the Return, if I had not happened to have been out of Town — I have Made particular Enquiry at the Cornell a Ship Stuff and find the Price Duties generally from 10/. to 12/. our Currency ~~p C~~ Some times as high as 14/.: Very little of that Article has been Exported from this place ~~for some time past~~, the Bakers Making use of the greatest part that comes to market: The latter part of the Fall, Winter & Spring, are the times, ~~that it will be cheapest~~ be procured, and I dare say, as soon as the Roads are fit to travel on, a Quantity might be got, tho' it is impossible to tell exactly at what Price, as that will depend entirely on the Demand at the time. The customary Freight from this to y.r Place, is ab.t 2/6 a bbl —

I am With a Tender of my Services in this or any other Matter Gen.l Your Obt. Serv.t

James Cheston

To Mess.rs Perry Hayes & Sherbrooke
New York —

Dr Sir

Baltimore Jan.y 2d. 1773

Your Letter of the 21st Ult.o came to hand but this Moment; I now inclose you 2 Setts of Bills for £500 each on our house in Bristol, to be ready for the first Opportunity that offers: There is none at present —

I expect the Ship will be ready to sail some time about the latter end of next week at farthest; As soon as she is gone I shall pay Chester a Visit

I am Dr Sir

Your Very hbl Servant

J. Ch.

To Mr Thos Ringgold
C. T.

Dr James

Baltimore 6 January 1773

Inclosed you have your acct with me amtg to £61 6 4 which if you find right, I shall be obliged if you pay Capt Spencer. I must also beg the favour of your assistance to him in clearing out; I would nt have given you this trouble, if I could have possibly come down myself; my Brother being confined to his Bed with an inflammatory Fever, tho' not very ill, together with a slight indisposition of my own, which I have not been free from four days together since I saw you keeps me at Home, You will also oblige me if you'll call on Harris, & urge him to pay the ballance of his Bond; if he does not, put it in Jemmy Telghman's Hands to bring a Suit on it I should not have asked you for the Money for the servants quite so soon if I was not at present a good deal in want of Cash. I am with Love to my aunt and all the Family Dr James

Your Affect.y

James Cheston

To Mr James Price
Annapolis