Baltimore May 2d 1773

Dr Sir

I received Your Letter of the 21st Ult.o and shall be glad to supply you with Goods for the Spring & Summers Sales As to Tob.o I cannot possibly say any thing positively abt it at present; at most but this; that if you take any considerable Quantity of Goods & the Price of Tobacco not above what I can afford to give, it may perhaps be in my power to furnish you with a Proportion of Cash for the Quantity I may take from You. The moment I determine any thing abt Price &c. I will let You know, and we may then talk abt times of payment &c. The truth of the matter is, that Tob.o is so bad a Speculation at present the Price being Very low, & the Sale extremely Dull in England, that it is impossible almost to be too cautious in Meddling with it. I hope matters will wear a better Face as the Season comes on, or else I do assure you, 16/8 Curr.y will be to much to give for the common Tob.o

I am Gent.n

Your Very Hbl Serv.t

J. C

John Barnes & Co
Kent Island



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Dr Sir

Your favor of the 25th Ult.o covering a Second Bill of Exch.g for £175. came Duly to hand &c. The Bill as you Desired was forwarded to Messrs S. R. & by the Restoration Capt. Thomas who sailed Yesterday ——

With respect to the Ballance that is still the house I should be glad if it was paid as soon as possible as I assure You they are much in want of money. Exch.g is at present 62½ but its impossible to tell wether it will rise or fall. If you pay me the Current Cash, the Exchange may be settled, as it Rules at the time of payment I am Dr Sir

Your Very Hbl Serv.t

J. C

John Bolton
Chester Town

Baltimore May 3d

Dr Sir

I now again inclose you John Barnes's orders in favour of Capt. Thomas, one on You for £19. 7. 3 & the Other on Sam.l Wallis for £15. 1. 3 the money for which if y.u is kindly the Other paid, please send by Mr. Harrell the bearer: Also the money for Simons Judgment, which I sup=pose