Gentlem Baltimore august 6th 1773

I wrote you the 19th ult.o, since which I have been on the eastern Shore a fortnight endeavouring to secure the Elizabeth's Load, but to as little purpose as before, Things being in just the same State as when I wrote you last. The Scotchmen are tied down by their Principals to 14/ Curry, which the Planters will not at present by any means take, and declare they will sooner keep their Crops til next Year; However as its but a few, who can possibly do that, they must come to at last, tho' I see very plainly nothing can be done, till august Court, when it is expected the Planters will give in their Notes, as by that Time they must be convinced, they do not stand the least Chance of getting a higher price. They are as backward to the full, on this side; Indeed here there are hardly any purchasers, & the late failures in London, has made them cautious of Shipping; I shall be at Kent & Queen ann's Courts, & hope then to be able to do something. I am stil of opinion I shall not meet with the least Difficulty in filling the Ship. Those indebted to us on the eastern Shore must make large Collections, as there is no Likelyhood of Cash being offerd, and they will have no other way of getting it off their hands again, but by paying their Debts with it —

I observe in Yours where you mention the Jamaica Voyage for the new Ship, you say, much will depend on her getting there as early as possible in Jany &c. This cannot possibly be done, For supposing she should be compleatly finished by the last of December (which is by no means quite certain) & her Cargo of Lumber ready to put onboard, yet at that Season of the year, she could not possibly be loaded in less than a Month, if so little; and her Passage another Month, would make it March before she could possibly be in Jamaica: This too upon a Supposition, she met with no obstruction from Ice here, & had a

a quick run of it there; the first its more than probable would happen, & the last is uncertain; so that allowing for no extra=ordinary accidents, I think there would be little chance of her getting there before the last of March, which would be quite out of Time from what you say: pray write me immediately on this head —

I hope in my next to have it in my Power, to write you something more pleasing at the Elizabeth and am

Dear Sirs
Your very Hble Serv
J C

To Messrs Stevenson Randolph & Cheston Bristol

Dear Sirs Balt.o 6 august 1773

Since mine of this morning, I have received a set of Bills of Exchange viz John Dorsey on William Molleson London for £102 Sterlg, the first of which you have inclosed and is to go to the Cr of general acct. If you do not buy any Lottery Tickets this year on our joint acct, pray be kind enough to purchase one for me, have it registerd in my Name, & advise me the Number.

I am Dear Sirs Your very Hble Serv
J C

To Messrs Stevenson Randolph & Cheston Bristol. —

Dr Sir Baltimore 13th april 1773

Mr Smyth handed me yours of the 10th Instant by which I find a much greater Quantity of Yr Tobacco was damaged than I suspected when it was taken away. This is certainly owing to the Neglect of the warehouse Keeper, & which I think he is liable for, as he engaged to have it so covered and secured, that it should receive no Hurt from the