Gentlemen

Baltimore 14th octr 1773

I have now the pleasure to inform you, the Restoration arrived here today after a tedious Passage, owing to Calms & 10 days Run up the Bay. She will begin to unload in the Morning & suppose will be clear in 3 or 4 days Time to take in her Cargo, which will consist of her Hold full of Corn, between Decks Tob.o & perhaps at 70 or 80 Bbls Flour, all which will be ready to be delivered her as fast as she can possibly take it, so that if the weather is fair, she will certainly stay but a very little Time here. In three days I hope to write you fully by the Elizabeth; she will be full the day after Tomorrow without Fail, and will be able to leave this with between 440 & 450 Hhds Tobacco: Her falling short so many, proceeds from my not suffering them to stow a head between Decks, my Reason for which I'll give you by her, at present I have only Time to conclude that I am Gent.n

Your Very Hble Serv.t

J. C.

To Mess.rs Stevenson Randolph & Chester Bristol

Baltimore Oct.r 1773

Gent.n

This I hope will be handed you by Spencer, in the Elizabeth with a Cargo of Tob.o &c. Am.t as p.r Invoice to £3492. 3. 1 £11 11 which please place to the Cr. of the General Acct. together with the ~~Sums~~ Ships Disbursements Am.t to £385. 15. 6 — Bills of Lading for the Cargo, and Acct. Sales of Servants by her, Am.t to £617 Stg. & £1102. 16/ Curr.y you have herewith —

The long detention of the Ship in the Country this time has Chagrined me Not a little, But you

you cannot be Suppriz'd at it, when I assure you I had not 10 Hhds in hand, the first of September: The planters would not part with it before, expecting a Still higher Price than was then Offering tho Some of the Merchants, to induce them to come to Market sooner, took extraordinary pains; which I was an eye witness to, having been Upwards of Six Weeks on the Eastern Shore since the 20th August — I was in hopes for a Considerable time to have kept the Price Down to 14/. or 15/., but finding, the some would give no more, Others again were offering 16/8. & 17/6. and the bulk of the Planters seeming resolved sooner to keep their Tob.o till next year, than take under 16/8., I thot it was better to offer it, especially as the Ship had waited so long, and there was the greatest probability of her being detained much longer If it was not Done — When she first arrived, I was repeatedly offerd £8 Stg. p.r Ton Freight to London, but would not accept it, as I was perfectly convinced, If I did not take Tob.o for the Moneys due on the Eastern Shore, not a farthing or at least ~~very~~ most trifling Remittances (Mr. Thomas Ringgolds excepted) would be made from that Quarter till next Tob.o Season. If it had been possible to have Drawn Money out of their hands any other way, I believe I should have preferr'd

a