was a Farmer, and are both Sold at Labourer's prices. There was a Joiner on Board, who I believe understood his Business, but as he knew nothing of rough Carpenters Work, which from my Memorandums, Mr Hand & you only wanted Servants for, I did not send him. If any comes in the next Ship, which I expect in March, you and Mr Hand shall be first serv'd — I received a Letter the other day from John Barnes &c., advising that I am to debit them on acct of Smyth & Sadler £60 & Smyth & Ringgold £175, which last they say you are to inform me how to apply it. I shall be obliged if you let me know. — I hope you will not be disappointed in the £500, which you expected to get the first of the year, as I shall between that Time & March be allmost put to it to raise Money enough to answer Demands on me with drawing, which last, I cannot do with any propriety. I am told the Legislature has determined to emit a large Sum of Money to be let out on Loan. If so, it will enable the Province to get much sooner out of Debt, & I hope, among the rest, I shall reap some Benefit from it. I am — Dear Sir Your very Hble Sir

J C

To Mr Thomas Smyth
Chester Town

Baltimore 30. Decr 1773

Dr Sir

Your two favors of the 16th & 18th Inst. came to hand 4 or 5 Days ago: I called on Mr Philpot, but found he was at west River. He is not yet returned as soon as he comes home I will wait on him & get the matter settled if possible as you wish

From what you say of the Answers I have received to my other enquiries, I have given up all thoughts of Loading the Isabella with Tob. & shall accept the first good Charter that offers. Immediately after that is Done I have got rid of all my children 25 of Whom are still on hand. I shall pay a Visit to Chester ———

The 500 Bread of the bhd Tob. shall be sent I first Opportunity — I am

Dr Sir

Your Very Hble Serv

J C

Thomas Ringgold
Chester Town