would make it worth their While to employ their own Vessels some other way. Upon this I determined to take the best Charter I could meet with, I expect as as the Weather moderates she will be loaded with flour for Havre De Grace or Cadiz at 5/. Sterling ⅌ Barrel, which I persuaded will make as good a Freight as Tob.o at this Time & with less Risk. —

Inclosed you have Margaretta Waltham first Bill on James Anderson London for £5.. 3.. 4 Stg. rec.d of Mr. John Page & to go to his Cr. —

The price of Indian Corn this ensuing Spring will not be higher than 2/3 Cur.y which I mention in case any thing can be Done with it your way

Dear Gent.n

Your Very hble Serv.t

Mess.rs Stevenson Randolph & Cheston Bristol } H

Baltimore January 20.th 1774

Dr. Sir

I received Your favor of the 15.th Inst. containing a proposal for being supplied with Goods from Bristol, To which I can only answer, that the House there in which, with Mr. Stevenson & Mr. Randolph I am a partner, under the firm of Stevenson Randolph & Cheston, have suffered so many Disapointments in that branch of the Business, that they have

Determined

Determined for the future to ship as few Goods as possible, & Decline extending their connections any further

The House of Neagly & Hilhouse & Randolph never did Business again after their failure —

I am Dr. Sir

Your Very hble Servt

James Cheston

Mr. George Maxwell

Dear Sir Baltimore 22 Jany 1774

I have but just Time to advise you of my sending by Mr James Jaffray who brings this £574. 1. 8 £68 .. 18 .. 8 of which I rec.d from Mr Amos Garrett the remainder for the Tobacco. I am Dear Sir

Your very hble Serv.t

J C

To Mr Thomas Ringgold Chester Town

Gentlemen Baltimore 29 January 1774

The Post handed me Your Fav.r of the 25.th Instant, In consequence of which, I shall embrace the first opportunity of drawing on You for the £800; at present none offers nor will any probably sooner than next Saturday. In the meantime, if any good opportunity should offer with you, perhaps it might be better to forward the Money, I can easily defer drawing til post day, if there should be a demand.

I am Gentlemen

Your most obd.t Serv.t

J C

To Mess.rs Willing Morris & Co. Philadelphia