Gent.

Baltimore Feby 18th 1774

I wrote you the 5th Ult. since which, I have not been favoured with a Line from You, nor have had an opportunity of writing, the weather has been so very severe: our Rivers has been constantly frozen this six weeks past, with only an Intermission of one day, when the only two Vessels that has sailed from this in all that Time, pushed thro' the Ice — a Thaw has now prevailed for some days past; & as there is an appearance of Rain, I am in hopes our Navigation will be open in a few days.

I advised you in my Last, that not being able to procure a Load of Tob. for the Isabella without keeping her late in the Spring, I had determined to accept the best Freight that offered; & therefore have chartered her to go to Lisbon with 8000 Bus. of wheat & the remainder of her Cargo Flour at 1/ Sterlg ⅌ Bus. & 5/ ⅌ barrell which I suppose will make a Freight of about £525 Sterlg. The greatest part of her cargo is now ready & the remainder will be in a few days; so that if the weather proves moderate, I think she may sail from this in 15 or 20 days at most. 4 or 5 of the very worst of the Servants are stil unsold, 5 has died since they arrived, but the remainder averages more than I expected at first; By retailing them out on Credit, which I was obliged to give or not sell them at all, they amt to about £20, 5/ ⅌ head. If Thomas brings his in healthy and early, they will sell better and for more ready Money. Inclosed you have Chris: Richmonds 1st Bill on Thos Pierse Esqr Yorkshire for £20, 2/ to go to the Cr of general Acct —

& Marg. Walthams second on James Anderson London for £5.3.4 rec. from our page and to go to his credit.

I shall be much obliged if the Sugar & other Things undermentioned are sent in the first Ship: The first is for a very particular Friend, the other for myself. I shall write you again in a few days. I am

Gentlemen

Your very Hble Serv.

J. C.

To Messrs Stevenson Randolph & Cheston Bristol

D. Sir

Baltimore 19th Feby 1774.

I have to acknowledge Rect. of yours of the 24th Jany & 2d Inst.; the former came time enough to prevent my Drawing on Messrs Willing & Morris — I have had no Opportunity since Your last came to hand of giving an Answer to your Enquiry's — Some Bills has been sold lately for 66 2/3d & I think it probable your sum may be procured at that, as I have some Reason to believe there will be some at Market in a short time, and they Don't talk of the Exchange being higher —

I have paid Capt. McLachen; you shall have his Bill ⅌ next Opportunity; he forgot to give it me since I first mentioned it to him, & he has not time to send for it to the point, as the person that carries this to Annapolis is just setting off —

Mr Philpot has given his bond for £40.16. the Ballance as you made it —