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Balto. 4 March 1774

Your Favr of 1st Inst was handed me this Morning, & in consequence have engaged 2 Seamen, to go in your Schooner @ £4. 2. 6 ℔ mo., & have advanced them a Month's pay each as ℔ Receipts inclosed they come over in Capt Meeten's Boat. I am Dear Sir

Your very Hble Servt

J C

To Mr Ezekiel Foreman
Chester Town

Dear Sir

Baltimore 11 March 1773

your favour of the 7th Inst. came to hand yesterday and am equally sorry with you that yr Head of Elk Correspondent disappointed you; However I hope you'll succeed when you call on him yr self — Corn is in very little demand here and selling @ 2/2 @ 2/3 ℔ Bus.; If I can get a Load for Thomas who I expect in some time this Month at those prices, and nothing more advantageous for him turns up, I think it probable I may load him with it. I'll let you know when I resolve. Every other way the Prospect is but dull. In Virginia they are selling at 8/ their Money ℔ barrell — Your Pease would not fetch more than 4/6 ℔ Bushel here and not a ready Sale; they retail them @ 5/

The Isabella is bound for Lisbon & I expect will sail in a ~~few~~ two days — I expect to be over in at 4 or 5 days, when I shall see you. In the meantime with Complimts to Mrs Page

I Dr Sir

Your very Hble Servt

J C.

To Mr John Page
Swan Creek

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Baltimore March 11th 1774

I wrote You the 18th ult. informing you of the Severity of the Winter and the consequent Detention of the Isabella, of that I had Just then accepted a Charter for her of Wheat and Flour to go to Lisbon @ 1/ ℔ Bus & 5 ℔ Bbl. Since which I have been Received Mr's Letter from London of the 23d of November (the only one that has come to hand since the Arrival of Bassett) covering Protests for Waters on Grove £3.5.3 Howard on Buchanan £42. Plowman on Mellen £200 all which shall be settled and rem.d as fast as possible — I have now to advise you the Isabella is Loaded & will Sail tomorrow with 7724 Bus of Wheat & 600 Bbls of Flour which will make a Freight of £536. 4 ~~11~~ ——

I begin to be a little anxious to hear from you of the arrival of the Elizabeth of Restoration ~~[illegible]~~ and also of the Tobacco coming out here as you intended, that I may be prepared to push her off. I have some thoughts, if I find you have Nothing

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