Inclosed you have Smyth Ringgold & Thompson's first Bill on Your Selves for £290.. 12.. 2d Stg. to go to the Cr. of Smyth & Sadler. & Christopher Richmonds second bill on Thos. Pierce Yorkshire for £20.. 2/. to go to the Cr. of General Account

I am Gent.n

Your Very hble Serv.t

J. C.

To Messrs. Stevenson Randolph & Cheston Bristol

Gentlemen Baltimore 29th March 1774

I got home last night & found Mr Kennard disappointed in either selling his Lemons or buying Flour. The Town is so stocked with the first that there is not the least demand, and as there is a Ship expected every Man from Falmouth wh 1000 Boxes, I advised him to carry them back again — The Roads are so bad, no Flour comes in from the Country & the Mills al here are engaged for all they can make for some Time so that, not a bbl was to be got. I inclose List of Tob.o from Your T. S & acco.t of Butter for W.R. By Mr Kennard I send the 2 Books for Mr Smyth they cost 24/ Linseed oil 6/6 & Barrell I am Gentlemen

Your very Hum.l Serv.t

J. C.

To Messrs. Smyth & Ringgold Chester Town

Dr Sir Baltimore 31 March 1774

Your Favour of yesterday came to hand this Morning & have in consequence sent you by Mr Dunns Boat to the care of Mr Hodges, an indented Servant man named John Wills, who says he can drive an ox Team, can mow & take care of Cattle besides reaping, sawing &c & is 30 years old & West Country man his price £21, he was the only one left that could drive an ox Team — I have made enquiry at the Freight to Genoa, & find the usual Freight is 16/2 but 18 has been given to Leghorn, for 2 or 3 Vessels this Winter & there is never more than 1/ difference made between the 2 Ports; The Indenture for the Servant is inclosed

You complain of the high price of the Blacksmith, I assure you I could have got the price for him here very readily, particularly from one Man, whom I had promised to supply, but omitted looking at my Memorandum Book when at Annapolis. I am

Sir

Your very hble Serv.t

Francis Cheston

To Mr Thomas Smyth Chester Town

Gentleman Baltimore 2d april 1774

I have now to advise you the Restoration arrived at Annapolis the 24th ult.o and got up here 4 days after with all her Servants in pretty good order; since which, I have sold 41 at good prices & dont doubt, notwithstanding the Number of women & indented among them of making them average £24. The longest Credit I have given is 4 Months & that only where part was paid down; the others are from one