one to three, so that I think the Collection will be made in Six; at least as much will be rec^d, as they would have sold for in the Lumping way, which indeed I find in general may be done, & it certainly is worth while running the risk of Laying out of the overplus 6 Months longer, as when it does come its all clear gains. ——

I did not get Y^r Letter of the 15 Jany, in which you direct the Load of the Snow till 4 or 5 days before she arrived since which, the Roads have been so bad, little or no Produce has come in from the Country. I went to the eastern shore as their wheat is remarkably fine, to try to get a Quantity there, but the price was 3/p above your Limits. Here its 1/2 but expected when the Waggons can travel to be down again as well as Flour, a large Quantity of which will be certainly at Market. I have bought 1000 Bus: wheat & at 150 bbls Flour, & am in hopes in at 2 weeks to procure the Remainder: The Snow has almost discharged her Salt & Goods, & I expect will be ready to load in for 5 days more. I am under no Necessity of drawing on you yet as I have at^t £1700 by me and expect to receive in 10 days at £6 or £700 more, & am promised by Page £500 in the course of a Month. I am in hopes there will be but little wanting from you for this Vessel, For the new Ship, I shall want largely, tho' shall try to get as long Credit as possible for the Tob^o; The Flour ready Money must be paid down for I am

Gentlemen
Y^r very Hble Servt
James Cheston

To Messrs Stevenson Randolph & Cheston Bristol

Dear Sir — Baltimore 8th april 1774

Y^r Letter covering an order on Mr Hollingsworth came to hand Yesterday, as soon as the Flour is sold, I shall get the Money.

If Mr Chew should change his Resolution at^t his wheat & be willing to take my offer, I believe it will be as well to let it alone, as its possible by that Time, I may have the Quantity provided here.

I inclose you a ~~Number~~ Letter in which Capt Thomas has drawn an order on Robertson; be kind enough to receive the Money for him. ——

You have also Y^r Acc^t with me, as settled the last Time I was over. I am

Dear Sir
Y^r very Hble Servt
J C

To Mr Thomas Smyth
Chester Town

Dear Sir — Baltimore 8th april 1774

Capt Thomas handed me Y^r Favour of the 6th with the £50 at^t which there was not the least Necessity for an apology —— when Smyth & Ringgold's Craft was here, I was so very much hurried that the Hh^d Tob^o never came into my head; however as the same Vessel is expected here to day or tomorrow I think it shall not be omitted again. I am

Dear Sir
Y^r very Hble Servt
J C

To Mr Thomas Ringgold
Chester Town