and to get home early. I am now purchasing Flour and shall set off in an hour for Virginia to try to purchase Tob.o (None being to be got in this province) where if I should not succeed, I shall return here in 4 or 5 days & push her off with the first article & some wheat, tho' I believe the last will be out of all proportion in price; they are asking now from 7/3 to 7/6. A Number of Buyers being at Market for both

As to the Isabella, it is probable y.r Letters may not meet her in Time, indeed I wish they may not, as it is by no Means certain the new Ship can get home early enough for the Fall Convicts, tho' You may be assured I shall dispatch her as quick as possible & that no Time has been yet lost — If the Isabella should return here from Lisbon, I fancy a Charter will be the only Thing for her, as it must be so late, that Wheat & Flour will be out of the Question, indeed not fit to ship — I have drawn on You in favour of Capn James Thomas for £300 which please charge the general Acct. — Doctor Lyon is much dissa=tisfied at y.r not advising him of the application of the Proceeds of his Flour, & supposes it must be still in y.r hands, as the Trustees of Messrs. Buchanan & Son have not acknowledged the Recept of it; pray, satisfy him

Among the Convicts who came in the Isabella, there was one You orderd to be kept til I heard from You about him; His Name is Henry Buckle —

The 5th of this Month we had a very severe Frost, which 'tis suspected hurt the wheat very much, in another week or two, it will be known if there is any damage: The Tob.o plants escaped. I am Gentlemen

Your Very Hble Servt

T. C.

To Messrs. Stevenson
Randolph & Cheston
Bristol.

Gentlemen Ballimore 11th June 1774

I wrote some days ago from Annapolis informing you my having determined to put abt. 200 Hhds Tob.o in the Hold & filling up with Flour; The Tob.o is all engaged, but is kept back by the weather, which has been uncommonly dry these three weeks past; two or three days rain would put it in the Planter's power to get it ready and the Ship might be dispatched immediately, as most of the Flour is bought, and the remainder would be, before she could take it in: I am still in hopes she wont be longer than 10th of next Month before she sails; It entirely depends now on the weather, as had we the Tobacco, every thing else is in such Forwardness, that she might be loaded in a fortnight with ease: For the Elizabeth I think, Tob.o will be got easily and in pretty good Time Page says he can furnish 200 Hhds including some for this Ship; J S at least 100 if not more, & Sudler proposes paying his Ballance with it and Likewise Wm Brown