Dr Sir

Baltimore Oct. 8.th 1774

Your favor of the 28.th came to hand last Tuesday, since which I have Rec.d for Mr Stewart £169.4.4 ℔ from Mr Hollings worth £63.4.0 — I now inclose you a Bill on our house for £104.6.4 it being the Ballance in my Books a 70 ℔ct, which is the Exchange that has been given all last Week. The prospect of doing much in the grain & flour way here, is so bad, that I am inclined to think it will be not much lower, if any, for some time.

I take the liberty to beg you would dispose of the inclosed Bill of £500 for me & send the money by first post. I find it a little difficult to raise the sum I now want here —

I am Dr Sir
Wm T.
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To Mr. Thomas Ringgold
now in Philadelphia

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This I hope will be handed you by Spencer in the Elizabeth with a Cargo of Tobacco Iron and Staves As p Bill of Lading & Invoice Amt ℔ £1279.15.6 Stg ℔ £2671.4.7 Cur.y which together with the Ships Disbursements Amt ℔ to £405.4.6 you'll please C.r the general Acc.t with. The greatest part of this Cargo is Western Shore Tob.o, some of which I expect you will find much superior to the common kind & all better than the Eastern Shore. I should be glad you would mention particularly the Quality of the different Tob.os & the proportion they bear one to Another: It will be a guide in a future purchase — In my several letters since the arrival of this Ship I have given the cause, that have occasioned the delay of the Ship; However I don't think you'll deem it superfluous if I recapitulate them here ~~whenever~~. When she first Arrived, I was firmly persuaded from the then Appearance of things the people would have been satisfied with the price that was then Offering, and induced to expect themselves to bring it to Market early