Gent.

Baltimore April 3d. 1775

I wrote you the 23d ult.o by the Isabella Capt. Delatour, who left this the 27th and got out of the Capes the 28th with fresh gale at North west, which has blown ever Intermission even Since — Nothing has appeared from you Since the 16th of Jan.y, We are in hopes every day to hear by the Snow — A Cargo of flour & wheat is now all ready for her, So that Shall be dispatched immediately — I have been much puzzled to raise money to pay for what I was behind hand for the Isabella, load & one half of the Snows. So scarce is it, that Bills will hardly fetch it, even at the low ebb, Exchange is got to now. The Want of goods in the country, has put a stop in a great measure to the circulation of our Cash, And altho' very little Business of the Export kind is now going on, Yet it is felt very Severely. As to the payments of Debts, it is quite out of the Question, and to help the Creditors the more, It is said, Our Provincial Convention, is to Shut up our Courts of Justice Law, at their next sitting, in May the acts are Repealed — They meet the 25th of this Month

Since the sailing of the Ship, I have drawn on you the following bills — The 29th ult.o in favor of Thomas Jones £100. The 25th two of £90 each

opportunity what Money they fetch & you don't want to compleat your payments for my half the Cargo — I have accepted your Bills in favour of Thos Neill for £108 9 0 & John McLaire for £90; The other in favour of Mr James Christie has not yet appeared, when it does, due honour shall be paid it — as Exchange is fallen here & at Philadelphia to 55 perhaps the Person who wants the £500 Bill may have heard it and wont give the 57½ in that case sooner than go without it, You'll please take the Money @ the 55 — I shall be obliged if you advise me who the Bills are made payable to, that I may advise my Partners —

The Snow was certainly to sail by the 5th of Feby my Partners say at farthest, so that I expect her every instant, and this day shall forward Letters to Stop her from coming up here and order her up to George Town — Very little Produce comes from the back Country, wheat therefore has taken a little Start — Flour is the same — The Prices of both are the same at Philadelphia as here — If you shou'd not have got quite the Quantity of wheat, you had better stop purchasing any more, as Flour is lower in proportion — and upon a second Calculation I am apprehensive the Snow wont carry so much by 500 bushels.

I am Dear Sir
Your very Hum.e Serv.t
J C

To Mr David Mitchell
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