Dear Sir, Maryland June 22d. 1776 —

Since I wrote You the 14 March acknowledging the Rect. of yours of the 2d. of Nov.r I have not Recd. one Line from You — I then mentioned to You, from what you wrote me, of the great improbability of my being able to be with you so Soon as I could wish, had induced me to take the liberty of Sending You a Power of Attorney to act for me Jointly with my Brother Daniel. That Power I hoped would have been Delivered You by a Gentleman who proposed when I parted with him, to go to England in the Packet, but when he got to New York was Disapointed & therefore only put the Letters on board — which I hope has got safe to hand — I then wrote pretty fully — and would now — In consequence of a Letter I recd. from my Brother Dan.l Since, In which he Mentions circumstances I could not guess at then — but as its very possible this Letter may be seen by those of both sides of the Water I think its best only — to Earnestly intreat you to do the best you can with W.s and get as much out of his hands as possible — A final Settlement I know cant be, till

Situated as they are at present, I never can think of it, let what will be the consequence, And it is not very probable an Opportunity will offer, till they take some other turn, So that you'll see the Necessity of exerting yourself with Mr. Randolph to save something for me — As to the Debts in this Country they are in a ticklish situation & indeed I am inclined to think it is Necessary for me to stay, On that Acct. As should independant Form of Government be Set up here, they may not so easily be got were I out of the way — I would gladly say more to you abt. W.s affairs but as this Letter in all Likelyhood will be seen both here & in England, I don't think it quite so proper, And therefore will only add, your Sister joins me in Sincere Good wishes for Yr. Health & happiness & am D.r Dear

Yr. Affectly

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P.S. I rec.d Yr. of the 15. of Decem.r which you may be assured gave me great Apprehension — However it can't be helped — we must make the best of it

To Mr Daniel Chester
Bristol —