West River August 26th 1782

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 18th Inst. reached me at the Instant, I was setting off for this Shore from Rock Hall, so that I could not answer it at that time — You ask me to give You the Particulars of Mr Stevenson's Bankruptcy, And to Inform You what Power I have to receive the Debts due the late partner=ship of Stevenson Randolph & Cheston. — With respect to the first, as it is Matter of so much Notoriety & acknowled=ged by Mr Stevenson himself, I should have thought, no Question would have been made about it — However as You Desire it, I will again Mention, what I have already Done to you by word of mouth, that William Stevenson Late a partner of William Randolph of Bristol & James Cheston of Maryland, committed an Act of Bankruptcy in the fall 1776 And on the petition of Daniel Cheston, a Com=mission of Bankruptcy was issued against him on the 1st of February 1777 to which Commission he appeared was Examined and received a certificate — Daniel Cheston being the largest Creditor was chosen Sole Assignee of his Estate & as Such Acted from that time Untill the time I left England the Commission Never having been Superseded — The proofs of this I am furnished with by the Assignee —

With respect to the Right I have of receiving the Debts due the late partnership of Stevenson Randolph & Cheston — it is the same, I ever had by virtue of which I did all the business of the house with ~~you~~ received Money from you and gave You Receipts for it, which I believe You find to be good ag.st all the World — Namely the Rights of