of a Partner, which Nothing can Supersede but Death a Bankruptcy or an injunction from Chancery. In the two former cases of Death or Bankruptcy, the Right of Settling Companies Accounts, receiving the Debts due them devolves to the Surviving partner, who are Accountable for what the Deceased or Bankrupts Share may be to his Executors or Assignees, Neither of whom has any More to do with the Matter Except they have good Reason to Suspect fraud or Embezzlement, & then they can Apply to the Chancellor for relief —

Besides my Right as a partner, I have a Power of Attorney from Mr Randolph, to settle all his Affairs in Maryland —

You say, from what passed between Mr Stevenson & myself at your house it appeared, he had Enough due him from the Concern, as will amount to more than he has received from You & then Ask me, "Why can't "you & he settle the matter with giving me so Much "trouble"? From what passed between him & me at the time you Mention, And the Conversations You & I have had on the Subject in Baltimore it must have been very evident that it was My Opinion the Concern Owed him Not a farthing — All the property he was Possessed of at the time of his Bankruptcy was Vested in his Assignee for the use of his Creditors, with only this Exception Made by the laws of Maryland that the Debts due by the Bankrupt to residents here Should be first Satisfied & the Remainder Afterwards applied as the Statute of Bankruptcy directs — a great many Instances of the kind has happened, where what I tell you has actually taken place, 3 or 4 of them within my Own Knowledge — These laws has Not been repealed or Suspended Since the revolution in Government here And therefore were in as Much Force as ever at the time of the Bankruptcy and are so to this moment — With respect to a Settlement with Mr Stevenson of Affairs previous to his Bankruptcy, was I to make it, it would be of no consequence, as I am always liable to be called upon by the Assignee of his Estate to account with him and a Settlement with the other would Not prevent him And Should it so happen that I receive as much of the Effects of the late partnership, as the third Part of it will amount to More than Will satisfy my claim agt the Bankrupts Estate, the Overplus must be paid to the Assignee of his Estate or his Attorney, Unless Attachments Should be laid in my Hands by other Residents here who may have claims against it, —

As soon as You have taken Counsel, I shall be Much Obliged for your Determination abt the Matter, as the Measures I may think Necessary to take will depend in great measure on it — Abt the last of this Week I shall be in Kent, when if you wish to say any thing more, we can have a Meeting And when you are at the General Court, if you write drop me a line, I will ride to Annapolis to see you — I beg my compliments to Mrs Page And am Dr Sir

Yr Very Hble Servt

James Chetson

To Mr John Page
Kent County

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