in great measure of houses in Chester, is growing every Day of Less Value, and in a short time will be worth nothing with considerable Repairs besides, If they Neglect sending in the proper papers to Authenticate their claim, he will as he now threatens, file a Bill in Chancery to compel me to a settlement and partition of the Effects of the late partnership, which he no Doubt will be able to do, unless they take the Necessary steps to prevent it, especially as he alledges there is more than sufficient to pay all his Debts (which by the bye is not true) and that he is not to wait for the Surplus, untill his Creditors choose he shall have it. If it should turn out, that it is necessary to be furnished with a Power of Attorney from the Assignee of Wm Stevenson, before you, or I can recover the Debts of Stevenson Randolph of Chester, We shall be in a pretty situation indeed, If the Creditors in England should not think it worth their while, to be at the Expence of sending the Necessary papers here, Indeed I don't know, but it would be better, Sooner than be without them, If for us to be at the Expence, which I suppose would not be ~~[illegible]~~ but trifling when compared to the Trouble & Expence of

ever a Lawsuit with Page. Let alone the Inconvenience we might Suffer in other Instances. I hope you will be able to persuade the Creditors to take the steps I here recommend both for their Interest & ours, in as short a time as possible; We have been too long kept out of our money already, and now when we thought we were at the eve of getting it, to be prevented by the Obstinacy of people whose Interest is at Stake as well as ours would be very provoking —

I take the liberty of inclosing a letter for Mrs Thomas widow of Capt James Thomas — I should not have troubled you but I did know where to direct to her —

I have this day Drawn on you in favor of her for £61 ng. 3 Sh which please pay and Charge me. Also in favor of Mr Robt Bailey for £25. 0. 0 —

It would not be amiss, If you was to write me a letter pressing the immediate Settlement & collection of our Debts here, in pretty strong terms It may be of use with some people —

Mr Wm Randolph Jan Dear Sir
Bristol — Your Most Obt Servt —
James Chew Jr