at present to at. 160 hhds more & fill up with Lumber. However I shall in a little time be better able to Judge, what may be Done (as I am but Just Come to town) and will write you every Opportunity, that you may know what to Depend on —

The Captain I take it for granted will write you particularly by this Opportunity respecting the State of the Ship &c.

Another Opportunity will Offer in two or three Days, when I shall write you again Till when I remain Dr Sir Your Most Ob Servt.

James Chestor

To Mr. William Randolph Merchant in Bristol

Gentlemen / Baltimore May 3d 1784

I did myself the pleasure of writing you immediately on Receiving your order for the purchase of 400 hogsheads of Tobacco, that I apprehend from the then price of that Commodity here & the prospects that appeared at the time, It would not be in my power to execute them by the time the Ship Leviathan arrived or indeed at any time During the ensuing Season at your Limits. From that time to this Tobacco has been selling sold between 35/- & 42/6, at present it is not to be bought under 40/- And therefore It is with Regret that I am under the Necessity of Doing something else with the Ship, which is Just arrived, than Dispatching

Dispatching her with the Quantity of Tob.o agreable to your Directions. Should you in future have any thoughts of making any further trial in that or any other Article of Produce this Country Affords, I beg leave to offer my Services And at the same time request you will be so obliging to believe Your Interests therein shall be very faithfully attended to — I am Gent.n Yr

Most Ob Serv.t James Chestor

To Mess.rs Wm. Randolph & Co. Bristol

Dr Sir / Baltimore May 3d 1784

I did myself the pleasure of writing you Yesterday advising the Arrival of your ship Leviathan Capt. Aselby, the Day before at this place, with a cargo of 63 hhds of Rum, 28 hogheads of Sugar and the Capt says, upwards of 10 000 bus of Salt. He was very unlucky in a Long passage of six weeks from St. Vincents to this, as by that means the Sale of the Salt for the Fishery is over & both Rum & Sugar has fallen within this last Fortnight. I am asking 4/- for the Rum 58/- p. Ct. for the best & 55/- for the Inferior Sugars And 2/3 for the Salt. Of the last I have sold 300 bus to day And tomorrow expect to sell several hhds of Sugar, but am afraid I must fall lower before the Sale is completed, as these Articles are becoming more plenty every Day.

I have heard of a person who wants to charter a Vessel for London & expect to see him in a day or two, when I shall offer him the Leviathan. If she is not too large for his purpose, I think it probable we may come upon terms.

The foregoing is a copy of an Invoice I took the liberty of transmitting you via London for goods to be shipped so as to be here in Sept.r or Oct.r at farthest. Later would spoil the Sale. I shall keep you constantly advised & am Dr Sir Yr Most Ob Servt James Chestor