Dear Sir

West River May 8th 1784

I have a Ship now lying at Baltimore for which I want a charter to London — She will carry about 700 hhds and is a remarkable strong ~~Lift~~ Dutch built Ship, well found in every respects. I would take £7 Sterling p.r Ton £2/3d Port charges —

I am offered one half her Load in Patowmack. Perhaps if the whole of her would not suit you, you might want room for the Remainder in that River. You will be so obliging as to favor me with an answer on both these Points & if you should incline to take the whole or half, I can wait on you when I return from the Eastern Shore, where I shall set off for this Evening and be back again in three or four Days —

To Messrs Wallace & Muir Annapolis

I am Gent.
Yr Most Obt Servt
James Chester

Dear Sir

Chester Town May 13th 1784

Mr. Galloway this Day delivered me the Receipts for the 3 Sums of money I have paid you on Acct. of the Tobo. Shipt by Ringgold & Hemsley to Stevenson Randolph & Chester. One of which only expresses the Sterling sum of the Acct. for which it was paid. One of the others Dated Novr. 28th 1783 says "One thousand three pounds five Shillings & four pence". the hundred being left out and at the Bottom a memorandum is Made that the Money was paid away at 172 p. Cent. As large proportion of the Moneys I have Recd on Acct. of Stevenson Randolph & Chester has been for sterling Debts and I have taken it at 66⅔ p.d Exchange, as I knew I could not legally Demand more. What I pay away on the same Acct. must be at the same Exchange. You will please therefore write me Yr Resolutions on the Subject, as the memorandum on the Receipt seems to indicate a Different Opinion And I wish to be on a certainty, before I proceed any further in settling the Matter. You will much oblige me also, if you transmit me Receipts for the Sums paid you December the 1st 1782 & Novr. 28th 1783 of a similar Nature of the one Dated July 25th 1783, which, I should have been glad, had been a little Fuller Likewise. At the time we talked the Matter over, I requested you would in Yr Receipts say the money was paid on Acct. of Tobo. consigned by Ringgold & Hemsley to Stevenson Randolph & Chester — This I suppose slipt yr Memory.

I must now add, that I believe few people have employed more Industry abt. any thing, than I have for the last two years, in endeavoring to collect old Debts, and as fast as I have recd. any money on