would advance a little. Instead of which such Quantities has been poured in, that the price fell still lower & good windward Island Lumber is now Selling at 3/2 & 3/4 which, after adding the Expence of the Cask & commission in the West Indies, Freight Insurance Duty & charges here to the first cost, must make the Importer sustain a considerable Loss. I have Determined to keep yours some time Longer, as I think It must rise again in a little while - But one third of the Sugar is left - It sold from 50/. to 58/. ₩ C

Sofar you - I am not a little mortified at this your first essay of trade with us, turning out so Different from what I could wish - Another time, If this does not totally Discourage you, I hope It will much better, As I am sure the Business here must in a little time be on a different footing -

I hope If you do Ship the goods I took the liberty of writing to you for it will be so early as to be here by Sept. or Oct. at far that. should they be later, the sale would be lost & I had much rather not have them at all, Indeed at best I am afraid there will

will be nothing made by them. —

I am D.r Sir

Your Most Ob.t Serv.t

James Chester

W.m William Randolph Bristol

D.r Sir

West River Maryland Aug.t 18.th 1784

After being repeatedly disapointed in all my expectations of Chartering your Ship and Not having the least Distant expectation of doing it in future, I have at last much against my inclination come to the Resolution of Loading her on Y.r Acc.t, as near as circumstances will admit, to ~~the~~ Directions you have given in case a charter could Not ~~have been~~ be got. I have delayed this Resolution, a long time in hopes that I might still succeed ~~on the other~~, But I now find that while a Vessel of British or American built is to be got, a Dutch Ship stands no chance, This Prejudice among the Shippers of Tob.o arises from, Two Dutch built Vessels last year Damaging a great part of their Cargos of Tob.o To London & one this Summer from hence, doing the same, with her Cargo of Dry Goods - ~~a great part of which being in the same condition~~ — These circumstances, together with