with the Leviathan Sloop and a Number of Vessels of abt.
3 & 400 hhds, but her being always offering,
has been the cause of her lying unemployed
altho' I offerd her at above Freight, than
Most that has been Chartered —

I have sent my brother down along the Eastern
Shore, to try for a Quantity of Oak & Pine
Lumber, And as soon as he returns, I shall
look out for some of the best Tob.o, which
I am somewhat more encouraged to do from the
rise Tob.o has taken in England, an Acct. of
which the Nine Packet brings us — I have
not recd. a Line from You since 4.th of the
12.th of March which came to hand abt. the
last of May — If it is Not too much trouble
I should be glad to be kept advised of yr.
Markets oftner, as it might prove better
means of advantage to us both, more than
at present. Frequent Opportunities from
London offer — A great many in particular
this last Spring & Summer, by not one of
which have I been favord with Line from
You. I have been long anxiously waiting
for the Determination of Stevenson's Creditors
with respect to the conduct they intend to
pursue in their Affairs here — If something
is not done soon, they will lose every thing
and You & I will be considerable Sufferers —
For Godsake endeavor to bring them to something
Indeed I believe we had better be at any extraordi-
-nary Expence that may be Necessary as it may
be the means of saving a good deal here, which
must be incurrd if a Chancery Suit is commen-
-ced agt. Pay, which if Stevenson's Creditors will
do nothing, must be the case —

I hope to write you soon again & more fully — At
Present I am obliged to be short having an
Intermittent Fever, which has laid me up
some time — My best wishes attend Your
& Family & with most respectful Compts.
to Mrs. Randolph I am Dear Sir

Your Most Obt. Servt.
James Christie

Tob.o 40/ — to 50/ —
Wheat at 6/9
Ex Chs — 66 2/3 d

West River Maryland Sept. 18.th 1784.

Dear Sir

I wrote You the 18.th ult.o Since which your
favor of the 11.th of May has come to hand. In my
last I told you, "that in consequence of Meeting with
"continual Disappointments in Chartering the Levia-
"than, and Not Seeing the least probability of doing it
"in future, that I had Determined to load her on
"your own Acct. following the directions You had
"given Me as near as circumstances would ad-
"mit; That I had Sent my Brother down the
"bay to get what Lumber he could meet with
and