Settlement of every Matter where there is a Dispute besides the certain additional Expence. I had flat-tered myself Page would be the only man I should be obliged to go to law with but now Another starts up. However I must do as well as I can with them, tho' could you Induce the people with you to join in the Matter would be made easier & much less Expensive — I am D Sir

Your Most Ob Hble Servt

James Cheston

Tobo: 37/6 to 45/-
Wheat - 7/6 falls
flour - 35/-
Sup Fine 45/.
Exchg 7½ - Bills very scarce.

Q Duplicate

West River Maryland Nov. 12th 1784

I did myself the pleasure of writing you by the Leviathan Capt Ashley, whom I left the 27th Ult. ready to sail with the first fair Wind from Nanticoke River, with a Cargo, as by Duplicate of Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed. I also inclosed you Duplicate of your Acct current of that Transaction — The Ballance you will find by some Omissions added, since the original was forwarded, increased something in your favor being £113..8..1 Cy instead of £99..14..11. for which I had flattered myself I should have been able by this Opportunity, to have transmitted you a good Bill of Exchange, but I have not yet been able to meet with one; The Money is now lying ready in Baltimore to purchase the first that offers.

The 31st of last month I acknowledged Rect. of Yr. favor of the 16th & 20th July & 6th August covering Invoice & Bill of Lading for of Goods by the Betsey Capt Stores Amtg to £731.14.7 Sterling which I credit Yr. Acct with. I particularly Observe what you say respecting remittances, which you may be assured I will strain every Nerve to make in good time — the goods are now selling upon short Credit & if the purchasers are tolerably punctual, I hope to put you in Cash at least by the time they become due. In the course of this winter if Bills are to be got I flatter myself to remit you considerably — The goods in general are well laid in some particulars are high, such as the ref.d Sugars — it will not sell for the first costs — The Nails are ~~like wise~~ higher than from Liverpool by 3d ℔ thousand, tho' cheaper than some that came from Bristol in the same Vessel — I am anxiously looking out every moment for the Arrival of the Vessel you were to ship the woolens in, The season is wearing late & they are now in Demand — and Indeed Goods in General meet with a readier sale than they did some Months ago; Numbers of debts not having been complied with this fall by the British Merchants. The late failures of American Merchants in London, together with the tardy & short remittances that have been made for Goods since the peace, induces me to think there will be a still less Importation next year than this, and consequently produce a greater Demand for those that are sent in; Under this Impression I have now send to you for Doubled the Qty of my last order, Quantity which I have just recd, as per Invoice inclosed, and which I shall be much Obliged if shipt as early as possible in the Year 1785, as it is of the utmost Consequence