very person with Distinction, who does not make instant payment, as then he shall be upon a certainty of getting his Money, altho' at a Distant period. However this is a method, that with some persons, I cannot think of pursuing untill every other fails, even then it would be with great regret, Altho I must confess it may not be always in my power to resist his pressing Instances or the calls of my own Necessities.

I shall be very glad to hear from you on this subject as well as what is mentioned in the first part of my Letter and with respectful Compts. to Mrs. & Miss Smyth I am

Dr. Sir
Yr. Most Obt. Servt
James Chesson

To Mr. Thomas Smyth
Chester Town —

Baltimore December 10th 1764

Dr. Sir

I have now to acknowledge Recpt. of your favor of the 8th of October, covering a Sketch of Yr. Acct. with the late partnership of Stevenson Randolph & Chesson, making as you say in your Letter, a ballance of abt. £250 Sterling in your favor. Sickness as well as some other Causes has hitherto prevented my answering your Letter sooner & Indeed I must confess, that at this time, having not particularly compared yr. Sketch, with the Acct. Curnt. of the late

late partnership of Stevenson Randolph & Chesson as I took it off from their Books, the Roll of Acct. to which that one is annexed being in the hands of my Lawyer, I am not prepared to take Notice of every particular Variation in them & shall therefore confine myself to two or three principal Articles, which occasion so great a Degree, the Difference which at present Appears between the Ballance as you make it & the Ballance as I make it. —

Your Principal Objection I find is to the Acct. of Sales of the Wheat, you consigned to the house in Bristol in the year 1775. and because the Nt. Proceeds was not so large as you expected say that we Must stand to the Loss sustained on that transaction & consequently in yr. Sketch charge us with the Wheat at prime cost. This is the first time, I ever heard that the consignor of an adventure had it in his Power, if the Adventure did not turn out to his Expectation, to charge the first cost of that Adventure to his Consignee and Make him stand to the Loss sustained by it. I would Ask Was it our fault, that the Cargo of Wheat which you Shipd on your Joint Acct., turnd out so bad that it could not be Sold in Bristol? Was it a fault in us, Under this Circumstance And the only thing to be done, to have that Wheat ground and restship to another Market, where there was a prospect of its Selling at some Rate or other, Rather than