than were ready by the time mentioned in the contract and therefore I now Make you an Offer to pay for those that are ascertained to have been ready for Delivery at a Landing on Quantico Creek by the 5th Day of October or In case You Will persist in Demanding the Amount of the Spars as p. List Delivered to me to Day by Mr Gilmor, the Matter may be then Arbitrated. I would Just mention as it may be the means of saving time, that If the Matter is to be ~~Arbitrated~~ laid before Arbitrators, I shall object to your Account on the Score of Some of the Spars not being ready agreable to contract and Shall give for reason, that I had my Information from Your own Mouth as well as the Captains & therefore It may be thought Necessary that proof should be brought by You of the Spars that were ready at the time Specified & altho' you seem to think that any plea which I can possibly advance to obviate yr Claim cannot be admitted yet you must pardon me If I think that the Arbitrators before whom the settlement of the Affair may come will be of a Different opinion ——

As soon as You will favor me with an answer Letting me Know, You will be in Baltimore or that you have given Mr Gilmor further Instructions on the Subject I will attend and expedite the Settlement as much as possible —

Dear Sir Your Obedt Servt
James Chestor

To Maj. John Gale &
Somerset County.

Dear Sir

Baltimore June 11th 1785

I have now to acknowledge Receipt of your Several favors of the 28 of January 1. & 10. of Febry. & 9. of March. The 2 first came to hand a very considerable time after I received the one of the 9th of March. The contents of them all has added not a little to the Vexations I experience from a Variety of causes. I most Sincerely wish I had in Mine of 26th of December countermanded the Goods I requested might be Shipped in the Spring and by that means got out of the cursed business sooner. You Will not be surprised at these sentiments when I tell you that for Goods sold last November out of the Cargo of the Betsey & for which the Cash was to be paid immediately, I have not rec.d the Money yet & in Most Other Instances, where a Credit of 3 months was given the Day of payment has elapsed with little or no Notice having been taken of it. from the Goods themselves then very little has arose to make Remittances with and the greatest part of the Money that has come into my hands as my Share of what has been Rec.d from the Debts of Stevenson Randolph & Chester, I am luckily have employed in Building a Ship in Company with Mr Galloway, which cannot be sold tho' Offered for considerably less than the cost. I had flattered myself to have got rid of her in the Course of this last Spring, when every farthing she would have sold for, would have been thrown into your