for? Would to God I had no Occasion to think on the Subject. Any handsome profit would but illy repay me for the Uneasiness of mind upon the Occasion — From the 6th of May, till within these 4 days, I have been laid up with the Gout, so that I could not stir from home. In which time, I find upon my getting here, as Capel has sailed for Bristol. I am Sorry to have Missed the Opportunity as I had 4 or 500 Dollars which I could have Sent you. I am picking up all I can (tho they are very scarce) to Send you. If good Bills are Not to be procured — The Nautilus Capt. Winter is Not yet arrived. If so Matters are as bad at hand of it as the Petrel, I shall be in a pretty box indeed. —

Hey My most respectful Compts to Mrs Randolph and am with Sincere Wishes

D Sir

Yr Most Ob Servt

James Cheston

To Mr Willm Randolph
Mercht. in Bristol

D Sir/

West River Maryland June 11. 1785

Your favor of Decemr last came duly to hand and the first Opportunity that presented itself after, I made Enquiry of Mr John Galloway Executor of Mr Thos Ringgold decd respecting the affair you wrote to me abt and gave him the Letter you addressed to Mr William Hemsley who it seems was Not Joind in the power of Attorney & could know Nothing of the Matter, as the Partnership of Ringgold & Hemsley was entered into long after your Papers was Sent to this Country. I have Just recd a Letter from Mr Galloway in which he says "I have found the power of Attorney "from Mr Vaughan to Mr Ringgold with a Number "of Letters and the proved Acct against Gresham "but there does not appear to have been any thing "done in the business" — Mr Gresham when he died left a considerable property. Mr Thomas Smyth of Chester Town was his Executor & I have No Doubt if a part power was sent out, but the money could be recovered tho' from the peculiar Situation of the Country, it might be some considerable time first —

I shall be in Chester Town shortly, when I will mention the Matter to Mr Smyth & will acquaint you with what he Says

In the meantime I am D Sir

Yr Most Ob Servt

James Cheston

To Mr Ricd Vaughan
Bristol —

Gentn/

Baltimore July 8th 1785

I have Now to acknowledge Recpt of Yr favor of the 31st March, covering Invoice & Bills of Lading for Sundries per the Nautilus Capt Winter, who arrived here the 6th Inst after a very tedious passage — Your Directions attd the