time, I shall be very glad, If you send me by the very first Opportunity, that letter of Mr. Joseph Earle's, where he says he had Got the Debt Secured by having had a Gentleman of Good Estate Bound with Mr Sudlers for it. This Will be wanting to oblige Mr Earle's Executor, If Necessary to give up the Writings & Likewise it will be Necessary for you to Make an Affidavit of the principal Sum Due, and that you had rec.d no part or parcel thereof more than Credit given, from Emory Sudler, Joseph Earle or any other Person — This Affidavit must be Authenticated under the seal of a Corporation by the Mayor and Certified by a Notary Publick. I mention these Matters to you, as in Case of a Lawsuit for the Recovery of your Claim all these will be Necessary. I am not perfectly Satisfied, that the power of Attorney ~~of Atta~~ which You sent me, is properly Authenticated to be admitted as Evidence in our Courts of Law here. I shall shew it to my Lawyer & If it is Not, will immediately advise you of it —

I am ~~D.r Sir~~
Yr Most Ob.t Serv.t
James Chester

To George Buck Esq.r
of Dodder Devonshire

D.r Sir/

Baltimore July 8.th 1805

Two Days ago I was favored with y.rs of the 31.st of March covering Invoice & Bill of Lading for 693 bris of Salt Ship'd by You in the Nautilus Capt. Winter & consigned to Me. I have Now the pleasure to Inform You, that I have Just Sold it @ 3/2 ₱ bris, which after Deducting 2 ₱ct. on the first cost & bris Duty leaves ~~the~~ what ~~which~~ in this part of the World we think a good price. As soon as it is Delivered, I will forward you an Acct. of Sales & remit you the Money, as soon as I can meet with a good Bill of Exchange which at present is very Scarce —

I by leave to mention for y.r Government that is generally most in Demand here for the Middle of October to the Middle of December & March & April. The Former being the Time for Salting of Meat & the Latter for Curing of fish. This last Spring Salt Sold at 4/6 ₱ bris by the Cargo.

Never Ship it in Bags! I am D.r Sir
The Bags sell for Nothing & the cost of them would run away with any profit that might Otherwise be Made on

Yr Most Ob.t Serv.t
James Chester

Mr William Lucas
at Phillips & Stuckleys
Salt Warehouse
Bristol —