1767 James Cheston

SIDE TWO

think We could not lose any thing if you have pur:
:chaid We will take ye chance of it
I desire if you found on Ye arrival that a load of
Tob.o was not engagd for my Ship, you would imme:
:diately fill up with wheat, but if you have not
got ye Wheat, or if you have purchaid it dean dis:
:pose of it again without loss & get ye Money for it, I would rather
you would compleat ye load entirely with Tob.o as
I gave you instruction before, you may draw on
me for £2 or £300 Ster.g, as it is said this years
crops in Virg.a & Mayl.d are extreamely short &
Tob.o has already rose to 2d 3/4 & 3d. twill be higher,
you will keep this as private as you think necessary
for my interest & pray endeavor to learn from Mess.rs
Smyth & Sidler if I should give you orders to draw for
about 100 hhds in ye fall, if they could or would
make up another 100 as it may possibly be worth
my while to order a Vessell to be charterd.

Mr. Stevenson Fanny & Jenny are well, He went to
School a few days after you left us like it much.
I am more & more convinced We shall have it in
our power to do something considerable in a yr
or two, whilst I was out I engagd ye Lett Convicts
& I hope to send a good parcell in ye spring.
I shall be glad to find you have fixd on a good place
for a Store as soon as possible. I shall write you
by Price who sails in about 3 weeks. Ye Sisters
join in Love to you & be assurd I am Dear Jemmy

Your sincerely Affec: Brother
Wm. Stevenson,

P.S. pray hurry Mr Smyth
to get ye Ship away as soon as possible.
Jommy Coutts has had an odd Acct. about Dick Graves,
do mention if any thing in it.