1769 November James Cheston Incoming Letters

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Bristol 21st Novr 1769

Mr James Cheston

Dear Sir

We are to acknowledge Receipt of Yours of 25th Augt & 5th Sepr ye contents of which are duly noted. We really cannot sufficiently express our surprize & disappointment at Messrs Smyth & Sadlers very trifling remittance by ye Isabella especially as all our advices mention Her Cargo was ready on her arrival & that You shoud not fill above 40 Hhds aboard on Accot of the Estate even there were more than We had reason to expect considering the large amount of Goods sent them last Spring & the Year before by our W. S & Co. We had also repeatedly urged the necessity of large and punctual Remittances & are sorry to say that it has had little effect, for what proportion doe the amot of 101 Hhds Tob. bear to upwards of £2500 Amot of Goods in the Spring & above £2000 Sd Ball: to W. S & Co for Goods shipd the Year before? If Mr Smyth would have recollected Himself, He must remember His engagement to our W. S. was always to remit for 2/3d at least of the Amot of Invoice by return of the Vessels that carried in the Goods, it is true this agreement was only Verbal, tho it ought not to have been the less binding, & how very far Messrs Smyth & Sadler have been from fulfilling this engagement, our present disappointment too sensibly evinces, in that

in in an unhealthy condition. We propose Capt. Spencers staying in the Country to assist You & act under Your directions so that He will take the burthen of the Business & can dispose of the Convicts (as He has frequently done hitherto) without Your interfering further than may be agreable to You. We really have a great opinion of Spencer & doubt not He will answer our purpose as We intend giving Him a handsome Yearly Salary, & Commission paid on the Convicts will amply repay Us, even if You shoud sell ye Convicts for a less price than they have hitherto gone at, however We cannot see why this shoud be the case; When matters come to be settled with the Colonies We shoud think the Customers that Convicts naturally draw would afford a good opportunity to Fix a small Store at Chester Town which Spencer might also constantly attend to, & a little Cash in ye Spring of the Year would enable You to make a pretty good collection of Tob. but this is a matter may be thought of hereafter, upon the whole ye plan We propose is what We have greatly at heart, knowing how much it will be for our Interest. We therefore hope You will join in opinion with Us & that You will agree to undertake it as We can see no solid reason to object to it. However ye matter will now rest with You for Your final determination, at all events We are resolvd matters shall not go on as they have done & shoud You contrary to our expectation not see the necessity of our taking some vigorous steps to put our Business