1771 JUNE 19 JOHN NEILSON TO JAMES CHESTON

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Mr James Cheston —

Sir —

Philadelphia the 19 June 1771 —

My last respects were on the 29 apl. part of the flower then mentiond to you is still on hands: soon after drop'd in 3 cargos from Lisbon, two of them to me which sold at sp^d 32 p^r B 32 which tho' a loosing price and not be avoided since no encouragem^t equal to it in any other Port on this Coast, & the appearance of our Crop has intirely confind this article to the Havana Expeditions, & as the new duty laid thereon will effect the price with us, as the Spaniards will endeavour to carry it to that Market on the Terms they formerly did, there can be no encouragem^t for it in such Circumstances, the prem duty amounts to 2/8 ₱ Cask; it would be an advantage if would net 208 ℔ being our 2 quint^s as they tremuously endeavour to buy by the Cask their sales being made in the same manner. —

Our Crop of Beans is but short & that of Barley is not much better which will make for the Sale of Indian Corn that I presume will sell two bros Winter from 22 a 26 B^n — Opinions

Mr James Cheston
Chestertown
Maryland

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