1771 Aug. 19 Thomas Richardson Jr. to James Christon

SIDE ONE

Chester Town 19th Aug. 1771

Dear Sir

In hopes that you may have sold our Tob.o to Mr. Ploughman I have sent Orders to the Inspectors to put 30 Hhds on board, and if it is sold you can take out your 22 Hhds and the other 8 can be delivered to your Order If it is not sold Tom can bring it home with the Wood & it will be ready here to go in another Vessel. Perhaps if Mr. Ploughman does not take the whole Quantity he can take the 8 Hhds. — I have ordered a blank Manifest to be sent which you'll please fill up if necessary. —

I have ordered the light Tobacco to be included in your Quantity as so much for the Servant Acc.t and indeed it is possible I shall apply the whole of the 22 Hhds to that Acc.t I shall make an exact Calculation of our Receits on that Acc.t and let you know the Am.t at 2 d. Sterl. Court. & shall apply so much if not the whole of the 22 Hhds to it. This is supposing it will be quite as agreable to you as buying the Tobacco on your own Account. — If you have sold the Tobacco to Mr. Ploughman to be delivered a long side it is well but if you have not I would not have you part with it to any one else on them Terms. Our Crop is already very materially hurt by the dry Weather & there is still all the Appearance of a continuance of it, and I will ship it rather than part with it under 20/ at the Warehouses if Mr. Ploughman does not take it. If he chooses to take it at 20/ there he may and welcome. If he has agreed to take it either Way you'll please dispatch the Sloop off immediately to Porters and order Tom to come up directly with your Letter. If you do not strike with him order Tom to call at Carvill Hynsons for Wood, write me by him and desire Carvil to send the Letter up immediately. But in either Case at least the Vessel should be detained by Contrary Winds you'll please write me by Rock Hall if any Boat should be coming. — If you should engage to Mr. Ploughman more than the List I gave you contains I would have you send a Boat express immediately with directions to Mr.

Mr. James Christon
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Baltimore Town

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