1772 AUG. 9 JOHN PAGE TO [illegible]

SIDE ONE

Dear Sir

Swanneeth Aug.st 9.th 1772

I Rec.d yours of Yesterdays date and noted the contents. If my Customers has parted with their Tob.o so fast they have taken care to keep it for other uses than paying me. however am obliged to take Tob.o instead of the Cash as the Merchants in Town in order to a dispatch of two shillings in the hundred between Cash and discount and Cash — As I have allways dealt my Goods out to the people telling them I would allow as much for their Country produce as the principall Merchants does in Town I am obliged (if my future Business would not be effected by it) in point of Honour and Law to do so and therefore have followed them —

You say if I should be obliged to take Tob.o from some of my Customers and which I can't readily dispose of if you will take as much of it a 25/ as will settle our Particular accounts —

I can't say but that I was [illegible] when I was told by a Gentleman some days since you said that you would not allow me more than 22/6 Hundred for what Tob.o the Inspector bought with this Year. He did not go on to tell me the Reasons why you as he always found you strictly Punctual to every thing that has passed between us and notwithstanding the above exceptions. I have not the least doubt but when you come to look over and consider our agreement about the payments I was to make, you'll have not the least objections in allowing me the same price for my Tobacco