1773 JAN. 25 WILLIAM STEVENSON & WILLIAM RANDOLPH TO JAMES CHESTON

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Mr Jas. Cheston

Bristol 25th Jan.y 1773

Dear Sir

We wrote you fully by the Decr. Packet, and are now to acknowledge receipt of yours of 6th & 24th Octob.r last. Nicholson of the Eden was forced up this channel & says the Sept. was gone up the Bay, which we are impatiently expecting to hear from you as also her destination, hoping to receive very handsome remittances by her, the absolute necessity of which have repeatedly advised you, & must earnestly intreat you will not fail to exert your self for collecting our debts in general for which purpose have inclosed you Copies of Acct. Curr.t sent by this opportunity to sundry persons, Who we would have you press, for payments or immediate remittances, Wm. Spear appears by our Books to have owed a Ballance a long time both to us & Mr. Gc, as we have never heard from him since the goods shipt him April 1769, but have some reason to suppose the Iron by y.e Isabella in 1770 ought belong to him, merely from a casual expression in one of your letters whilst the ship was loading, wherein you say the ship was detained for some Iron from Mr. Spear, but neither he nor you mention a syllable about it afterwards nor did we ever receive a Bill of lading, have however inclosed you Acct Sales for it that should he claim it you may be able to settle with him the Nt. Proceeds being £140.12/ with int.t at 5 pct from 5th July 1771 will be to be deducted from the balc. of his Acct Curr.t due to us.

You now have dimentions of masting yards for the new ship, which it will be necessary they should follow exactly as we shall send out all the Rigging fitted & sails made to those dimentions, & must request you will engage

Stevenson & Randolph
Jan.y 25.th 1773

To
Mr. James Cheston
Merchant
in
Maryland