1773 June 5 Duff & Walsh to James Cheston

SIDE ONE

Mr. James Cheston Dear Sir Cadiz 29 May 1773

Sir

We wrote you on the 2 Inst. to w.h. refer & have since rec.d none of your favours, two days after we had a page of flour w.h came round to us from Lisbon of 1550 bar.s & another of 50 from New York both w.h we had the good fortune to place at the extraordinary price of sp.s 29 1/2 & 30 p.r Cwt. English, about a fortnight ago we also had the pleasure, hence on the upward of 11000 bush.s wheat from Dung.k w.h we equally made off at the extraordinary price of 5/ p.r Bush. Eng.d is 25 p.r C.t higher than we ever have obtained for American wheat, the owners of these cargoes make a fine hitt of it, two cargoes of flour are now in the Bay w.h and some days ago they will get much lower should they be dispos.d of before closing you'll know it at foot the weather has been very fine w.h showers rain all this month, from w.h the country has benefited greatly, & the crops will be good, still we are of opinion that flour & wheat from abroad will be in demand, w.h respect to w.h more in our subsequent letter, the two cargoes referred to for writing in 3000 bar.s have been sold at sp.s 29 p.r quintal w.e remain

Sir

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We have since the above had the arrival of 2 parcells flour 3 of indian corn, & about 20 Bush.s Barley wheat all this last was immediately sold to the city at 63 p.r 2/ p.r Bush.l the indian corn meets poor encouragem.t as our Barley is gathered in, & now sold at moderate price; one parcell of the above flour has been sold yesterday & this the want of encouragem.t of the holders, at 28 sp.s while 66 is offered for the other, this day arr.d to our address from Rappahanock a cargo of about 2500 bush. wheat for w.h we hope to obtain the last price given, 2 more are hourly expected from thence & just now is come in from Maryland to our address a cargo of wheat & indian corn these continual supplys here & our stock being more than middling must effect the prices of your consequent, but flour we think will keep up to 30 sp.s since the late import of 6 p.r C.t is taken off on all ships for the Havana

we are truly Sir Your most obed.t Serv.s

Duff & Walsh

P.t.o.

Cadiz 5 June 1773
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