1773 AUG. 17 STEVENSON & RANDOLPH TO JAMES CHESTER (Bristol)

Mr. Jas. Chester Bristol 17th August 1773

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure of writeing you the 8 inst. by the Restoration Capt Thomas to which refer & we hope the fresh eastern Gales that blew here for ten days after he sailed may be a means of his having a short Passage & we flatter ourselves, some of our letters which we wrote you prior to his sailing fell into your hands time enough for you to make the purchase of Indian Corn &c. so as to give the Snow quick dispatch; Capt Thomas will inform you of the great loss sustained in his Cargo of Corn by the difference of measure, the same has happened in the Cases of the Chesters you will therefore fill up Capt. Thomas's bills of laden at One Shilling & one penny ₩ bushell Freight & three Shillings ₩ Ton Average only, which may in some measure help the loss of Frt.

The Isabelle arrives here from Petersburg the 10th Inst., is now discharging her Cargo & will go into dock in 4 or 5 days & we expect to dispatch her near or about the 16th of next month with all the Convicts the assizes may produce & what few goods Thomas left out — Capt Thomson will sail in a few days for Chester, we have only to add our best wishes, & are very — respectfully

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Your aff.t hbl Servants

Stevenson & Randolph

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