1773 SEPT. 1 STEVENSON & MANDOLPH TO JAMES CHESTON

SIDE ONE

Bristol 1st Sept. 1773

Mr. James Cheston

Dear Sir

We observe that ye Ship Neptune droops very much forward & springs rather too much abaft, ye former is certainly a great fault, as She cannot be so wholesome as She otherwise would, besides being a great disright to ye Vessel, We hope therefore You will take care to have this avoided in ours, which will throw Her Bowsprit more up than ye Neptunes is: We wou'd also have two stout fall Bitts & crosspiece, & Topsail Sheet Bitts stouter than ye Neptunes also ye Windlass Bitts & to go through ye lower Deck, ye foot of which to be bolted in ye lower Deck Beam & ye Knees upon Deck according to your agreement & You will please to observe that We wou'd have three streaks of Channel Wale instead of one, which We before advis'd but We suppose You overlook'd it: We find by Your Contract She is to be launch'd in Dec. which will be in very good time; as