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SIDE ONE

New Island September the 16th 1773

Dear Sir

Agreable to our contract we have just finished the loading of three Craft for Capt. Spencer Manifests of which each Skipper has — We wish there had been room for the 7 Hhds your Brother sent us Notes for, We have kept them on supposition that Schuder will have to pay you some Tobacco, which they expect for Servants &c — We have not had time to make out the Account of Tobacco we have sent you, but shall in a day or two Via Annapolis. —

We are now in want of some Fall Goods — what would be your lowest terms, for what you could supply us with? Payable in all next July either in Tobacco or Bills? — If we could be supplied from you on reasonable terms we give you the preference, and believe you'd find us very Punctual —

We have not as yet engaged with any House for our Goods to be ship'd us the next Spring; If your House would Ship us early in the Spring from £900 to £100 Sterling about £250 — in the fall. We would Annually Ship them on our own Account & Risque from 80 to 100 Hhds Tobacco — Supply you with all the Tobacco we possibly could Spare for the Account of the Goods (at the price we should give) they would Send us, and interest ourselves to procure all the Freight in our Power for any of their Ships from time to time as they arrive — Indeed we are clear that we could do as much for your Interest, as any House on the Eastern Shore