1773 SEPT. 23 WILLIAM STERLING TO JAMES CHESTER

SIDE ONE

Bristol 23d Sept. 1773

Dear Jemmy

I have just time to tell You that Capt. Barring applyd to me in behalf of His Brother to purchase my House in Chester Town, for which He offerd £200 Stg. but thinking it worth more I askd £300 – for that & £100 Stg. more for the Lots by ye Water side, as I should like to sell them all togather, of which He promisd to advise His Bro.; I must therefore request You will treat with Him about them if He will give £350 Stg. for ye whole, if more cannot be obtaind I would wish You to take it & remit me a good Bill & You may enter into an engagement for ye making them over as soon as they send over ye Deeds which I hereby oblige Myself to execute; if He will not give that Sum pray say how much He will & your opinion what they are really worth, tho' should any other Person want them You will no doubt accept ye highest offer; tht. I must offerd me £100 Stg. for ye Lots on ye River, which I refusd as I then thought & still think them worth more, but I would notwithstanding take £350 for ye whole or if You sell them seperate in any manner that will make up that Sum, as I find ye Rents have been run away with by

Bristol 23d Sept. 1773
Thomas & Randolph
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Mr. James Chester
Merch.t
in Baltimore
Maryland

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Cy at: for John Hile
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