1773 SEPT. 25 STEVENSON & RANDOLPH TO JAMES CHESTON (COLONIAL)

SIDE ONE

Bristol the 25th Sept 1773

Mr James Cheston

Dear Sir

The Isabella being detained in the road by contrary Winds gives us an opp.y of writing You again, as We observe by Your Favor of the 6 Aug.t Tob.o probably would be down to 14/ bund.y which at the present Rate of Exch.e We think We cant fail of making a tolerable good freight for the Isabella would therefore have You load Her with the utmost dispatch & order Her to Palm.s as advis'd in ours of 23 Inst. but We must desire You won't by any means let the Capt. know his destination until the Ship is loaded & You are ready to give Him his dispatches, which caution may prevent any attempts of smuggling at Palm.s where in such case We may involve both Himself & us in a good deal of trouble

We would also have You provide a Cargo of Tob.o for the new Ship & dispatch her home as early as the Season will admit of as We had much rather run the risk of the Sale of a Cargo of Tob.o than have