1773 Oct. 20 Thomas Ringgold to James Chalmers

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Mr James Chalmers
Merchant in
Baltimore Town

Chester Town 20th Oct.r 1773.

Dear Sir

Mr. Williamson comes over to engage a Craft to go to Rye River for Wheat. If you can give him any Assistance in doing it you will very much oblige me. I got your Letter yesterday & am sorry you don't want any more Corn. — —

Your Craft is just come to my Wharf and she shall be immediately dispatched. As Mr. Sudler is out of Town I suppose the Tob.o from him will not be got. However I will inquire & see if Orders are left for it. — Mr. Williamson will give you £50 which I suppose will put our Acc.ts nearly on a balance, any difference either way can be ascertained & settled when I have the pleasure to see you here again. —

I shall be much obliged by your enquiring fully how your Place is supplied with Wheat, whether any can be obtained there and what would probably be the price including all Charges except Commission. Would you accept the part loading of a small Vessel @ 3d. P.r Bushel. The Truth is (but this entre nous) I have a Brig coming from Phil.a that has been chartered without consulting me & I foresee I cannot possibly dispatch her as soon as could be wished and Wheat too has got too high with us from the Millers extreme Demand and I have wrote to know whether I shall order her to Baltimore Town and if I am not instructed otherwise I would choose to give you the preference. She will carry about 8000 Bush.s and I expect to be able to get two or 3000 of that engaged before I hear from you. You'll please then write me

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