1773 Dec. 8 Thomas Ringgold to James Chalmers

SIDE ONE

Chester Town 8th Decr 1773

Dear Sir

I refer you to Mr Carmichael for an account of the proceedings here the last Week. We often wished you to have made one of the party as well for the pleasure of your Company as for the sake of being furnished now & then with a hearty Laugh. Mr Carmichael brings you the Cash rec.d from Mr Page & Col.o Tilghman. I am sorry no safe Opportunity of forwarding it has occurred before & hope you have not been put to the least Inconvenience by being without it. I have wrote to Messrs Hudson & Lawson at their Debt. You have their Letter inclosed which you'll please read seal & deliver & get either the Money or a new Bond for me agreable to the State on the back of the old Bond. When you were over if you remember I wanted to employ your Schooner to go to Tuckahoe Creek for a Load of Wheat. As Mr Thompson's Skipper consented to go I had not occasion for her & as I mentioned to you that I intended employing that Vessel I concluded you would ~~[illegible]~~ suppose the Skipper had undertaken the Trip as you did not hear from me ~~was imposed~~ and that you would inform Mr Thompson if he should be uneasy at his Vessels Stay. The Schooner got to Tuckahoe Creek Sunday Week and the Skipper being frightted by the then N.W. Wind with Apprehensions of being detained there all the Winter made the Want of a Scow a Pretence and came off without the Wheat. I told him when he left this Mr Gale had a Scow that I hoped he would get. If he could not that Messrs Tilghman & Nicols would furnish a Batteau on which he consented to go and in Consideration of

Mr James Chalmers
Merchant
Chestertown

To Mr James Chalmers