1773 Dec. 8 Thomas Ringgold to James Chambers

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the Season of the Year & the difficulty of the place I agreed to give him 4d ℔ Bushel. I depended on his business it after all this and am now likely to be put to much Inconvenience without it. I expect a Ship from Philadelphia & not having it in my power to get and collect that Quantity say 1700 Bushls elsewhere soon the Ship may be detained at this Season of the Year at great Expence for want of it. Add to this that having contracted to take it away before Frost the Wheat lay over wastings at my risque & not having any other Way of disposing of it I shall be obliged to pay the Money for it & depend on the spring Sale to the Millers or perhaps at a loosing price & on long credit. I inclose you Mrs Tilghman & Nicols Letter which I received 3 Days after it was wrote and as they said they had again sent to the Skipper and the Weather had hurried so fine I doubted not they had all prevailed on him to stay & made myself quite easy about it untill Sunday then as Jemmy Williamson had Business that Way I got him to call & to my great disappointment he found him gone on the Sunday notwithstanding Mrs Tilghman's repeated requests to him to stay. You see what they say about the assurance he might have had and you will please communicate the whole Matter to Mr Thompson who as a Man of Business will I doubt not be willing to do any thing to redress me. I shall dispatch Ill. off to Morrow to Oxford to try to get a Craft that I hear is there. If he succeeds I shall perhaps suffer no great Inconvenience. If he does not I shall have no other dependance to get the Wheat but on Mr Thompson's sending his Vessel immediately off for it. You will please consult his Sentiments and let me know by Return of the Boat that carries Mr Carmichael over whether I may depend on his doing it ~~and when~~ that I may on Ills Return without Success send an Express over to him. Ill. will return on Sunday or Monday and if Mr Thompson does not hear from me by Tuesday Night at farthest, provided the Weather is such that Boats can pass, he may conclude I have got another Vessel. — I shall be glad to see you when your Business & Inclination may call you over. Beg you'll excuse the Trouble cut out for you in this Letter & you'll oblige Dear Sir

Y. most obed Friend & Serv.

Thos Ringgold

Mr Thompson no doubt can make his Skipper account with him for any Loss of Time or Damage that may be sustained & will I conclude the more readily come into what may be reasonable on

I hope you will send the damaged Hhd of Tob. over by the first Craft coming here that I may have it received here & compel the Inspector to pay me. —

I have desired Amos Garret to pay you some Money for me which you'll please receive & forward. It comes due 1st Jan.y. —

Please inquire from Mr Chambers how the Action stands I gave to his Care — [redacted] last Court & if he can tell from the Docket how the Action stands and I & Dorsey I shall be obliged. — —

Please procure me an exact Account of the Rates of Stores in your place. — —

To save you some Trouble I have filled up a new Bond for Hhds there will only want the addition of the Date — —