1773 Dec. 19 Thomas Smyth to [illegible]

SIDE ONE

Chester Town Decr the 19th 1773

Dear Sir

I received a few Days ago your favr of the 15 Instant and was very glad to hear of your Ships safe Arrival I was really afraid for her Safety

I hope some of the Servants that are marked down as Carpenters may prove such I am in want of a house Carpenter much

I have made all the Enquiry I could since the Receipt of your Letter and cannot understand that any of the Merchants have any Wheat by them nor do I believe any Planter here will take 14/6 for what they may have I believe I could pick up a few hundred 15/ Wt. Should you determine to load the Isabella with Wheat If you could have given 50/ any Expectation that you would have loaded your Ship with Wheat they would have preferred shipping to your house sooner than in Nicholsons Ship which they have done lately They should have been obliged to have kept it untill next Season. I ~~hope~~ you have received a Barrel of Potatoes I sent over in Hodges Boat they are not large but I think mealy & fine Tasted I shall be glad to hear from on your Arrival at Baltimore and am &c

your most hble Servt

Thos Smyth