1774 July James Cheston Letter to Robert Bensley

SIDE ONE

"without the Risk of being Obliged to give
"it up on this Side of the grave" —
Such were my Sentiments, & such they are
at present, ~~only~~ with the addition of a little
more strength, which, the Longer I live here
the ~~the~~ more increase ~~time~~ in Proportion —
With this I send a Memo: for some Shoes for
~~King~~ yr. which you'll please send by the first
Ship I Also Inclose a Bill on our house for
£15.0.0 with which you'll pay for them &
what you were so kind as to have already sent
me.

Length . . 10 1/0 In:
Circumference of the foot at the Joint of the great toe 9 1/4
D°. . . . of the Instep 10 In.
Breadth of the Sole at the widest place 3 5/0 of an Inch
D°. at the Narrowest . . . . 2 5/0. —
D°. of the Heel . . . . . 3.
Heigth of D°. . . . . 3/4.
The Quarter not too Low or long —
The Hat 7 3/4 Inches Diameter

Mr Bensley

Dear Sir [Robert Bensley] Baltimore July 21st 1774

The Newspapers & Magazines You
were so kind to send me last fall, I actually
received the Red of in the Winter, which
I have since heard went to the Bottom
of the Sea, with the Vessel, the Letter
was in. I have now to thank You
for the plays Reviews &c. that came by
Capt. Frost, as also for the other Articles
for my own wear. The Hat fitted me
exactly, & the Shaving utensils were very
elegant: they are so much admired, that
several of my acquaintance have sent
for Sets of them. Our Gentlemen are intimate
friends of mine, tho I won't ask you to
send him a set of the same ~~kind~~ by the
first Ship with the Price — The Musical
papers by Capt. Hinson arrived here three
days ago; the former I shall receive lasting
pleasure from, the latter I have not had time
to look into, tho' I am told by some, who
have more Leisure, that they are full
of some very interesting papers, touching the Dispute,