1775 FEB. 11 WILLIAM RANDOLPH TO

SIDE ONE

Dear Sir Bristol 11th Feby. 1775

I wrote you yesterday, the present serves only to hand you this days paper by which you will see what our Parliament is doing, we have not struck for the ship I made mention of in my last, a few days will determine it, and as we shall have several opportunities to advise you, you may depend on the most early intelligence; I omitted in my last telling you the William in a gale of wind 25th Jany. broached too, lost her Bowsprit & part of her roundhouse, shifted her cargo and threw upwards of 300 Bbls flour over Board, so that had she escaped the last & finishing stroke we should have had but a skimish Lick of her Cargo; I remain with best wishes — Dear Sir

Your Affte Hble Servant

William Randolph

Good Ame: Wheat 7/
fine flour — 17/
Sup: fine — 18/6
middlings 16/
Biscuit Shift 14/
Tobacco 3 3/4 to 4

We have had ever since a deluge of rain to this moment great quantities of corn in the ground now spoild —