1775 MARCH 2 STEVENSON & RANDOLPH TO JAMES RUSSELL

SIDE ONE

the William in the fall by purchasing another Ship, tho: we would wish to avoid it untill we see you, which in your Letter as you observe will be early next spring.

We this day recd an acct from New York that their Assembly by a majority of one had declared the resolutions of the American Congress to be illegal & unconstitutional & that they had applied to Government for protection if this be true no doubt the affairs in America will soon we hope be amicably settled & trade again be thrown into its old & natural channel & in this case, we hope the Convoys this Spring which we purpose sending out as early as possible will get to a good market, this we are prompt to believe will be the case from the great prices all kinds of American produce has been for this several years past particularly the last, & we shall be much out of our judgement, if Wheat & flour does not continue to sell for good prices all this year as well as 1774 owing to the great floods we have had in this Kingdom for the two last months however of this we shall continue to keep you constant by advices nor would we have you discouraged from these speculations because you see great numbers clearing for this market as you may depend it will be greatly wanted; we hope the Snow will make a Short Voyage notwithstanding her long detention here as we purpose sending her out immediately to you after her return

wishing you a long series of health, peace & tranquility

We are Dear Sir Your Aff: & Obt Servts

Stevenson & Randolph

Good Wheat 6/9 to 7/
Superfine flour 18/6 to 19/
Common do 17/ inferior in proportion
Tob: 3/2 to 3/4 d Bright 4 — at present the sales dull