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Bristol 11 March 1775

Mr. James Cheston

Dear Sir

The foregoing is Copy of what We wrote You on the 6th Inst. to wch pleasse to refer, a few days since We rec.d a Letter from Delatour dated Antigua 13 Jany. who says he shall sail that evening, so that We might reasonably suppose him to be with You by the middle of Feby. giving him one Month passage, tas You in a former Letter observe You shall be able to give him great dispatch. We are in some expectation of seeing him by the 10 April, under these circumstances We think twill be most advisable to decline replacing the William by a fresh purchase but discharge the Isabella immdy. wch may be done in 10 days & dispatch her with all expedition for such Cargo as You may have prepard for the William agreeable to our former advice again We think twould be too long to let her lay by for the fall voyage should she not return in time We must fall on some method of sending them off either by purchase or chartering, however We have time before us, in wch We will do the needful. — We have not been able to settle with the Underwriters yet for our loss on the William hope no more of Your Bills will appear till We are better prepard than We are at present to take them up. Duties on Tob.o Goods shipd last fall & Winter was twelvemonth, outset of Ships &c. has really drain'd us very dry, however after settling with the Underwriters with such remittances as You may be able to make us by the Isab.a & Snow We hope to be well in Cash to give You every necessary assistance.

We sent You out a pretty many Goods by the Restoration last July for payment of wch We must be called upon in Aug.t next, We hope You will shew there for when they were shipd to a speedy remittance as likewise those sent by Thomas last fall.

Indian Corn would readily sell at 3/4 or 3/6 if good twell cleand suppose if You cant provide a sufficient load of Wheat & flour readily for the Isab.a next Voyage You were to purchase 3 or 4000 bush.l of that article to fill her up, & give her dispatch however You are to do in this case as You

N.o 9. Ship

Mr. James Cheston

Merchant

Baltimore

Maryland

Stevenson Carson & Clark

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