1775 July 9. Thomas Ringgold to James Chalmers

Chester Town 9th July 1775.

Dear Sir

I have your Favor by your Boy. I had myself determined to cease all new Business and wrote to Mr. Hensley to that purpose Saturday Week & confirmed to him my determination in person when he was last up. The necessity of the Times I thought made the Resolution prudent and really there seems little room to hope for an Alteration. Mr. Hensley however will I suppose be inclined to go on in the purchase of Tobacco but we have paid away all our Cash and nothing but ready Money will enable us to secure the Quantity you want. – I fear you will be put to some Difficulty to command enough to go on & to enable us to make good our former Contracts as Mr. Galloway writes me Exchange is down to 150 p.C. at Phila & no Money to be had for Bills. – We have in Hand [redacted] Hds more than your Quantity for which we have been in treaty with Charles Wallace & several others & Mr. Hensley expects to make a something more by it than a Commission. As that is the Case I can say nothing more about it until I see him which will be on Wednesday. He will be up then and we can all together come to a final Resolution. In the mean time I shall not ship any Tobacco that is offered

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Mr. Hodgson must send a Boat
to fetch this immediately

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