1776 JUNE 5 WILLIAM RANDOLPH TO CHARLES CHESTON

Mr. James Cheston

Bristol 5th June 1776

Dear Sir

This mornings Post handed me your esteemd favour of the 14th of March via Newyork Packet covering two letters Viz.t one to your Br. Dan the other to WS both which are since deliverd agreable to your direction

I was much pleasd to hear of your safety & your Lady's welfare may God grant her a happy moment & a safe recovery — I have long wishd to have seen you at home but on your good Lady's Account as well as the interest we have at stake in Maryl.d I think it will be all together as well for you to be there that should matters take a favourable turn this fall as for many reasons we imagine here they will; You will have an opportunity of making an early remittance as soon as the Ports are open but on the Contrary should you determine to leave maryland before that happy Period I must then intreat you will put or leave the affairs of the house in such a train that nothing may be receivd by any other Person but him you absolutely empower, not if even Stevenson or my self shoud get over there, & as you were pleasd to direct your last letter, to me only so will it also be prudent in all future cases to continue that firm particularly where bills may be in the way —

My reason for this precaution proceeds entirely through an absolute necessity & the many imprudent, ungenerous, & unwarrantable steps of WS. I coud wish not to alarm you but its a direct denial of my conscience to conceal from you what I think your interest has an equal right to demand from me —

In the first place I took ye earliest opportunity of dissolving the Copartnership of S R & C by a publick advertisement in the Papers, but I must observe to you not till WS had taken such unwarrantable steps that seem'd