1782 April 12 DANIEL CHESTON TO JAMES CHESTON

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Mr. James Cheston
at Tulip Hill
near Annapolis
Maryland.

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Dear Brother North End 12th April 1782.

I wrote you in January last by the Packet un=
=der cover as you directed, Since which have had the inex=
=pressible pleasure of hearing of your Arrival at Charles
Town South Carolina, Which agreable information was
communicated to us by the Receipt of any Letter from
you, but from Mr. Russell, who has received more than
one from Mr. Clark, the last dated the 9th January & am
happy to find you was in expectation of leaving Charles
Town the middle of February following on your way to
Virginia, from Whence we Conclude you will meet with
little or no difficulty in getting home, At which Place
I hope you are safe Arrived ere this time and are
happy with Mrs. Cheston, & your little Ones around
you, all of Whom we shall be happy to hear you found
well ——

You will no doubt be much surprised
at this Letter being dated from hence, As you had ev=
=ery reason to suppose when you left England I must
have been nearer to the East Indies than this Kingdom
at this time; to Account for which the least I can say is
that the flattering promises of little Great Men are
not to be depended upon & which I have found but too
true by experience. — The fact is, nothing but a
Cadets Appointment could be procured for me from
Mr. B. (Who got into the direction a few days after You
Sailed) & that without the least prospect of raising any
higher in the Military Line at least for some time &
that to depend in a great measure on the natural
events & disasters of War, Which would be Ninety.