1788 JAN. 29 DAVID MITCHELL TO JAMES CHESTON

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Sir / My other Creditors has all along bin linitive & Wished to Give me time to Endavour to Sell my property to pay them. But your Suit agst me allarms them & they wish being Secured. & you. well know & I could not Deney it that I had paid you a large Sum Viz.t allmoot £100 when they Recd Nothing now Sir I take the Liberty of writing you & Informing you that as my other Creditors has bein very Indulgent & Does not mean to Ruin me & Lose them Selves which Would be the Case if I Give up which most be the Case if you prosecute your Suit

What I mean to Say is this that my other Creditors are willing to take my property into there possession as a Security for there Debts which I am willing to Give up any hour but Mean you would have your Suit Left to arbitration Viz.t to your Lawyer & mine I Cou'd have Some more Indulgance from my other Creditors if not I most make over to them they have Been my freends and are now therefor it is my Duty to secure them at this Critical time

Received March 7th 1788

Mr James Cheston
West River
To the Care of Mr William Young
Merchant
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