1788 FEB. 25 JOHN BULLOCK TO

SIDE ONE

in April before I take my Journey to the Manor and if I can avoid it by my own affairs not wanting me on the western Shore I could wish not to go untill then, indeed I have so much to do before I leave this place that I hardly think it possible — When I saw you last I think you expected your house would be ready to remove to in April, what effect the badness of the weather has had ~~on the~~ in preventing the work from going forward I do not know but its most probable it has delayed it in some measure, therefore you must not from what I have said above put yourself to any inconvenience or run any risque by removing too soon. what I mean is to come to Tulip Hill as soon as you can with convenience of safety remove to the Neck — Inclosed you have memorandums for Feaney and Watson which I must request you will send me answers to by the bearer, which may prevent my coming the bay before I wish to do it —

There being no Cash price for wheat this fall and winter has put a total stop to the payments of any kind of debts with us — Since my return from the Manor I have not received One Hundred pound and have been obliged to make use of the money which I intended to purchase wheat, furniture that was not already laid in to support my future family and discharge the little running Accounts at the end of the year — I have now sold the remainder of my wheat and expect to receive from Anderson a considerable payment by May next — Letters from Charleston dated Novr. 23d. that a remittance would be made by the 15 of December for the balance — from these resources with the Manor rents I hope there can be but little doubt but what you will get the balance due you this Spring — The Slaves sent last fall got to Charleston in Twenty days, and some of them sold ~~on~~ and the remainder would be sold by the middle of January and to late premiers a remittance for the sales by the first of April —

I have purchased of James Hodges his Negro Woman Dido and some of her young Children for which I am to give him £100. this money he intends for you, but if this bargain stands you must give me some credit as it will not be in my power to pay the money immediately

What with the outfit of my plantations, the purchase of furniture and the necessary repairs to my house will so compleatly embarass me that without Arnold can do some to the old Phaeton without much expence so as to make it run the next Summer or I can not with an old Chaise. Sally must stay at home or go abroad on foot. the next Summer for I cannot spare the money to buy such a Carriage as I would wish to keep — Last Summer was in hopes you would have set me the example in getting a Coach but Nancy has pinched — but I shall now set you the example —. The Month of April is the worst month in the whole year to ~~not~~ go to house keeping in point of provisions — but it is but to remove home as soon as I can for my own Interest — shall buy some salt fish & Eggs will be plenty with which we must make out —