1790 James Cheston incoming letters

SIDE ONE

West River Dec.r 26.th 1790

Sir

The Rec.t of your favor of the 20.th Sept.r last, would have been acknowled before this time but for a variety of circumstances, the chief of which was, the Desire both of us had of Examining all the books and papers belonging to the Estate, before we came to any Determination respecting the Acc.t your Father had against it contained in yr. Letter - Our Charge in the Acc.t Likewise made it necessary for Mr. Jno. Galloway to have recourse to his own books, which he did not do till lately owing to the multiplicity of Business he has on his hands, as Executor of Mr. Hanson. This I hope will serve as an Excuse for our Delay And Therefore will proceed to mention that Mr. Galloway & myself as soon as We undertook the Management as Executors of the affairs of the late Mr Jno Galloway, Estate, We laid down one Rule of Conduct, from which we have not departed, viz.t not to pay any demands agn.st the estate, ~~which did not appear on the books & papers of the deceased~~ but those, either that we knew ourselves were privy to the particulars of, or that appeared on the books & papers of the deceased, or that were regularly proved according to law on The Account now sended by your Father We must say as Executors does not come under either of these three discriptions - We are unacquainted with the particulars of it, except one charge "May 1.st 1772 - "To Mr. Jno Galloway p.d Chas. W. Howard £3.15.0" which Mr. Jno Galloway alledges his Books shew was a ballance of an Acc.t due from yr. Father to him & paid by Chas. Howard to settle the Acc.t - I have carefully Examined the Books & papers of the late Mr Galloway and cannot find sufficient to ~~lay~~ to his ~~liability~~ his Executors to ~~pay the~~ admit the demand, merely on that Acc.t, The ab.t the same