1796 James Chester [illegible]

SIDE ONE

Dear Sir

Chester Town 3. Dec. 1796.

I recd from Mr. Geddis £195 inclosed me by Mr. James Scott in part of your Execution against Col. Reed, on Wednesday last and £100 advanced by Mr. G. She was very anxious to have the Matter settled immediately, but on my application to the Col. he was not prepared for closing the Transaction, alledging his Papers and Books were at his House in the Country — If you have the means of Information when the Money was paid by Mr. Scott, I shall thank you to acquaint me, because it appears reasonable to me as between Geddis & the Col. the latter should be chargeable with Interest from the Receipt of the Money in Liquidation of the former —

This £295 I should send you by Hodges if I knew into whose Hands in Baltimore you would place it — But even then I should have my Apprehensions on account of the severe Frost Hodges himself seeming rather Doubtful of leaving the Wharf under the present Appearance of the Weather I can lodge it in Phila. whenever you direct it subject to your Draft at Sight — My best Love to my Niece and her dear Girls —

I am Yr. Hble. obedt. Servt.

John Chew

Mr. Chew Dec. 3. 1796

Mr. James Preston
West River
Anne Arundel Co.