SIDE ONE

Letter from Alice Lee of Blenheim, Charles Co. Md written from Annapolis to Anne Galloway of Tulip Hill, who was staying in Philadelphia – The first sheet was lost for this is numbered on margin –

5 cleverest fellow, for entrenous, notwithstanding his fine Eyes, politeness & so forth he has not those eyes and manners which touch the Soul I think. but these are opinions that I shout to you alone. His attendants Capt Sketch and Lt Sandes and a crew of Midshipmen, served to make up the Groupe, but except the first were not worth distinguishing at least as yet, being Hobble de hoys – Sketch is said to be sensible, is as perte (I hate it) is Jemmy & makes much of himself – Sandes raises himself above insignificance by a perpetual attention to please & good nature to excess, as to what success he has in the former, I refer you to Miss Key, to whom his more particular devoirs seemed to be addressed – I dined with them at Mr Ridouts, here, Maj Jenifers Mr Carrolls & supped at Smiths with him at the three last places we had little hops & afterwards a Ball at the Assembly Room My partner there was Mr Holland he was elegantly dressed in Radusoy, which he completely spoild in honor of my Ladyship. he is civil and goodnatured but that might had in Compy of my Brother & some other smarts imbibed pretty freely of the Juice of the Grape, which I dont think improved him much, however his politeness & goodness to his Sister greatly overbalances the trivial faults I have yet discovered in him – I have seen your saucy Brother but once since your absence he supped here, & would you believe it Dick Lee has persuadded him that you have made a perfect Jerry of him, & he is now crowing at his Deliverance from your tyranny – I assured him that in my opinion he never shined so much as under your auspices, but he insists on my going to visit him in your absence & he will show me the difference – I think I have done pretty well for tonight but I will not conclude if anything material happens shall continue Adieu Love your AL.

20th Last night I saw the Brig Peggy Stewart consumed before our Windows, on Act of the Tea, a spectacle that shocked me much – Mr S. offered to make all proper concessions yet the merciless Mob would not spare his property – I begin to be out of Love with Patriotism – Mama has been very ill but is better – Poor Mrs Alphmare is expected to die every hour. I wrote to you by Holland for some shoes if they fit I shall probably trouble you again the same way – Please also to procure me 6 yds of Black Taste, 12 pr of Pink Shoe Roses & if you meet with any Stripped Muslin fit for Mamy Ruffles shall be obliged to you to get me as much as will make 2 pr also some narrow edging to trim them & do much broader kind as will trim an Apron – I beg pardon for so much trouble – Let me know the Amt of these things, that I may leave the Money with yr Brother in Case I am obliged to leave town before your return –

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It would seem probable that this Alice Lee was one of the "fair ladies for whose accommodation" the Station Ship Fowey was to visit Annapolis at this time, according to the letter from Wm Byrd of Westover, to Saml Galloway