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SIDE ONE

My dear Nancy Baltimore Monday Night

Altho' I expect to be able to leave this for Belvoir Wednesday Evening or Thursday Morning I can't resist the Opportunity of Mr Deakins's calling at Dod. Scots tomorrow of letting my D. Girl know that Jane perfectly well and have Not had the least return of the Cholick Since the Evening I left her altho but very trifling — What will likewise add further to her pleasure, is, that I have settled with Sanderson & got a Mortgage on his house in this town he was luckily here, when I got to town, but I could not find him untill Saturday & never left him till the Matter was finished — Yesterday I went into the Country — ~~I shall only~~ I just returned — Tomorrow I do the same — Wednesday Morning I shall call upon those who have promised me Money before I leave town, for I have got not a farthing yet, & in the Evening if possible, let me press my ~~Dear~~ Dear Wife to the faithful Breast of her Most Sincerely Affectionate Husband

James Cheston

They have a Acct here that the States General of the seven United Provinces have declared America independant & Also that Admiral Barrington in the West Indies has taken 2 Ships of the Line & 9 Transports —