SIDE ONE

Dr. Sir

Chester Town 10th March 1804

Constable has appointed several different Days for beginning his second Trip, but has been obliged to postpone on Acct. of Frost & Snow. I recd your Favor by Kingsold. Previous to my hearing of the Safety of the Tollensbee, I considered her Loss would be a Misfortune, but now the Tobacco has got to hand, we are old the Article was dull & was to be stored. It would have been some Comfort to know the Prices at the last Sales & whether the Flatness of the Market was considered merely temporary with a Prospect of shortly being brisker. We must have even have Patience, a Lesson we have been taught in most of our European Adventures. The Remittance from St Andero is some Evidence that we shall eventually receive our whole Money from Obrien, but as to the Archers, it is not quite so clear, there too we have been taught, tho I confess myself no apt Scholar in practising the only Remedy we have, the forementioned Christian Doctrine of Patience. In the preparation of the Papers to be sent me for Sibey, I think if you had better send the Signatures in Blank, that I may execute them here before Constable & some other Person going in the Packet, who may witness your Execution in Baltimore. To which if any direct Conveyance offers, the Master of the Vessell may add his Attestation, that he may prove if necessary the Execution before the Lord Mayor of London. This was the old Way of authenticating Powers of Attorney and I think the safest to insure Credit to them where eventually they are to be acted upon. The £620 Stg will nearly strike off 3000 Dr. from our Bank Acct. which gives me some Consolation.

When I left Baltimore I did not discharge

Mr James Heston
Merchant
Baltimore

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