Gentlemen

Baltimore 18th Jany 1777

My Brother who is Just Returned from Annapolis informs me that you have Occasion for & want to purchase a Vessell, I lately bought a Snow which I would be willing to part with, it not being in my power to put her into the Trade I at that time intended, She is English Built & will carry abt 1500 Bbls Flour, She is exceeding well found & will want scarce any repairs, an Inventory I now inclose you, She cost me at public Sale £1720 — for which price you may have her allowing me the Commission you give to those who purchase Ships for you, I will be much Obliged for your Answer by Mr Stewart who carries this or sooner if possible & am

Gentlen

Your Obdt Servt

John Smith Junr

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