Sir, The Occasion of my writing this Letter has not been more painful to me, than I presume the perusal of it will be to you. Our old Friend & Acquaintance, Mr Forster, by many unhappy concurring circumstances, which he can better explain than I describe, is reduced to the necessity of making an immediate Assignment & Dividend of his Effects among his Creditors: this will perhaps surprise you not less than it has me; but as there seems to be a necessity for his doing it, so it appears to me also, to be the best step he can at present take for his own case in future. I am told you are a Creditor and have therefore advised him to wait on you to obtain your consent to the Terms which I have proposed to the other Creditors on his behalf, & to which they have assented; the his own reliance on your favour & friendship, would — have otherwise induced him to consult you on this Occasion, if his feelings had not been too much wounded to admit of his considering on this Subject even with his most intimate Friends & Companions. There has been no Estimate made of his Effects by which I could at present inform you how far they will go towards a Satisfaction of the Claims against him; but that his mind may be the sooner released from anxiety, I have proposed that a Deed should be made conveying the Effects in Trust, to be appraised, & Divided according to the appraised Value, & immediately

His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esq
Annapolis

Mr Forster
31 August 1792

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