address to the care of Mr John Parker, to New York Messrs Hugh Pollock & Co to Philadelphia Messrs Joseph Anthony & Co. to Baltimore Mr George Lears, to be subject to our order, and for the amount of these Cargoes draw upon us a sixty days sight, and longer if possible, payable at either of the places abovementioned — but if as agreable make it payable here — You will advise us immediately if you make these purchases that we may be prepared to meet your bills, also of the Vessels you Ship by that we may if we think proper make Insurance —

Having communicated to you our disatisfaction to the Sales & account rendered by Messrs St Maria & Cuesta, we wish you to endeavor to get them to investigate those accounts, and to obtain from them such a compensation as will be equitable

We hand you a memorandum of the goods from Hamburgh, which we expect, you will inform us what they would sell for, and what the Duties & charges on them will be, also the price of Russia Sheetings Russia & Ravens Duck, bar Iron, and the demand for them —

Your residence at the Havannah, may be rendered useful to us, by ascertaining the different articles of exports allowed to be carried by Foreigners, their prices & the Duties & charges on them — Also the imports allowed in Foreign Vessels, noting such goods as are most wanted, and what they would command, specifying the Duties & Charges on them for our government when you leave there —

It is also an object to ascertain how Cargoes of Molasses can be most advantageously procured; the demand from America has given existence to speculations by the Merchants in Havannah, purchasing of the planters at reduced prices, & selling to the Americans at a great advance —

Messrs S M & Co. wrote to us respecting a trade to Vera Cruz, want of information, & uncertainty in the issue of voyages, have prevented our engaging them, any information that you may obtain on this subject, may be advantageous, —

In the purchases we here authorize, we shall consider you interested one third in them —

You will write us by frequent opportunities, to alleviate anxiety for your Welfare, and to enable us to determine how to act in our business to Havannah —

Gibbs & Channing

Newport Decr 18th 1798 —