Mr. Robert Keysham — Madeira 19th April 1696 —

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Sir

The aforegoing confirme copy of our last inclosed you — have a Third via of our Bills on Mr. Abraham Elton of Bristol the Prunel Gally from Ireland brought about 60 Mos. of Wheate from Youghall is sailed with 70 Pipes for Jamaica for acct. of the Owners she sails at too great a charge for a vessel of her Burthen to gett Mony in the West Indies brought us the newes of a Conspiracy in England and Designe of Invasion from France which comes confirmed to us by Three Dutchmen from the Isle of Weight to laad wines for Curisao as wel as by Letters from Lisbon which say y. all outward bound ships had been stopped their Men taken out and put aborde the frigtts so that we conclude noe ships wil be suffered to goe out until Autumne these unexpected impediments breake all Measures in Trade we wish we had your Orders to ship some wines for Barbados where we could gett freight it might be worth while to give a dormient Order as upon like Occasion when wines have not been shipped of a great while tos. Place or as axe at Present not like to follow in some conside=rable time you may confide in us that we shall Doe it with the best of our Judgment we have a small ship and a Brigantine Loaded 300 Pipes for New England a sloope upwards of 90 Pipes for Bermudas a Barke 60 Pipes for Newyorke a Sloope 40 Pipes for Rhode Island another 50 do for Antigua and now Capn. Price Loading for Jamaica would saile in few Dayes were it not for the Easter Holldays the former axe all gone besides a Scotch Ship 150 Pipes for the Leeward Islands noe Ship for Barbados with them —

our friend Mr. Mels Stevens of Flushing writes us under the 6th February v. Lisbon that Capn. Gabriel Marines a vessel we Loaded was arrived we addressed to you under the 16th December which we presume in due time to reach your hands but our Letters of the 28th January v. Lisbon were Lost the Ship being cast away as Goeing over the Barr and since that the — Original of the other side was gott to Cadiz and hope wil be with you in course as wel as what we writt you p. the Angel Pink who started hence the 5th Febry and now this goes v. Lisbon p. a Barke that May saile in ten Dayes and as matters ouer we shal note down until the departure —

we are God be praised at the 27th April the Prouel Gally sailed 14 Dayes since and a Brigantine of Bristol Capn. Pandy Comander in Ballast from St. Malloes with 100 Pipes for Jamaica and the Mary Capn. Man from Cadiz with yesto about 130 Pipes for Nevis we have had —

veste —

Several smal vessels from the Westerne Colonies which returned home with —
wines the Weather begins to be good and this Day Capt.n Price is taking in wine
will be suddainly Dispatched three Dutch vessels from Amsterdam with Rye
Deales cordage & are taking in about 400 Pipes for Curisao —
we received a Letter from my Lady Baudon p.r the Rumel Gally wherein she
saies what I Bought of her for £160 was worth a great Many hundreds
for which reason because I Would Have her to be convinced of her mistake
as in time she wil be I have wrote her that upon her imediat repaying y.e
£160 the Bargaine shal be void and that you wil give her up the —
writings which you may please to doe and returne me the Bill I passed
upon her because I Have formerly received Civilitys from S.r John Baudon
I am very Desirous to be gratefull to his Lady widdow —
X please to Pay M.r Francis D Laet for acc.t of M.r D'Kirtow Eleven Pounds and
take up an old Bond of mine its probable he May insist upon Interest —
but there is noe reason for it as I Have formerly told him the William
Capt.n Richard Fysfield Comander in a new Vessel of 90 Tons 6 Guns and 4 —
Pederaros wherein we and some friends are Owners came Loaden with
Pipestaves from Boston we loaded her with Designe for Curisao until
the Dutchmen arrived and then finding that too Many would goe to
that Markett thought it adviseable that she should goe to Barbados
according to an agreement made to send her where fewest wines are gone
M.r John Grove being our friends Correspondent requested y.e consigna=
tion to him which we could not Deny we loaded her accordingly to
him carried upwards of 130 Pipes our Orders are to Dispatch her back
to New England unless freight for London be at 14 a 15 s p.r Cent in such
case to Load about £500 in Sugars for acc.t of ourselves and C.onsigne
to your good self and the remainder to Lett out Upon freight and if
any Conveyance offers for London to give you advice —
we are Uncertain what may happen and therefore cannot say
whether she may goe home for London or New England now least
she may be take the voyage for London —
we desire you to make insurance for £3800 viz.t 1200 the ship and £600
in Goods so that provided she doth not proceed we May pay only ½ p.r
Cent for underwreting and this we presume may be without Paying more
Doone we need not explaine ourselves any further whatsoever shal
come to your hands from S.r M.r Grove please to keepe a particular acc.t in
the name of W.m Bolton & Co. owners of the ship William and if she should
happen to arrive without any further Direction from us please to fitt
her out with all Expedition but we shal write you More p.r the first
Conveyance — she sailed hence for Barbados the 22.d inst.t
we are now at the 30.th April confirme the aforegoeing Capt.n Price wil saile in four dais
hath most of his Loading aboard the Weather good and seasonable noe Alteration
in our Business — we find by some Discourse that one of this Place had with M.r
Miles he hath some intelligence that you and we Have Entered into a correspon=
dency we know not whether it maybe any advice from England or from M.r
Matson who went Passenger with us and was knowing of some Letters y.t
passed at Plimouth — we take noe notice of any thing but Lett Matters come
to their Knowledge when they cannot be avoided —
we write you that few goods remained upon the Place but what we Have w.ch
are daily expecting and therefore you May send us if not already provided a
Proportion of Goods in Sortment according as we advised under the 16.th Ober
past and please not to forgett to send us some Hoops for Priming our Pipes —
fine Black Sayes Black Bayes Black Crapes and Nuns Serges much wanted
observe by a Letter from Mess.rs Halls of the 7.th January that their vessel
at Swimouth was left behind the fleete and we are now sorry that we —
did not send your wine & p.r the Angel Pink but we followed your Order —
that Make use of the first Occasion that Offers to Send them —
our Bill of Lading Book is near written out and therefore please to send a —
New one and when you Have an Opportunity of Writing us please to send us
a Price Curr.nt which may be useful one time or other besides the satisfaction
of Knowing how the prices alter —
we Doubt not but Capt.n Jer: Johnson paid our Bill and that M.r Abraham
Elton will doe the like which Mony we propose to be remitted to Mess.rs Hadshaw
and Gulston if you have not already done parte of it it wil be well enough
to Lett it along until October unless you find that the Exchange will be
to our Prejudice for altho they are very good then We esteem our Mony
to be better in your hands when theirs you May please to write them p.r y.e
first that you wil remitt for our acc.t We Have always had Mony that
Lay in their hands because we never valued our selves to the full —
we Believe we shal not wante your recommendation upon all Occasions you
may be assured that we shal Comply to Sattisfaction —
we heartily wish you had given us a Line v.a Lix.a of What ships were bound
this way Have notice of a ship of yours called the Bridge Town Capt.n —
Williams Comander but the suddain stop of their coming out was such that
we believe you Depended on their Saylings a Long time before we are now
at the prish.o May and have Made this Letter more Like a Diurnal then
a Letter from whence you May know our Proceedings we wish y.r Prospe=
=rity and are — Please to Lett there be one Polliey for the ship and another
for the Goods — We Desire you likewise to gett 1200 pounds insured for Bar=
=bados from this Place we say on the ship —

Vente —

Mr. Robert Heysham

Madeira 12th May 1696

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Sir This goes by a Portuguize Barke by whome we have written you under the 19-27-30 ultimo and Prim. curr.to meeting with strong Castelly winds put back to Porto Santo here is arrived a ship from Dublin with Wheate Beefe Butter & candles with Herrings - Lead upwards of 100 Pipes hath a Merch.t aborde but Cap.m Price we hope wil saile this Night having been fully Leaden Several Dayes we have noe late advice from England inclosed you have Cap.m John Prices Bill for £26:19s on Mr. William Blakeway a Saile Maker which we presume wil find curr.t Payment shal send you a Second v.a for Barbados because our Conveyances are so uncertaine & we are God be praised at y 14th curr.t yesterday Cap.m Price was in great Danger of losing his ship but Did not receive the Least Damage this Ship Musted staying near the shoare and having not roome to Bare clear of the Lieu fell aborde a ship riding there which held her until we gott out a Warpe and fixed him Gott him out againe and Sailed last Night the escape next to a Miracle altho very fair Weather they having stowed all their Cables and Anchors &c

Madeira 22th May 1696

Sir The 15th curr.t arrived the Maynard Cap.n John Hill for India in 23 days from the Downes, he sayled thence the 10th April in Comp.y of some Coasters left the Fleete imbarge, was ingaged with a Frenchman of 30 Guns, 40 Leagues of Ushant, brought his ship much shattered in her Rigging &c and five Men wounded, he had in his Comp.y a ship for Guinea Cap.n Hall Comd.r who escaped and proceeded on his voyage, and a Brigantine bound for India, who parted from him in the night and because not arrived, may either be taken or returned for England this ship takes in 60 Pipes, belongs to Mr. Sam: Shepherd, Mast.r Long & Mr. Gill Hethcote we now send you a 4th via of our Bills on Cap.n Jer: Johnson, because we doe not find by any Letters in Cap.n Hill that what we writ p.r the Flushinger under the 18 xber were come to hand, which we wonder at, habeing advice of his arrival from Mr. Mels Stevens his owner, to whom we now address under your Covert —

we send you another via of Cap.n Prices Bill on Mr. Wm Blakeway for £26:19s. —

just now arrived the Betty sloope of Bristol in three weeks from Youghall with 50 Mos wheate, some Herrings and Butter, loads for Antigua —

We are God be praised at the 24th ditto, a ship of this place arrived from Pernambuco with 120 chests Sugar, noe other alteration —

ditto 27th. We have unloaden the sloope, and have upwards of 50 Pipes aborde, shall dispatch her to sayle to morrow with this Conveyance in Comp.y of the Maynard — our Letters from Bristol of the 16 March mention the receipt of what went p.r the Flushinger under the 16 Xber, notwithstanding we have forwarded the Bill upon Cap.n Johnson —

wheate sels at 400 a 500 reis p.r Alq.r p.r retaile as it is in Goodness, our harvest wil be good and yet shall want at least one halfe of the years Expence of Bread Corne —

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we have reserved for your order some old wines which now are scarce and shall be glad to be freed from them, but cannot expect it very soddanly.—

all sorts of Woollen Manufacture begin to be wanted particularly black Bays, fine Black Serges, black Crapes, black Shalloons, black Ten hundreds, you may please to send of these Species, with a Proportion of other goods; the quantity we leave to your Self, and according to what we find that you, or Mr. Cooke send, with somthing that we promised to take from Messrs. Hall, we shall from time to time regulate our Selves, —— please to remember some Hoopes pr. the first ship — if any thing happens worth your knowledge before the shutting up of our Letters shall write you in Postscript & remain

Sir

Your most humble Servts

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