

M^r Robert Keysham

Madaira 19th April 1696

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Sir The foregoing confirmed copy of our last inclosed you -
Have a Third via of our Bills on M^r Abraham Elton of Bristol the Prunel Gally
from Ireland brought about 60 Moy^s of Wheate from Youghall is sailed with
70 Pipes for Jamaica for auth of the Owners the sails at too great a charge
for a vessel of her Burthen to gett Money in the West Indies brought us
the newes of a Conspiracy in England and Designe of Invasion from France
whitch comes confirmed to us by Three Dutchmen from the Iles of Weight
to laad wines for Curias as well as by Letters from Lisbon whitch say y^t
all outward bound ships had been stopped their Men taken out and
put aboard the frigg^{ts} soe that we conclude noe ships will be suffered to
goe out until Autumn these unexpected impediments breake all Measures
in Trade we wisht we had your Orders to ship some wines for Barbados -
where we could gett freight it might be worth while to give a dormant
Order as upon like Occasion when wines have not been shipped of a great
while to s^o. Place or as are at Present not like to follow in some conside-
-rable time you may confide in us that we shall Do it with the best of
our Judgement we have a small ship and a Brigantine Laded 300 Pipes
for New England a sloop upwards of 90 Pipes for Bermudas a Barke 60
Pipes for Newyork a sloop 40 Pipes for Rhode Island another s^o for Antigua
and now Cap^m Price Loading for Jamaica would sail in few Dayes were it not
for the Easter Holidays the former are all gone besides a Scotts Ship 150 Pipes
for the Leeward Islands noe ship for Barbados with them -
our friend M^r Mels Stevens of F^rissing writes us under the 6th February v^o
Lisbon that Cap^m Gabriel Marines a vessel we Laded was arrived we addressed
to you under the 16th December whitch we presume in due time to reach
your hands but our Letters of the 28th January v^o Lisbon went lost the
ship being cast away as Goeing over the Bar and since that the
Original of the other side was gott to Cadix and hope will be with you
in course as well as what we writt you p^r the Angel Pink who parted
hence the 5th Febr^y and now this goes v^o Lisbon p^r a Barke that may
sail in ten Dayes and as matters our we shall note downe until the
departure -

we are God be praid at the 27th April the Prunel Gally sailed 14 Dayes
since and a Brigantine of Bristol Cap^m Fardoy Comander in Ballast
from S^t Mallos with 100 Pipes for Jamaica and the Mary Cap^m
Man from Cadix with y^ere about 130 Pipes for Nevis we have had

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