

M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Heystram

Madreia 12<sup>th</sup> May 1696

Copia

This goes by a Portuguese Bark by whom we have written you under the 19-27-31 ultimo and Prim. Curr. meeting with strong Easterly winds put back to Porto Santo here is arrived a ship off and from Dublin with Wheate Brife Butter Candles with Herrings - Load upwards of 100 Pipes hath a Merch. aboard but Cap<sup>m</sup>. Price we hope will sail this Night having been fully Laden Several Days we have recd late advice from England enclosed you have Cap<sup>m</sup>. John Prices Bill for £26:19 p on M<sup>r</sup>. William Blakeway a Saile Maker which we presume will find curr<sup>t</sup>. Payment shall send you a second - 23<sup>rd</sup> Barbados because our Conveyances are for uncertain if we are God be praised at 14<sup>th</sup> Curr. yesterday Cap<sup>m</sup>. Price was in great Danger of losing his ship but did not receive the least Damage this ship missed staying near the shoare and having not room to stand clear of the Land fell aboard a ship riding there which held her until we got out a Wharpe and fowled him Got him out againe and sailed last Night she escaped next to a Miracle altho' very fair weather they having stowed all their Cables and Anchors &c

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The 15<sup>th</sup> curr. arrived the Maynard Cap<sup>m</sup>. John Still for India in 23 days from the Downs, he sailed thence the 10<sup>th</sup> April in Comp<sup>y</sup>. of some Coasters left the Fleet Imbarge, was engaged with a French Man of 30 Guns, 40 Leagues off Ushant, brought his ship much shattered in her Rigging &c and gave Men wounded, he had in his Comp<sup>y</sup>. a ship for Guinea Cap<sup>m</sup>. Hall Comd<sup>r</sup>. who escaped and proceeded on his voyage, and a Portuguese bound for India, who parted from him in the night and because not daived, may either be taken or returned for England - this ship takes in 60 Pipes, belongs to M<sup>r</sup>. Sam: Shepherd, Mas<sup>r</sup>. Long & M<sup>r</sup>. Gilt. Pethcote we now send you a 4<sup>th</sup> via of our Bills on Cap<sup>m</sup>. Jer: Johnson, because we doe not find by any Letters in Cap<sup>m</sup>. Hill that what we writ p<sup>r</sup>. the Blushinger under the 16 Xber were come to hand, which we wonder at, having advice of his arrival from M<sup>r</sup>. Mels Stevens his owner, to whom we now address under your Cover - we send you another via of Cap<sup>m</sup>. Prices Bill on M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Blakeway for £26:19 p - just now arrived the Betty sloop of Bristol in three weeks from Goughall with 50 Mof<sup>s</sup> wheate, some Herrings and Butter, loads for Antiqua -

We are God be praised at the 24<sup>th</sup> ditto, a ship of this place arrived from Pernambuco with 120 Chests Sugar, no other alteration -

ditto 27<sup>th</sup>. We have unladen the Sloop, and have upwards of 50 Pipes aboard, shall dispatch her to saile tomorrow with this Conveyance in Comp<sup>y</sup>. of the Maynard - our Letters from Bristol of the 16 March mention the receipt of what went p<sup>r</sup>. the Blushinger under the 16 Xber, notwithstanding we have forwarded the Bill upon Cap<sup>m</sup>. Johnson -

wheate sets at 400 a 500 reis of Hly<sup>res</sup> p<sup>r</sup>. retails as it is in Goodnes, our harvest will be good and yet shall want at least one halfe of the years Expence of Bread Corne