

Madeira 3 June 1702

Wee confirm the aforegoing Copy, noe alteration in our
Affaires; upon perusal of the Invoices of the Goods for the Employ^m Copy
Culliford Comander wee find you Charge us the Insurance of your
Halt part which you know ought not to be because it never was, when
the Adventure was either more or less, wee doubt not that you will easily
acquiesce; wee have desired in our former Dates to be Advised of the
Certain sum which you remitted to Mess^{rs} Clarke because, as our
Acc^{ts} are long the length of time may Occasion Doubts and therefore
to these matters wee desire you to be particular with us
Wee have seasonable weather for the bringing forward our new
vintage which may be considerable if it continues fair twent y days
more, wee know not how to Govern our selves in Business because
the times are so hazardous it cannot be long before matters are
Determined untill then wee must suspend and remaine

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above is Copy of our address via Lisbon, from whence wee have
received ~~information~~ to the 13th Curr, Mess^{rs} Clarke & Comp^{le} write us that
had omitted in our Credit a Bil of 7000 Rees w^{ch} you had remitted —
wee wil not be soe much wanting of the 4000 — as wee advised,
you to settle it, that there may be noe doubt — they write
that your parted thence the 10th ditto, but wee know not what
they intended, otherwise then that hee carries some Proposals for an
operation, wee presume they may be in reference to Trade, but what
they are, or whether they wil be accepted, Time must shew —
This goes by her Majesties Ship Mary Gally who was sent to the Canaries
and hath brought off four of the English Merchants, by whom wee designe
to send some English Money, the Sum wee shall mention before wee close
this Letter, and as the Ship designs for Plymouth wee shall order it to be
delivered to Mr. Laphthorne & Comp^{le} —

The Comand^r of the Mary Gally now tels us that he wil saile without
further stay, soe that wee have not time to doe as intended remaine

Please to order us in the Hands of
Mess^{rs} Steprey & Comp^{le} A w 5000 Mil Rees

Y^r most humb^l Serv^{ts}
A. Bolton & Comp^{le}

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