

M^r Robert Heysham Es^r

Madeira 20th August 1702 @

Wee have before us yours of 11th June & 9th July & Cap^m Crispin the two last are Coppy^s —
Wee observed the Credit you passed upon us under the 11th June in the favour of Cap^m Duqlas for £300 but when he came near this Island all the importunity of the Commanders of the Merchants Ships under his Convoy they made the best of their way without Stopping — This goes via Barbadoes & the Princeps Ann Cap^m Phillips who came from the Western Islands with some of those wines & hath taken in here about Eighty Pipes belongs to M^r Thomas Sands wee believe he will make not better Voyage then he did two Years past & wonder who should Encourage him to enter upon such a Trade with so little appearance of Advantage —

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You say in yours of 9th of July that you would send some Sayer & Shalloones & Cap^m Keyser wee believe you mean Sayer & Long Ells being what are wanting to complete the Cargo wee desired for if you should send us as you say our friend would be Disappointed of what hee Expects and wee shall remaine ^{with} the Shalloones to sell how & when wee can therefore wee hope the mistake is in your Penn —

WB hath not Letter from His wife & this Conveyance hee notes by yours that shee was att Highgate & further the loss of His Daughter Margeretta w^{ch} wee presume you mean her death if soe God's will be done —

You say you have received ours of 3^d June but doe not advise of any other Letters of this years date w^{ch} wee wonder att because in some of them wee advised you about Business of Importance

WB does not write his wife this Conveyance because He knows not what to write under the Circumstances of your advice, wee are

Madeira 26th September 1702

Wee confirme the foregoing Coppy, since which Cap^m Crispin sailed for Antigua & Mounseratt, with 200 Pipes, & a Brigantme with near 100 Pipes for Jamaica being the only vessel that laded wines for that Island since December — Noe Ship from Portugal nor any other Place, soe that wee are without any advice of what is transacted there, or whether our fleet is gone, it may be presumed that it cannot be long before we have some Notice, — Our vintage is more then halfe gathered in, this Sommer hath bene excessive hott, w^{ch} lessened the quantity of wines, wee can say little of the Goodness

until they have fermented, the Malvasias are always the latest, & if it should now happen one day of Rame, it wil make them much better w^{ch} is contrary to the Nature of Vidonias, wee note what you write of the Malvasias, shall give you our Opinion via Lisbon in the next Month wee have by us about 6 or 700 in English Silver Coine, please to informe your self when any Ships goe for India that wil take it & give us Bills for England, we believe $\frac{2}{8}$ for that Trade wil be wanted, & therefore we may conclude that our Money w^{ch} cannot be carried out of the Kingdom may be better worth then its curr value, because the value of $\frac{2}{8}$ wil advance considerably, & then besides as our Money is at Madeira, soe much of the Adventure is run, please to negotiate it, as you find an opportunity, wee have the like Sum in English French & Spanish Gold, but wee know it wil not serve for India, when wee have any good Conveyance of a Man of Warre shall send it for England, neither the One nor the other stands us in any stead in this Place & This years Business hath beene little not amounting to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the last, here is neither buying nor selling, for altho' here remains considerable quantities of Wines besides the vintage under hand, yet noe man wil offer a Pipe of Wine to sel, until they see the Ships in Port, nor indeed would it be any Prudence in us to buy before hand, not knowing how or when any Ships may come, and the keeping of Wines is very chargeable, it quickly makes them very deare you have the prospect of making a considerable advantage at Barbados this year more then hitherto you had at any time, if Capt Douglass had touch'd here, wee would have used our Diligence to lade you good Pipes on those Ships

Wee are at the 28th noe Alteration, a ship from Terceira belonging to Bourdeaux arrived this day, wil take in Succat for France, samys noe news, being what offers from

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W. Robinson