Mr Robert Heysham Cr

Madeira 20th August 1702 @

Wee have before us yours of 15th 24th April 7th May 11th June & 9th July & Capn Crispin the two last are Coppy's —
Wee observed the Creditt you passed upon us under the 15th June in the favour of Capn Duglass for £300 but when he came near this Island att the importunity of the Comanders of the Merchants Ships under his Convoy they made the Best of their way without Stopping —
This goes via Barbadoes & the Princess Ann Capn Phillips who came from the Western Islands with some of those Wines & hath taken in here about Eighty Pipes belongs to Mr Thomas Sands wee believe he will make not better Voyage then he did two Yeares past & wonder who should Encourage him to enter upon such a Trade with soe little appearance of Advantage —

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You say in your's of 9th of July that you would send some sayes & Shallopnes & Capn Keyser wee believe you mean Sayes & Long Ells being what are wanting to Complete the Cargoe wee desired for if you should send us as you say our freind 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 wch wee presume you mean her death if soe God's will bee done —
You say you haue received ours of 3d June but doe not advise of any other Letters of this years date wch 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 knowes not what to write under the Circumstances of your advice, weeare

Madeira 26th September 1702

Wee confirme the aforegoing Coppy, Since which Capn Crispin sailed for Antiqua & Mounserratt, with 200 Pipes, & a Brigantine 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 Fleete is gone, it may be presumed that it cannot belonge before wee have some Notice, —
Our vintage is more then halfe gathered in, this Somer hath beene excessive hott, wch lessened the quantity of Wines, wee can say little of the Goodness