Wee are advised under the 14th Decemr from St George Lapthorne & Comp. of Plimouth that they had received three hundred Pounds wanting 8 S. for hes Majesties Ship Lizard, that they had Remitted One hundred & fifty Pounds: & would speedily remitt the Remainder, they further Note that the Richard Galley Capn Peppets comander was arrived at London, that they had sent you the Receite wch wee forwarded to them, and from another hand wee have advice that the mony sent by him being Two hundred Pounds was delivered you —

Wee have upwards of four hundred Pounds by us in English Money & wish that some East India Ship would call here & give us Bills for England, or that a Man of Warr bound home to ship it, and some Gold that wee have above double that value, wch wee are unwilling to adventure the Hazard in a Merchant Man without Defence, —

Wee are God be praised at the 21th March, a small ship from Exeter, last from Falmouth that sailed in Compa of the Portugal Convoy confirms what wee had heard before that an Embargoe was laid upon all outward bound Ships, soe that wee conclude that it wil not be taken off until the grand Fleete manned, and whereas you had ordered more comes doune to Barbados & the West India Fleete that touched not here, it now happens that a ship called the Seahorse 200 Tons 8 Guns Capn Beamsley Perkins Comander came to us from Boston with Pipestaves and other Speeces, and our Orders being to send said Ship doune to the Bay of Campecha, with liberty to touch at Barbados if a freight offered to the value of £200 — and considering the Impediment of the Embargoe in England, the small quantity of Wines gon to that Island. wee have agreed with the Comander to touch there, and shall lade for your acct about 160 Pipes, at 25 p. Pipe, and it is probable we may ship Ten Pipes more, not doubting that hee will carry as it were gratis, for the £200 — wch wil make 170 Pipes, and then the freight wil be cheaper wee shall doe what wee can to serve you, and a better Occation could not offer, because we have several Conveyances now offer for England, viz, this via Bristol, another for Exeter, and a small Dutchman for Holland, besides in fourteen dayes another opperturnity via Lisbon but if these or some of them had not happened, wee would not adventure to ship the Wines, for want of advice for your Insurance, in all things wee act for you as if it was our owne proper Concerne

Wee are God be praised at 30th ditto, and now send you Coll. Abraham De Peysters Bill for £100 — on Coll. Charles Lodwick, when received please to carry to our Credit, —

Here is arrived a ship from Lisbon, brought us Letters from London to the 19th January, doe not find that they write any thing of Warr, but are resolved to conserve a Neutrality, unless are forced to declare —

Wee are at 31st ditto — have shipped in Bonde the Ship aforementioned for your acct about 150 Pipes and shall make them up 170 and give a dispatch in Two dayes and in case hee can take in Ten Pipes more to make 180 wee wil put them aborde because they will cost nothing for the freight, having agreed for £200 — in the whole, wee give you this Notice because of the Insurance you make upon said Wines, wee shall have an opperturnity of writeing you again in a few dayes, if this should Miscarry, wee will not close this Letter & if any thing should happen worth your Note, before the sayling of this Ship wee wil write you apart & remember —

Please to send us a Barrel of Hambro Tin Plates —

& forward the Letter & Post for Amsterdam

The other p. the Packet for Lisbon under Covent to your friend to deliver with his own Hand being of Importance

Your most humble Servts
W. Bostock & Comp.
Marmaduke Darell