

M. Robert Heysham,

Madeira 14th Novemb^r 1698

The 10th curr^{tt} arriv'd our William Bolton, God be praised — we have address'd under the 4th September 6th and 28th October, when we remitted you a small Bill on M^r. Samuel Grector, and £90:02:02 on S^r. Bartholomeo Gracedieu, we could not excuse drawing on you £200 — in favour of Capp^m. Edwards Jay for money left with us, his extraordinary importunity prevailed with us to doe it altho' very much inconsistent with our Method of Busines, as well as Interest —

Your Cabinet Maker was not soe careful as he ought to be, he hath not sent the Legs of the Red Stands nor the Top of y^e Red Glass, nor the Key of the Inlaco — Scriptore (the key of the Japan's was fastened to the Ring of the Lock, but we cannot find the other, these are ommissions that he ought to know, and the Things being for the Governour, gives us the greater Concerne, we are wanting of the G^o. of Cambriek w^{ch} we find charged in y^e Invoice of the small Goods, please to inquire into it —

we are at the 15th curr^{tt} and now remit you in our owne Bills 1000 C^or^s. on M^r. Charles Middleton at thirty days Sight as y^e Exchange wil come from Lisbon in this present Month of November, w^{ch} Sum is in part of Payment for 100 Pipes of wine laden on boarde the Mahittabet Capp^m. Mishe Comander, it may be presumed wil meete with curr^{tt} payment because whereas we might draw by vertue of Agreement betweene W^B and said M^r. Middleton for one half of y^e Cost of said Wines and Charges, we have for y^e Accommodation of the Concerned valued our selves for much less — and to take the rest of our payment in Iron & Iron Hoopes — w^{ch} wil lye upon our hands for a dilatary Sale — when we gave this Incouragement it was before had Notice of the small vantage, and yet that there may be noe demur in our Bills we had done as mentioned —

We are now God be praised at y^e 19th curr^{tt}. Three days since Capp^m. Groward put out of the Road the wind blowing fresh, he hath on boarde 28 Pipes of wine for yours and Brothers Acc^{tt} w^{ch} we intend

to make up 50 - according to your order, and the rather because
this ship will not carry above One hundred Pipes in the whole,
This goes v. ^a Lix. by a french Sata w.^{ch} came from Texeira
with wheate, leaves noe vessel in Porte but a Porteguite
ship w.^{ch} came likewise with wheate from said Island, but
with 100 Moj. dead freighted for want of licence to lade more
the Islands of ^st Michaels and ^st Maries having failed much
this year, we have some old Corne stil by us, w.^{ch} sets at 350.
p. Affa^{re}, the new will not goe for less then 400 reas, we have
the greatest quantity, in one and the other near 300 Moj.

The Gent that desired the Cabinets did not rightly inform
me he would have had both Japanned, am therefore importun
by him to bespeake another of y^e exact Dimentions of
this, w.^{ch} please to send p. first ship, with the legs for y^e
stands, and the stead of y^e red Glass, as also two pair
of stands and Glasses of the same Colour & dimentions
as the other th Capt. Toward not yet returned - we have
acquainted M^r. Hutchins and M^r. Hull how all y^e English
are Prisoners at large of a long time, and that now our
Judge hath given orders for apprehending us again, for
w^{ch} reason we all abscond that we may have the liberty
of writing, but expect to be clapped up at our first going
abroad, and only for not giving Bills of Exchange for the
Kings Money w.^{ch} they would oblige us to receive, and if you
doe not get us some Relief by complaining by Petition to
the King and Counsel, or to y^e Lords Commissioners of Trade
we must be always abused when we may have redress -
we have addressed our Envoy and Consul at Lisbon and stated
our case, but expect little from thence unless some order goes
from England - the weather is bad if we have any opportunity
shall write you more & remaine

Your most humble Servants
W^m Bolton & Son^{es}
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