

M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Seytham

Madaira 12<sup>th</sup> May 1696

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Sir This goes by a Portuguese Barke of whom we have writt you under the 19-27-30-ultimo and prom<sup>o</sup>. cur<sup>tt</sup>. meeting with strong Easterly Winds put back to Porto Sancto here is arriv'd a Ship off and from Dublin with Wheat & Beefe Butter candles and Herrings loads upwards of 100 Pipes hath a Merch<sup>t</sup>. aboard but but Cap<sup>m</sup>. Price we hope will saile this night having been fully laden several dayes we have noe late advice from England incloud you have Cap<sup>m</sup>. John Pries Bill for £26:19s on M<sup>r</sup>. William Blakeway a Saife maker which we presume will find cur<sup>tt</sup>. Payment that send you a second v<sup>o</sup>. Barbados because our conveyances are soe uncertaine - we are God be praid at the 14<sup>th</sup>. cur<sup>tt</sup>. yesterday Cap<sup>m</sup>. Price was in great Danger of losing his ship but Did not receive the least Damage his Ship Min'd Staying near the Shoare and having not roome to wane cleav of the Leew fell aboard a Ship riding there which held her until we gott out out a Wharpe and - secured him gott him out againe and sail'd last night she Escap'd next to a Miracle altho' very fair Weather they having stow'd all their cables and Anchors - &c

Ditto 22<sup>th</sup> May 1696

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Sir The 15<sup>th</sup>. cur<sup>tt</sup>. arriv'd the Maynard Cap<sup>m</sup>. John Hill for India in 23 Dayes from the Downes he sail'd thence the 10<sup>th</sup>. April in Comp<sup>y</sup>. of some Coasters left the flite imbarqd was engaged with a French Mann of 30 Guns 40 leagues off Usant broUGHT his Ship much shattered in her Peggings &c and the Men wounded he had in his Comp<sup>y</sup>. a ship for Guinea Cap<sup>m</sup>. Hall Comander who escaped likewise and Proceeded on his voyage and a Brigantine bound for India who parted from him in y<sup>e</sup>. Night and because not arriv'd may be either taken or returned for England this ship takes in 60 Pipes belongs to M<sup>r</sup>. Sam: Shepherd Maj<sup>r</sup>. Long and M<sup>r</sup>. Gil: Heathcote - we now send you a 4<sup>th</sup>. v<sup>o</sup>. of our Bills on Cap<sup>m</sup>. Jer: Johnson because we doe not find by any Letters in Cap<sup>m</sup>. Hill that what we writt<sup>t</sup>. the Flushing under y<sup>e</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. December were come to hand which we wonder at having advice of this arrival from M<sup>r</sup>. Mels Stevens his Owner to whom we now addresse under your covert -

we send you a second v<sup>o</sup>. of Cap<sup>m</sup>. Pries Bil on M<sup>r</sup>. William Blakeway for £26:19s - just now arriv'd the Betty sloop of Bristol in three weekes from Youghall with 50 Moj<sup>s</sup>. of Wheat some Herrings and Butter loads for Anfriga - we are God be praid at the 24<sup>th</sup>. ditto a Ship of this Place arriv'd from Pernambuco with 120 Chests Sugar noe other alteration - ditto 27<sup>th</sup>. we have unladen the sloop and have upwards of 50 Pipes aboard that Dispatch her to saile to Morrow with this conveyance in Comp<sup>y</sup>. of the Maynard our Letters from Bristol of the 16<sup>th</sup>. March mention y<sup>e</sup>. receipte of what went p<sup>r</sup>. the Flushing under 16<sup>th</sup>. December notwithstanding

we have forwarded the Bill on Cap<sup>m</sup> Johnson —  
wheat sells at 400 a 500 Leis p<sup>r</sup> Hlg<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup> retails as it is in Goodness our  
Harvest will be good and yett shall want at least one Chaldr of the year  
Expense of Bread Combe we have rurved for your Order some old wines  
which now are scarce and shall be glad to be freed from them but  
cannot expect it very Soddainly —  
all Sorts of Wollen Manufacture begin to be wanted pertuiclarly  
Black Bayes fine Black Verges Black Crapes Black Shallons Black ten  
hundred you may please to send these Species with a Proportion of  
other Goods the quantity we leave to your selfe and according to w<sup>t</sup>  
we find that you ~~and~~ M<sup>r</sup> Cooke sends with something that we  
promised to take from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hall we shall from time to time requi-  
-rate our selves I please to remember some hoops p<sup>r</sup> the first Ship —  
if any thing happen worth your Knowledge before the shutting  
up of our letters shall write you in Postscript and remaine  
we are at the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Your most humble Servant  
W<sup>m</sup> Bolton

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