Mr. Robert Heysham

Madeira 12th May 1696

Sir

this goes by a Portuguise Barke p. whome we have writt you under the 19-27-30-ultimo and prim. curr.tt meeting with strong Easterly Winds put back to Porto Sancto here is arrived a Ship off and from Dublin with Wheate Beefe Butter candles and Herrings loads upwards of 100 Pipes hath a Merch.t aborde but but Cap.m Prie we hope wil saile this night having been fully loaden several dayes we have noe late advice from England inclosed you have Cap.m John Prices Bill for £26:19s on Mr. William Blakeway a Saiff maker which we presume wil find curr.t Payment shal send you a second v.a Barbados because our conveyances are soe uncertaine -

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we are God be praised at the 14th curr.tt yesterday Cap.m Prie was in great Danger of lossing his ship but Did not receive the least Damage his Ship Missed staying near the Shoare and having not roome to Wave clear of the Lee fell aborde a Ship riding there which held her untel we gott out out a Wharpe and - secured him gott him out againe and sailed last night she Escaped next to a Miracle altho' very fair Weather they having stowed all their Cables and Anchors - &c

Sir

Ditto 22th May 1696

The 15th curr.tt arrived the Maynard Cap.m John Hill for India in 23 Dayes from the Downes he sailed thence the 10th April in Comp.a of some Coasters left the fleite imbarged was engaged with a French Mann of 30 Gunns 40 leagues off Ushant brought his Ship much shattered in her Rigging &c and five Men wounded he had in his Comp.a a ship for Guinea Cap.m Hall Comander who - escaped likewise and Proceeded on his voyage and a Brigantine bound for India who parted from him in y.e Night and Because not arrived may be either taken or returned for England this ship takes in 60 Pipes belongs to Mr. Sam: Shepherd Maj.r Long and Mr. Gil: Heathcote -

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we now send you a 4th v.a of our Bills on Cap.m Jer: Johnson because we doe not find by any Letters in Cap.m Hill that what we writt p.r the Flushinger under y.e 16th December were come to hand which we wonder at having advice of his arrival from Mr. Mels Stevens his Owner to whome we now addresse under your covert -

we send you a second v.a of Cap.m Prices Bil on Mr. William Blakeway for £26:19s -

just now arrived the Betty sloope of Bristol in three weeks from Youghall - with 50 Mo.s of Wheate some Herrings and Butter loads for Antigua -

we are God be praised at the 24th ditto a Ship of this Place arrived from - Pernambuca with 120 Chests Sugar noe other alteration -

ditto 27th we have unloaden the sloope and have upwards of 50 Pipes aborde shal Dispatch her to sayle to Morrow with this Conveyance in Comp.a of the Maynard our Letters from Bristol of the 16th March mention y.e receipte of What went p.r the Flushinger under 16 Xber notwithstanding