of the same species that wee may bee able to give complement to our contract unless you are content to doe as wee doe and in case you are not soe pleas'd wee cannot remedy it and you must not blame us wee could not prevent what wee did not foresee nor expect —

Wee note you had shipt for your owne acc.t four hundred quarters of wheate and two thousand of staves w.ch you order to bee sold for ready mony to goe in Parte of the wines to excuse Bills for Lisbon by w.ch wee suppose you further expect Impossibilities from us for you must note that wee never make in mony one quarter part but deliver out trusted to such Persons that take off our goodes & if wee did not wee must breake w.th them. The wheate & Capp.n Cullford last year remained selling above ten months and not a part made into mony the remainder delivered upon notes to recover as wee can —

In short wee sel noe goodes for reddy mony nor present payment wee trust from one yeer to another and besides give in Bills to the Shopkeepers that take off these goodes in proportion to their value and this wee doe in october or November to pay us to geather in Feby or March not in mony but wines therefore this is done w.th our owne stock because wee are never indebted to our Principals but ship their Effects by y.e same ship — Wee desire nothing that you say I will make mony because it will not doe it May perhaps it entails us w.th more debts in the Country w.ch otherwise would bee excused and the Debts owing to us would bee Less — wee would only aske you whether there is any such trade driven as this wee've you have twenty p.r Cent certain without the Hazzard of Lost debts. Or delay in payments wee know of none or whether any factors act upon such foundation for the service of their Merchants and yet at once to say it must bee 40 p.r Cent and that this must shall oblige us — Sir, wee'l act like reasonable men & give every man his due Land if any have cause to complaine w.th Just Cause wee will acknowledge it — and therefore it will bee but equall Justice to allow us the same Liberty altho wee are under Covert — wee shall say no more untill wee see the Invoices of the Goods & then wee shall doe and ourselves that equall Justice to the best of our knowledge not to spare the truth of our case in all particulars and remaine —

Mr. Robert Heysham

Madeira 22th June 1703 @

Wee confirme the aforegoing Coppy of our last, Since which arrived the Employ Capp.n Richards comander with yours of 18 March, and 15 April p.r Capp.n Turpin, wee have received the Sundry Goods according to Bill of Lading, and have now almost completed the Lading of the Sloop pursuant to your order — & shee will saile in five days —

Wee note your approbation of the Wines laden & the Seahorse, and hope they may meete a good Market, because they were wanted in that Island, your Brother Mr. William Heysham sent up the Mary gold Sloope wherein hee was halfe concerned with Some others she dispatched hee three dayes past, shee came from Barbados the 27 March & then wines sold for 29 a 30 p.r Pipe, wee wish good Success — hee writes us that hee designs for England in the Fleete that may be going in this Month, but wee presume when these Ships of the last arrive at Barbados, they will not come away soe Soone —

Mr. Morgan in y.e Lydia and a Brigantine called the Fryal Capp.n Legit Comander parted from the Fleete & were taken together by a Man of Warr & a Briboteer from Rochel bound to St.o Domingo, they tooke out of the Lydia all the Goods & Beer & her, and the Brigantine was ransomed by the Merchants aboarde for two — — — Capp.n Davison Separated from the Fleet, but had better Success, meeting with a french Ship with 14 Guns & 8 Pedereros & 40 Men, whom hee attacked two hoares ing.t & treason renewed it again in the Morning boarded & tooke the Frenchman, who had Ten men more then himself, hath brought the Ewre into this Leate, laden with Wines from Theneriffe bound to Lisbon, w.ch being incapable to send for England and for Want of Men, is now taking out the Wines aboarde his owne Ship, in order to carry them to England — it was a fine action done without Stratagem, but by dint of Resolution and Conduct, because he laid the Frenchman aboarde & entred his Men, w.ch is more then usual when the force he had was inferior —

wee have sent you.a

✓	Capp.n Hen: Mundays first Bill on Mr. Robert Ellison	£62:10:—
✓	Capp.n Hen: Mundays first Bil on Mr. Robert Ellison	£24:01:03
✓	Mr. Abraham Mendez jun.r first Bil on Mr. Menahah Mendez	£.86:11:08
✓	Capp.n W.m Boswel first Bil on Mr. Micajah Perry & Comp.a	£.20:10:11
✓	Admiral Greydons first Bil on Mr. Robert Travers	£.100:09:04
✓	Capp.n Thomas Days ferst Bil on Mr. Thomas Reynolds	£.90:06:03
✓	Capp.n Nicholas Edeens Bil on Mr. Thomas Edeens of Plimouth	£.82:19:04
✓	Capp.n Thomas Lemons first Bil on his wife's	£.31:05:—
✓	Capp.n Thomas Bulcocks first Bil on Mr. Robert Heysham	£.80:—:—
✓	Capp.n W.m Hanxsons first Bil on Mr. Robert Heysham	£.25:10:—
✓	Mr. Mansford Howes ferst Bil on Mr. Robert Chester	£.36:05:—
✓	Mr. John Waltons first Bil on Mr. Christopher Fowler	£.17:10:—
✓	Capp.n Roffeys Bil on Capp.n John Hyde first Bil	£.57:12:06
✓	Capp.n Roffeys Bil on his wife ferst Bil	£100:—:—
✓	Mr. William Dotins first Bil on Mr. Abel Holzer	£151:—:—
✓	Our first Bil on Mess.rs Rowland & William Tryon	£.30:07:02
✓	Our first Bil on Mr. Edward Lascelles	£153:00:05
✓	Our first Bil on Mr. George Lapthorne of Plimouth	£.61:15:—
		£.51:—:—
		£1176:02:02

Wee are god be praised at 23.th ditto. The Employ will be fully laden this day w.ch is Saterday and will infallibly Saile on Monday, wee have not Time to be more particular w.ch wee shall be by Capp.n Davison who may saile in Ten Days —

Wee intended to write you on the Subject of the 40 p.r Cent on Goods, wee confirme what have written in the Coppy, and shall only add that wee much admire that Mr. Heysham should leape from 20 to 40 p.r Cent, only because the Insurance is now 4 Gulneas p.r Cent, when as it was 2½ p.r Cent before the Warr, wee argue nothing against the extravagant freight because others pay you the same, if you will, it a Law, wee cannot withstand it, and when wee can have noe redress, wee must have patience but you must remember that 40 p.r Cent was when the Exchange was 7 p.r Mil Reis The goods you sent are still in y.e Custom House, & wee expect your answare with due Respects remain

Sir, your most humble Serv.ts

W.m Bolton & Co.