Mr Robert Heysham

Madeira 22 June 1703

We confirme the aforegoing Coppy of our last since w:ch arived the Employ Capt Richards Comander w:th your's of 13th March & 15 April & Capt Furpin wee have received the sundry goods according to Bil of Ladeing and have now almost completed the Ladeing of the Pink pursuant to your order — she wil saile in few dayes —
Wee note your approbation of the wines Laden p the Seahorse and hope they may meet a good Markett because they were wanted in that Island your Brother Mr William Heysham sent up the Marygold Sloope wherein hee was ttalfe concerned w:th some others who wee dispatched three dayes past shee came from thence the 27 March & then wines sold for £29 a 30 p pipe wee wish good Success — hee writes that hee designs for England in the Fleete that may bee going in this month but wee presume when these ships of the last advice att Barbados they wil not come away soe soon —
Mr Morgan in the Lydia & A Brigantine call'd the Tryal Capt Mr Digott Comander parted from the Fleete and were taken together by a Man of warr & Privateer from Rochel bound to S:to Domingo they took out of the Lydia all the goods & burnt her and the Brigantine was ransom'd by the Merchant abord for £100 —
Capt Mr Davidson seperated from the Fleete but had better success meeting w:th a french ship w:th 14 Guns & 8 Pederoros & 40 men whom hee attacked two hours in the Afterhoon renew'd it againe in the morning boarded and took the French man who had ten men more then himself hath brought the prize into this porte Laden w:th wines from Jhenevife bound to Lisbon w:ch being incapable to send for England and for want of men is now taking out the wines abord his own ship in order to carry them to England — it was a fine action done without stratagem but by Dint of Resolution and conduct because hee laid the french man abord & entred his men w:ch is more then usual when the force hee had was Inferiour —

Wee have sent you Capt Mr Hen: Mundays first Bil on Mr Robert Elliott " - " £62:10:00
Capt Hen: Mundays first Bil on Mr Robert Elliott " - " £24:01:03 " £86:11:03
Mr Abraham Mendez Jun: first Bil on Mr Menesah Mendez " . . . " . . £ . 20:10:11
Capt Mr Wm Boswel first Bil on Mr Micajah Perry & Comp " . " . . " . £ . 100:09:04
Admiral Greydon's first Bil on Mr Robert Travers " . . " . " . . " . £ . 90:06:03
Capt Mr Thomas Dayes first Bil on Mr Thomas Renolds " . " . " . " . £ . 82:19:04
Capt Mr Nicholas Perdeus Bil on Mr Thomas Edgcomb of Plim: " . . " . £ . 31:05:00
Capt Mr Thomas Lemon's first Bil on his wife " . . . " . " . " . " . £ . 80:00:00
Capt Mr Thomas Bulcock's first Bil on Mr Robert Heysham " . " . " . . " . £ . 25:10:00
Capt Mr William Harrison's first Bil on Mr Robert Heysham " . " . " . " . £ . 36:05:00
Mr Manifford How's first Bil on Mr Robert Chester " . " . " . " . " . £ . 17:10:00
Mr John Walters first Bil on Mr Christopher Fowler " . " . " . " . " . £ . 57:12:06
Capt Mr Roffey's Bil on Capt Mr John Hyde first Bil " . " . " . " . " . £ . 100:00:00
Capt Roffey's Bil on his wife first Bil " . " . " . " . " . " . " . £ . 151:00:00
Mr William Dowen's first Bil on Mr Mel Holder " . " . " . " . " . " . £ . 30:07:02
Our first Bil on Messrs Rowland & Wm Fryon " . " . " . " . " . " . £ . 153:00:05
Our first Bil on Mr Edward Lascelles " . " . " . " . " . " . " . £ . 61:15:00
Our first Bil on Mr George Lapthorne of Plymouth " . " . " . " . £ . 51:00:00
£1176:02:02

Wee are God bee prawed att 23d ditto The Employ wil beefully Laden this day w.ch is satturday and wil infallibly saile on munday wee have not time to bee more particular w.ch wee shall bee by Capt.n Davidson who may saile in ten dayes —

Wee intended to write you on the subject of the 40 ℘ Cent on goods wee conforme what wee have writen the Copy and shall only add that wee much admire that Mr. Heysham should Rape from 20 to 40 ℘ Cent only because the Insurance is 4 Guinneas ℘ Cent when as it was 2 ½ ℘ Cent before the warr wee argue nothing against the Extravagant freight because others pay you same if your wil is a Law wee cannot withstand it and wee can have noe redress wee must have patience but you must remember that 40 ℘ Cent was when the Exchange was 7 ℘ Milled —

The goodes you sent are still in the Custome House & wee expect your anware w.th due Respects remaine

Madeira 9th July 1703 @

The aforegoing is Copy of what wee wrote ℘. the Betty Sloope v.a Bristol. This goes ℘ Capt.n Davison in the Eagle bound to London with his Raize wines wee shall habe little to add in reference to Trade having written you what may be necessary touching the advance of 40 ℘ Cent upon the Goods sent ℘. the Employ, you have put us to a full Stand in our Business & it is very probable that you in Time wil be sensible of it, for can you think that wee suppose it to be a jocular experiment to make new charges, in expectation that May be it may take Effect, wee have noted to you that wee sold the Goods before wee sent for them, upon the Same Conditions as formealy, & if you will forcibly put them upon us at your new advance, it wil not looke wel for some Reasons, wee believe you cannot say that wee have consulted of acted for our owne Interest, in prejudice of yours, and wee therefore admire the more that without first giveing us notice, to find such an advance, when you had noe more reason for it then wee our Selves, & now wee cannot but take further Notice that when wee desired you to send us on our owne Acc.t several Goods to be marked B B, that you should send them in Halves as you did the others, it looke as if wee had noe Credit with you for more then the Halfe, you might have sent us, what wee ordered on our particular apart, but insted of soe doeing, you send us all in Halves with 40 ℘ Cent advance, and wee take notice that when wee order any Small matters for our owne use, you send it us with the advance for the one Half of the value, w.ch is not worth our minding, wee it not that it seemes strange, and therefore wee looke the more upon it —

Inclosed wee send you Second vis of the Bills mentiond in the Copy amounting to £1176:02:02 when recewed please to carry to our Credit —

The Bilbao Merchant Capt.n William Everton Comander Sailed Two dayes ago for B B. with near 200 pp. leaving in Soate a ketch & a Sloope bound to New England —

Our new vintage wil be much larger then the former, the Weather hath been Seasonable & soe continues to this Time —

Wee are at 16.th Ditto, here is now arrived the Catherine of Boston Capt.n Thomas Gwyn Comander with Lipe staves fish & Frame Cycle, wil take in Some Wines for Antigua —

you have see amused us with your 40 ℘. Cent that wee know not what to say more nor how to act, therefore as wee have agreed for some Goods to be sent for some of our Shopkeepers, to allow us as formealy, when there was noe Insurance charged to them, because wee tooke the Rigoe upon our Selves, see that now they add to allow us what more wee pay for Insurance then wee did in Peaceable Times & nothing else, w.ch is the true Reason & state of the Case, for where is the Difference between soe much ℘. Cent if it be peace, without insurance, and the same soe much ℘. Cent w.th Insurance in Warr, that is to say if there was 2 ℘. Cent formerly w.ch wee did not charge because wee were to run the adventure, and now it is 5 ℘. Cent, what is more then 3 ℘. Cent wee charge in the Invoice, you1 say that in Case of a loss, there is abated 10 ℘. Cent, this makes little difference, & therefore thus wee have agreed, and desire you to lade for our Acc.t the undermentioned Goods charging them to the Acc.t of W B viz.t. 20 half ℘. long Bocking, w hereof 4 Red, 10 Blew, 2 greene, 2 yellow, & 2 Cinamon

P
50 ℘. long Ells — 40 Blew 7 greene & 3 yellow
10 ℘. black flowerd Callimancos
30 ℘. flowerd coloured Callimancos, of the most lively gaudy Colours
40 ℘. of black Says viz.t 20 of the finest sort that is, & 20 of the Second Sort
10 ℘. of black Shalloons
10 ℘. of Bennistones, viz.t 6 Blew & 4 Red
10 ℘. Kersies viz.t 6 Blew & 4 Red
10 ℘. Cloth Seages lively colours
10 ℘. black Cloth Crape
200 pare of Mens Hose, viz.t 100 pare Black, & 100 pare coloured, Sorted as these that came this year
10 ℘. Nuns Seages with the least Eye of white, that can be made, there must be bespoke at Exeter, the Sorte is almost black, let them be fine —
50 ℘. of Scotch Cloth
6 doz of plates of the finest Pewter that is made
1 doz of Dishes of the Same Pewter 2 Spans & ½ over
½ doz of Dishes of the Same Pewter 3 Spans over —
and to make up with these the quantity of 3 C.t weight in comon Pewter plates and dishes, in the whole, according to those Proportions —
1 doz of Ivory knives & ½ doz of Forkes, for the Pocket, viz.t 2 knives & one fork in each Sheath —

Please to let the Pewter be bought of them that make the finest & not of those that pretend to make as good as one another, there are some particular Pewterers for that Sorte for Sometimes here comes particular Things not designed for Sale, & in Case wee send for Things that doe not answare the Goodness of what they have seene, they are rejected — please to send more

B
4 half ℘ long Bocking Bags blew
2 ditto hair coloured, but not darke
1 ditto Scarlet in grain
16 ℘. Long Ells 8 Blew, 4 red, 2 Black, & 2 hair Colour
8 ℘. fine black Says
6 ℘. Kersies 3 red & 3 Blew
4 ℘. Penistons 2 red & 2 Blew
2 ℘. Cottons Welch 1 Red 1 Blew let them be good
6 ℘. Black Shalloons
2 ℘. blew ditto fine
8 ℘. black flowerd Callimancos
4 ℘ coloured flowerd Callimancos — lively colours

continued

4 p.ces Cloth Serges light Colours
8 doz of Hose 5 Black & 3 coloured
2 p.ces black cloth Crape
4 doz of Hatts sorted as usual
2 p.ces bow died Ten hundreds

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MF 2 Cloth Cloakes blew 1½ yard 2 Inches long
5 p.ces light coloured fashionable Stuff
20 Gross of Buttons for the Stuff
2 lb Silk of the same colours —
5 p.ces coloured Callmances, 2 the ground blew, 2 the ground red, & 1 the ground Cinamon flowerd with different Colours —
5 p.ces Cloth Serges 2 Cinamon, 3 lively colours
2 p.ces Bow died Ten hundreds
3 doz Pewter Plates
6 pewter Dishes 2½ Spans over the least
These to be packed in one Trunke

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MF 100 Gross of black Coate Buttons the newest fashion
100 Gross ditto for vests —
4 pieces of bow dyd Ten hundreds
10 p.ces of Cloth Serges light colours
3 p.ces of Ratines ditto
10 lb of Silke crimson colour, ½ Stiching ½ Sowing
20 lb of black ditto ½ Stiching ½ Sowing
10 p.ces black flowerd Callimances —
10 p.ces coloured Callimances light colours flowerd
6 p.ces coloured Bocking Bays 3 blew, 1 Red, 1 Cinamon Colour, & 1 greene
10 p.ces Shalloones, 7 Black & 3 Cinamon Colour
5 p.ces Pennistones, 4 Blew & 1 Red —

Let all the Goods be well dyed and sent of the same Sorts & Colours as desired —— and every thing else the best of the Kind —

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If Capt.n Davison makes noe quicker dispatch then the getting these Goods ready will admitt the Ladeing, it will be a good Occation to ship them upon him, its very probable hee will be able to obtaine Licence to come away, because of his Goods w.ch hee put ashore here, in order to carry home the Price Wines, —

Wee are at the 18.th Ditto, and have only to add that wee desire you will please to order us in y.e Hands of M.r Stepney some Mony whereon to value our Selves for your acc.t — about 6000 Ores — Wee know not what occation wee shall have more besides the Credits wee have from others, but as W B is clearing all acc.ts he must pay what hee owes — altho hee remains with soe many Debts owing to him, therfore please to remit us (as the Exchange wee believe to bee at the Lowest) 1500 Ores to M.r Brooke & Gulston & 1500 Ores to Mess.rs Clarke & Sterte, for if wee have noe Occation to value our Selves upon it, wee can order it to be remitted back to England in the Winter Months when the Exchange will be at the Highest ——

And now as touching the Goods wee have ordered to be laden, if you please to ship them in Staves, according as wee have Mention'd on the other Side, you may doe as you think Convenient, but if not, please to ship them for our Acc.t, & charge them to acc.t of W.B, w.ch shall be allowd you accordingly — W Bolton & Co.ny

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