Mr. Robert Heysham — Madeira 14th Novemb 1698 —

The 10th curt arrived our William Bolton, God be praised — we have addressed under the 4th September 6th and 28th October, when we remitted you a small Bill on Mr. Samuel Proctor, and £90:02:02 on S. Bartholomeo Gracedieu, we could not excuse drawing on you £200 — in favour of Capt. Edwards Say for mony left with us, his extraordinary importunity prevailed with us to doe it altho very much inconsistent with our Method of Business, as wel 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 ye Red Glass, nor the Key of the Inlaid Scriptore, the Key of the Japan was fastened to the Ring of the Lock but we cannot find the other — these are omissions that he ought to know, and the Things being for the Governour, gives us the greater Concerne, we are wanting of the ℔. of Cambrick wch we find charged in ye Invoice of the small Goods, please to inquire into it —

we are at the 17th curt and now remit you in our owne Bills 1000 Crs — on Mr. Charles Middleton at thirty days Sight as ye Exchange will come from Lisbon in this present Month of November, wch Sum is in part of Payment for 100 Pipes of Wine laden on borde the Mahittabel Capt. Mipke Comander, it may be presumed will meete with curt payment because whereas we might draw by vertue of Agreemt betweene W B and said Mr. Middleton for one half of ye Cost of said Wines and Charges, we have for ye Accomodation of the Concerned valued our Selves for much less — and to take the rest of our payment in Iron & Iron Hoopes — wch will lye upon our hands for a dilatary Sale — when we gave this Incouragment it was before had Notice of the small ventage, and yet that there may be noe demur in our Bils we have done as mentioned —

We are now God be praised at ye 19th curt. Three days Since Capt. Howard put out of the Road the wind blowing fresh, he hath on Borde 28 Pipes of Wine for yours and Brothers Acct wch we intend