Mr Robert Heysham Madeira 4th July 1703

The aforegoing is Coppy of what I wrote you p the Betty Sloope via Bristol this goes p Capt Davison in the Eagle bound to Londonw his prize wines wee shall have little to add in Reference to trade having written you what may bee necessary touching the Advance of 40 p Cent upon the goods sent p the Employ you have put us to full stand in our Business & it is very probable that you in time wil be sensible of it for cany think that wee suppose it to bee a jocular experiment to make new charges in Expectation that may bee it may take Effect wee have noted to you that wee sold the goods before wee sent for them upon the same conditions as formerly and if you wil forcibly put them upon us att your new Advance it wil not look wel for some reasons wee believe you cannot say that wee have consulted or 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 Adv.a when you had noe more reason for it then wee ourselves & now wee cannot but take further Notice that when wee desired you to send us on our own acct. several goods to bee marked FB that you should send them in Halves as you did the others it lookes as if wee had noe credit w.th you for more then the Halfe you might have sent us what wee ordered on our Particular apart but insted of soe doing you send us all in Halves w.th 40 p Cent Adv.a and wee take Notice that when wee order any small matters for our owne use you send it us w.th the Advance for one Halfe of the value w.ch is not worth our minding were it not that it seemes strange & therefore wee look the more upon it —

Inclosed wee send you second vias of the Bills mentiond in the Coppy amounting to £ 1176:02:02: when received please to carry to our Credit —

The Bilboa Merch.t Capt.n Wm. Everson Comander sailed two dayes agoe for BB: w.th near 200 pp leaveing in Porte a Ketch & Loope 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 att 16 ditto here is now arived the Catherine of Boston Capt.n Thomas Gwyn Comander w.th Pipestaves Fish & Traine Oyle wil take in some wines for Antigua —

you have soe amused us w.th your 40 p Cent that wee know not what to say more nor how to act therefore as wee have agreed for some goodes to bee sent for some of our shopkeepers to allow us as formerly when there was noe Insurance charged to them because wee tooke the Risque upon ourselves soe that now they are 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 betweene soe much p Cent if it be peace without Insurance and the same soe much p Cent with Insurance in Warr that is to say if there was 2 p Cent formerly w.ch wee did not charge because wee were to run the Adventure & now it is 5 p Cent w.ch is more then 2 p Cent wee charge in the Invoice you wil say that in case of a loss there is abated ten p Cent this makes little Difference and therefore thus wee have agreed & desire you to lade for our acct. the Undermentiond goods charging them to the acct. of WB — viz.

F

20 Halfe p. Longe Bocking whereof 4 red 10 blew 2 green 2 yellow & 2 Cinamond
50 p. Longe Ells 40 blew 7 greene & 3 yellow
10 p. Black flowered Calimancos
30 p. flowered Coloured Calimancos of the most lively Gaudy colours
40 p. Black Sayes, viz: 20 of the finest sort that is & 20 of the second sort
10 p. of Black Shalloones
10 p. of Pennistones viz: 6 blew & 4 red
10 p. Kersies viz: 6 blew & 4 red
10 p. Cloth Serjes lively colours
10 p. black Cloth Crape
200 pare of mens hose viz: 100 pare black & 100 pare coloured sorted as these that came this year
10 p. Nunes serges w.th the least eye of white that can bee made these must bee bespoke att Exeter the sorte is almost black let them bee fine
50 p. of Scotch Cloth
6 Doz: of Plates of the finest pewter that is made
1 Doz: of Dishes of the same pewter 2 spans & 2 over
½ Doz: of Dishes of the same pewter 3 spans over
and to make up w.th these the quantity of 3 C weight in Comon Pewt.r plates & Dishes in the whole according to these proportions
1 Doz: of Ivory Hafted Knives & ½ Doz of Forks for the Pocket, viz: two knives & one Forke in each sheath

Please to let the pewter bee 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 sort for sometimes here come particular things not designed for sale and in case wee send for things that doe not answare the goodness of what they have seen they are rejected — please to send more

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4 Halfe p. Long Bocking Baiyes blew
2 ditto Hair coloured but not darke
1 ditto scarlett in graine
10 p. Longe Ells 8 blew 4 red 2 black & 2 hair colour
8 p. fine black Sayes
6 p. Kersies 3 red & 3 Blew
4 p. Pennistones 2 red & 2 blew
2 p. Cottons welch 1 red 1 blew let them be good
6 p. black shalloones
2 p. blew ditto fine
8 p. black flowered Calimancos
4 p. coloured flowered Calimancos — Lively Colours
4 p. Cloth Serjes light colours
8 Doz: of Hose 5 black & 3 coloured
2 p. black Cloth Crape
4 Doz: of Hatts sorted as usual
2 p. bow died ten hundred

MF

2 cloth cloaks blew 1½ yard 2 Inches Longe
5 p. light coloured fashionable Stuff
20 Grose of Buttons for the stuff
2 ℔ silk for the same colours
2 p. bow died ten hundreds
3 Doz: pewter plates
6 Pewter dishes 2 ½ spans over the least
There to bee packed in one Trunk

MF

100 Grose of Black Coat Buttons the Newest fashion
100 Grose ditto for vests
4 p. of Bow died ten hundreds
10 p. of Cloth serges light colours
3 p. of Ratine ditto
10 ℔ of Silk crimson colour ½ sticking ½ sowing
20 ℔ of Black ditto ½ sticking ½ sowing
10 p. Black flowerd Calimancos
10 p. Coloured Calimancos light colours flowerd
6 p. Coloured Bocking Bayes 3 blew 1 red 1 Cinamond Colour & 1 green
10 p. Shalloones 7 black & 3 cinamond coloured
5 p. Pennistone 4 blew & 1 red

If Capt.n Davison makes noe quicker dispatch then the getting these goods redy wil Admitt the Ladeing it wil bee a good occasion to ship them upon him its very probable hee wil bee able to obtaine Lycence to come away because of his goods w.ch hee put ashore here in order to carry home the prize w.th

Wee are att the 18.th ditto and have only to Add that wee desire you would please to order us in the hands of Mr Stepney some money w.herr on to value ourselves for your acc.t about 6000 C reis wee know not occasion wes hall have more besides the Credits wee have from others but as W B is — the clearing all acc.ts hee must pay what hee owes altho he remaines w.th soe many debts owing to him therefore please to remitt us as the exchange wee believe to bee att the lowest 1500 C reis to Mess.rs Brooke & Gulston & 1500 C reis to Mess.rs Clarke & Sterte for if wee have not occasion to value ourselves upon it wee can order it to bee remitted back to England in the winter months when the Exchange wil bee att the Highest

And now as touching the goods wee have ordered to be laden if you please to ship them in Halves according as wee have mentioned 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 bee allowd you accordingly

Sr

Wee continue our Letter p this conveyance under our last Date of 18.th July and now send you Invoice of the wines p the employ Pink Capt. Charles Richards Comander importing 4630 C 77 ℔ reis — if any thing further Offers wee shall write you whilst this conveyance stay & Remaine

Send us more 6 Doz: finest pewter plates
6 Dishes 2 ½ spans ditto mettle
6 Dishes 3 spans ditto mettle

FB

wee have sent a Bell that is defective w.ch Capt.n Davison wil deliver you please to send one of the same Bigness, not less, that Sounds Well

M. Robert Heysham

Madeira 13.th August 1703 @

Wee confirme the aforegoing Copy of our Address p Capt.n Davison, three dayes since came to hand the Copy of yours of 26 May & original of 29 ditto

By the Mary Galley Capt Hunkin Comander with Bill of Ladeing for a Barrel of Tin Plates and a Box with 2 Cloakes & a Perivig, & Invoice of the Same importing with your 40 p. Cent £25:10:03d, wee much admire at such usage, that when wee write for a small Matter for our owne use, or for a friend to pleasure him, that wee cannot have it come upon our owne acct, The Plates are for the Bungs of the Pipes wee ship off, and the Cloakes are for two Particular Persons, that wee cannot have the face to charge them any Advance, —

Wee once more desire you not to send us any Goods, but upon our owne Acct unless you are contented with what wee have proposed, if you are not, please to send them upon our acct wholy, because wee have agreed to deliver them upon the same Termes as formerly, only that they allow us the Difference of the Insurance betweene Peace & Warr — and make insurance for us as you would for your Selfe —

you write us that wee have had severall E India ships with us, its probable they might designe to touch here, but here came none but Two Men of Warr, the Burlington & New Castle —

The 27th ultimo came to anchor at Porto Sancto 27 Sail of French Men, where of about Six were greate Ships, the rest of different Bigness, wee could not learn whether they were bound, nor how many were Men of Warr, wee understand they came from Rochefort or Rochel, they staid about 24 Houres & saild to the Southward, it is supposed by some discourse, that Happened, that they were designed to intercept our India Ships at the Cape Deverde Islands, but wee wish they have not some other Intent to goe as far as St Helena — they know our Strength there, & can fight us with more advantage, then they can to the Northward, they know wee brought home a greate many India ships last year with 6 Men of Warr and they can as easily know how many are now sent out, on the Same designe,

W B intends for England the first good Conveyance, & is not willing to embroyle his concerns in this place more then they are, for wch reason he requests you as wee have written for the Goods on the other Side that wee may have noe dispute about them, and rather then there should be any, please to desist from sending us any Goods, and if this reacheth your hands before you have bought them, wee positively & absolutely forbid the buying any Cant or parcel of them, more or less, rather then to have soe much writeing about such Concerns that need not give us any the least Trouble, & wee therefore think you will doe us the greater kindness not to buy or ship us any Goods either joyntly or Severally & wee promise you that when wee can serve you more to advantage wee shall readily doe it & remaine

Yr most humb Servts

R Dolton & Comp

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