

M^r Robert Heysham

Mad^{ra} 26 Aug: 1703

The above copy of our last via Lisbon here is since arrived
a Schoone from the Isles of which freighted by M^r Ezekiel Hall to
returne but the small ship he had freighted before doth not appeare
in yours of 26th May whereof wee have Copy that you could wish
wee had sent 150 pipes for England as you Advised the 11th June last
year - and wee wish the same but here was not ship that Offer'd
if there had when sometimes wee have had noe conveyance for Adv:
in order to make Insurance the Hazard would be too much in
this warr time

Copies

Here was lately the Richardson Gally Capt Tippetts from S^t Cruz in
Barbary with wax & w^o whom we negotiated being recomended
to us by Mess^{rs} Coleman & Palmer by w^o means wee have disposed of
most of our English mony hee is gone to Cruise about the Canary
Islands for some few daies and thence returnes to S^t Cruz to take in
his loading he hath engaged to touch at this Island in his way to
England on whom (God willing) we designe to embarke please to get
insured upon him for our acct^t £1500: - You wil be informed
of the goodness of the ship & force she carries the Comander told us
that M^r Richardson got it done last voyage att 6th p^{er} cent wee know
you can have it as cheap as another wee expect him back in six weeks
or thereabouts -

Wee are God be praised att 4th Septemb^r this conveyance being not yet dispatched
if any thing offers before the Departure shall continue our Advice our
vintage is begun and promiseth wee booke for goodness & quantity
more then the last year -

Here is little Business and small expence both of goods & Corne for
want of mony whatever wee sel is trusted out for next years paymen^t

The small ship that M^r Hall had freighted not coming & the Richards
Gally as the Comander told us she could have some freight to spare
wee have engaged to fill him up and as wee have bought up wines
& Malvasias for M^r Halls acct^t wee intend to load on him and least
by any misfortune wee might be prejudiced wee desire you to know
of him whether hee wil accept it accordingly if hee doth it is well if not
it must goe on our Adventure wee have written him to this Effect
and that hee gives his Resolution to you - &c

Mad^{ra} 12 September 1703

Wee confirme the aforesaid Copy of our last, since w^{ch} wee have little
alteration, a Small Schoone from Carolina with Rice, Beards & Leather
goes for Terceira, and the Brigantine Bristol Capt^t Thomas Jennour
Comander from Newyork with 40 Mill Pipestaves & some Frame Cyle
returnes to Bermuda -

Wee hope the Bills we sent you via Bristol & Cap^m Davison got well
home, herewith goes Governour Nicolson first Bill for £364 on Mess^{rs}
Micajah Perry & Comp^y, endorsed to us by M^r Stephen De Laney of
Newyorko -

This day arrived a small Portuguese ship from St Michaels & a french Pirke from
Gratiosa both with wheat, w^{ch} hath small Expence for want of Money in the
Island -

Wee are now God be praised at 17th curra, little alteration, only that wee have had some
Raines these dayes past, and stil continues showery weather -

In the former of 26th past wee ordered the Insuranc^e of £1500 - w^{ch} wee confirme
and think convenient that you get more insured £300 - w^{ch} makes in the
whole £1800 - but it will be adviseable that you informe the Insurers that
in Case the Ship should ^{not} happen to touch head, or that our Effects cannot
be loaden, that wee only pay the underwriting Money as is accustomed,

Wee are at 19th ditto, the weather is now seemingly settled, and if it continues fourteen
dayes the vintage will be most of it got in, the Rains have done little or noe
damage -

Please to be mindful of remitting 1500 re^{is} to Mess^{rs} Brooke & Gulston
and 1500 re^{is} to Mess^{rs} Clarke & Comp^y as wee desired, and speake to M^r
Brooke to write M^r Gulston that in case wee overdraw what wee may
have in their hands, to accept our Bills - wee know not that wee shall
want, but would have all Things secure, & wee doe not question, but that
our owne Credit with M^r Gulston is sufficient, however wee cannot be too
cautious to prevent accidents -

Wee are at 24th ditto, This Sloop notwithstanding dispatched by us severall Dayes
stil remanes in Porte the Comander pretends something to doe aboard
in order to put his vessel into a sailing Posture, presume wil goe this night.
Here is arrived a Brigantine from Newyorko with Pipestaves Frame & y^e
Rice &c, a Ketch from Burton, & a Sloop in sight w^{ch} wee presume is
likewise from Newyorko - Wee have now had some Raine, but the vintage
is almost made being what offers from

upon Consideration of my adventure
I find I shall have at least £2000 -
therefore please to get soe much
insured in y^e whole

W^m most humble Serv^{ts}
W^m Boston Comp^y

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will accept
yours
Richardson

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