

Mr Robert Aysham

Madras 20 July 1704

We confirm the above to be Copy of our last to which refer
you since which little alteration only a few small Craft from New York & with staying
we heated a Cortugere from Mr Michaels wth Wheate of Guise of some is abated of late
doe see no probability of its advancing till towards the latter End of the year the wea-
ther is so very hott & of Grapes so parched up that the Vintage will be above $\frac{1}{2}$ as fallen then the last
year we now send you Includ the second Bill of a Spinning & Invoice of the wines laden on the
small Ship mentioned in Copy which we hope will prove to Content w^{ch} in the
foregoinge desired the favour of you to gett us 200^l insured for us on this Vessel which you
are to Charge to Mr Bolton Sweetthought that this Ship would have sailed w^{ch} so nee for the
other that there would not have been time for Mr Bolton if in the Country to have given
order about it but y^e Captⁿ has been sick ever since which has detained the Ship till now
longer then was Expected, we have shipped some of Brandy which were making
when Mr Bolton went off by an Englishman supposed to arrive wth goodnes of French they
are for a try all we consignd them to Mr Bolton by reason we know the nature of
them we have in Bath an English Ketch & Shop from Boston by Vessel that makes y^e
conveyance we have nothing farther material or worth your notice to be kept y^e
hand & Remaine

for

We are now at the 28th August 1704

Confirming the few lines that stands above to be Copy of
our last, this we designe you of a ship M^r Hall freighted to fetch
some white wines & malvazeas, by her was not favoured wth any
from you, M^r Bolton wrote us a few lines from the Bath &
gave us order to five pipes of wine & five of malvazeas for
acc^t of your good wife & him in halves which have done as
appeares by the bill of Loading & Invoice sent him, the $\frac{1}{2}$
of whose amount carry to your debt being 199^l 5 12 Re^s
& Credit you wth 1206^l 2 2 Re^s the proceed of the wheate
& Pulliford as of acc^t Sailes inclosed, the vintage is begun
in some parts of the Island, 'twill be very small the dry
weather having wrought up the grapes, malvazeas yet few er
the harvest was good and gather'd in wth good weather, come
is in not demand at present, having had severall small Craft
from Pennsylvania, New York & these Colony's, which has
brought upwards of 450 m^os suppose 'twill not advance
till the latter end of the year, when these people has sent wth
write

they have by, but what ruins all is the scarcity of money,
The Chamber has rais'd the Royalls five years a piece to see whether
that will keep those few we have in the Country, but now
that's to late, the time for drawing our bills begins to
draw neigh, we desire the favour to give Mr. Steyney the
necessary orders to accept our bills for 2000 £. when appears
the other day Capt. Reed in a small ship bound for Guinea
came off our road, he was taken & re-dean'd his ship, we
are sorry for the misfortune that be fell theret of his Com^d.
by the cowardly action of the Com^d of the Convoys
he meet in his passage hither wth 4 Dutch men of war
coming from Gibraltar, w^{ch} place they told him our
fleet had taken the beginning of this month, twill be
of great advantage to the Conservation of the
straights trade, since our last has bin dispatched two
small Bermudias sloops for Barbadoes wth about 80 w^{ch}.
winn, nor vessel remains in port nor have we any
more to add but remaine wth due respects

Y^r most Humble Serv^t.
Bolton, Dorell, & Morgan

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