

M^r Robert Heysham

We are now at the 28 August 1704 confirming the few lines that stand above to be Copy of our last this we design you by a ship bound home which M^r Hall freighted to fetch some white wines & Malvasias of her was not favoured with any from you

M^r Bolton wrote us a few lines from the Parth & gave us orders for five pipes of white wine & five pipes of Malvasias for you & his au^t in hopes which have done as appears by the Invoice & Bill of Lading but from the half of which amount carry to you: Debt being 199 05 12 reis Credit if you with 12060 292 reis the Proceeds of the wheat p. Cuffiford as you^r sales inclose

The Vintage is begun in some Parts of the Island will be very small the hot weather having dry'd up the grapes Malvasias yett fewer,

The harvest was good & large & gathered in with good weather, Corn is in need demand at present having had several small cratts from Pennsylvania Mac gonke & these Corns which have brought upwards of 450 mogyas, suppose will not advance till towards the latter End of the year when these people have spent what they have of them, but what ruins all is the want of money, the Chamber has rais'd the Royall five reis a piece & so whether that will keep those few we have in the country but now that is too late

The time for drawing our Bills begins now so draw might so must desire the favour of you to give the necessary orders to M^r Jeffrey to accept our Bills for 2000 0000 Reis

When appeared the other day Capt. Radon a small ship bound to Guinea came off our Coast he was taken & redeem'd his ship, we are sorry for the ~~loss~~ misfortune that befell the rest of his Company occasion'd by the cowardly action of the Comander of the Company, he met

in his passage with four Dutch men of war coming from the East which place they told him our fleet had taken the Beginning of this month will be a great reinforcement to our straight trade

Some our last have been dispatch'd two small Bermudas sloops for Barb^d with about 10 pipes wine no vessel remains in Barb^d nor have we any more to add but remaine with

Due Respects

Madras 4th October 1704

We confirm the Copies on the other side, the latter went by a small vessel bound to Barb^d who we hear was taken & afterwards retaken & carried into Barb^d: so suppose her Letters got not home,

the other day arriv'd three Portuguese ships from Barb^d: one load'd 600 p. wine for Barb^d the other bound to the Islands for Spain & by other returns & makes the Dutch situation when shall value our selves on M^r Jeffrey for 2000 0000 Reis on your au^t being toward

the Payment of sundry wines Loaden on the Fleet & we doubt not but you have given said Gentleman orders to accept our Bills for said sum we wrote them the other day to said Effect

Our outtage is almost over find there is not above half what was last year, the wine will be good the grapes being thoroughly ripe & gathered in without paine & so well there & in a pretty many old wines left sell they would have advanced considerably as yett they may as ship come in

Wheat selling by retail a 300 reis p. Aq. suppose will advance something about Christmas we have had a great deal sent us up from New England & within this week have enter'd 3000 Bushells from those Parts & more is suppos'd will come

in Barb^d remains a Hoop for Barbados another for Philadelphia a Metch Hoop for Boston & a Dutch man hat makes this conveyance bound to Flushing with w. wines

Swatt &c who we suppose may touch England

We shall confirm this in a furtherest Bill: and add what further may occur in the Invoice we his hands & remaine

Jr

Madira y. 28th October 1704

We Con firme what goes before to be
Coppys, this we designe you via Lida, & accompany's our bills for
2.000 £ on M^r Stejnecy, on your acc^t. ^{as} many ^{as} very few this year
all that was made in the Island does not exceed 50, to 100. they will
be deare by much then those the last year there being so few, &
every body's Eyes upon them, succat was deare this year, by
reason there was little sugar in the Island, but since the season
was over there has arrived 3 ships to geather w^{ch} brought upwards
of 700 chests, Next year it will be purchast on East Indies, there
are 400 chests good for Middelbrough, & this ship carry's upward
of 1000 chests Suppose the major part is design'd the same way.
Here are a pretty many old wines left but these Brazill men will
make a whole in them as ships comes in will advance

This evening came off our Roade Cap^t. Cooke bound for Guinea
who came out wth the Lisbone Convoy, he told us there were severall
vessels bound hither as yet none of them appear, suppose
it cant be longe first, In port is a vessel belonging to Philadelphia
bound to Barbados will carry 1000 p. In w^{ch} M^r. Robert Corlett is
concerned from whence have orders to supply M^r. Joshua Uring wth
what he may have occasion for to fill up said vessel, two Flushing
one for Corassaw the other returns wth Succat & wth wines, M^r.
John Molton, & a Bristol Brigantine for England, by said
severall Conveyances shall add wth. Further ~~add~~ occurs we
are

J. your most Humble serv^{ts}.

Bolton, Darrell, Emorgan

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