Mr Robert Heysham

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We are now att the 28 August 1704 confirming the few lines that stand above to bee Copy of our last this week design you by a ship bound home which Mr Hall freighted to fetch some whitewines & Malvarias but her was not forwarded with any from you

Mr Bolton wrote us a few lines from the Bath & gave us orders for five pipes of white wine & five pipes of Malvarias for your & his acct in hogsheads which have done as appears by the Invoyce & Bill of Loading Sent him the half of which amount carry to yo: Debt being 196512 reis Deneditt you with 1206092 reis the Proceeds of the wheat p: Cuffe for as pr acct: sales inclos

The Vintage is begun in some Parts of the Island twill bee very small the hott weather haven dry'd up the grapes Malvarias yett fewer,

The harvest was good & large & gathered in with good weather, Corne is in noe demand att present having had soe much small craft from Pensylvania New yorke & those Colonies which have brought upwards of 450 moyes, supposeth not advance reis towards the latter End of the yeare when these people have spent what they have by them, but what ruins all is the want of money, the Chamber has raised the Royalls five reis a piece to see 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 drawing to so must desire the favour of you to give the necessary orders to Mr Hepney to accept our Bills for 2000000 Reis when appeare the other day Capt Redeen a small ship bound to Guinea came off our Road he was taken & redeemd his ship, wee are sorry for the ~~[illegible]~~, yrs fortune that befell the rest of his Comp: occasiond by the cowardly action of the Comander of the Convoy, he meett on his passage hither four dutch men of war comeing from Gibraltar which Place they told him our fleet had taken the Beginning of this moneth twill bee a great con sequation to our straight trade

Since our last have dispatcht two small Bermudas sloops for Bds with about [illegible] pipes wine noe vessell remaines in Porte nor have wee any more to add but Remaine with due Respects

Madeira y 3 October 1704

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Wee confirm the Copyes on the other side, the latter went by a small vessell bound to Britto who wee hear was taken & afterwards retaken & carried into Lix: so supposse her Letters gott not home,

the other day arrived three Portugeeze ships from Lix: one loads 600 p: wine for Brazill the other bound to the Islands for Corne & y: other returns & makes the Dutch occasion when shall value our selves on Mr Hepney for 2000000 Reis on your acct: being towards the Payment of sundry wines Loaden for the Fleet &c wee doubt not but you have given said Gentleman orders to accept our Bills for said Sums wee wrote them the other day to said effect

Our vintage is allmost over find there is not above half what was last yeare, the wines will be good the grapes being throughly ripe & gathered in without Raine, its well there are a pretty many Old wines left else they would have advanced considerably as yet they may as ships come in, Wheat selling by retail a 300 reis p Alq: wee suppose will advance, something about this time wee have had a great deal sent us up from New England &c wee within this week have entered 3000 Bushells from those Parts & more is supposed will come

in Porte Remaines a Sloop for Barbadoes another for Philadelph: a Ketch & Sloop for Boston & a dutch man that makes this conveyance bound to Flushing with w: wines Sucatt &c who wee suppose may touch in England

Wee shall confirm this in a few dayes at Lix: and add what further may occur in the Interim wee Rest yrs hand & Remaine