Mr Robert Hepsham

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Sr We Confirmed the above the other day by a Small Barke bound for Falmouth but the weather gave us not time to Enlarge the next month shall Rack our new wines and then shall be able to Pass our Judgments on them we have found severall of them Degenerated since the first time We tasted them which makes us apt to Believe they will hardly Prove so well as we Beleed they would on the Beginning the Price is not yett Broke but the small no of the Vintage We Believe will make the natives Insist upon high terms we shall use our Endeavours to keep them as low as Can the old wines goe on spending hope we shall have Enough to last whilst the new ones are fit the Severall Vessells mentioned in Coppy are said they were Detained Severall Dayes after they were Loaden by Reason two large ships appeard off for Severall Dayes they came and Look into the Road but Attempted nothing We could not Learn what ships they were nor have they appeard lately Suppose they are Gone

We have Recieved the nine Bales of Goods ashore that Came by Kerax the Bill of Loading were filled up to Pay Freight to Content of the Capn Inserted upon 30/0000 Rest but goeing away on a Sudden left it unadjusted suppose Mr Miles & Comp have orders to Pay it with us shall see what can get any thing abated of it for we think it too deare

We have in Port three Sloops from Antigua which Return another for Bermuda as two Portugeeze for Barrile a Dutch man from Smyrna in Barbary and two small Barks Belonging to Bristoll which Load home with new white wines one of which makes this Conveyance We could wish the Shippes and Mr Bolton are sending for the Malmzey and white wines was arrived hope twill not be Long first We wish you an happy new year & ourselves many opportunitys in the course thereof to manifest to you how much We are

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We are now at y.d 20.th Jan.y 97 Confirming the above to w.ch have little to add, not having bine favored w.th any from you for some time the Orford & Hunt.s men of war touch'd here four days a go bound for Guinea w.th several vessells under their Convoy amongst whome was y.e John adventure Brigantine Capt. Richard one who we supplyed w.th some q.tes of Brandy & wine &c.a who gave us his bill on your good selfe for y.e amount. w.ch we forward to our W.B. here was likewise Capt. Blow & Capt. Jackson for India & y.e Prudent Sarah for Jam.a they sailed yesterday & left the Walthamstow loading for B.B. vers