

Mr Robert & William Heysham

Madeira 30<sup>th</sup> March 1706

The 18<sup>th</sup> Instant arrived Cap<sup>t</sup> Bulcocke Cap<sup>t</sup> Barrow with 18 saile  
of merchants shippes bound to Barbadoes under the Convoe of the King's shippes and Med. stone men of  
warre by whom were favoured with severall of yours of 30<sup>th</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February  
and with these shippes happened not to arrive a few dayes sooner than had run the  
hazard of being all taken by 6 saile of large French shippes that lay off the westward of  
this Road for 4 dayes together and during these stay took a small sloop belonging to  
mounseatt but most of her men came ashore in the Boat and brought with them  
they had aboard they have not been seen for some dayes we take them either to be shippes bound  
Down to Martinica or Guireers to Convoe home the Spanish Fleet we hope the Barbadoes  
men may escape them for they are but slightly convoyd the Commodore had as good not have  
come in at all as to sturvy the shippes away so soon as he did the utmost time he was here  
did not exceed 36 hours and the wind blew fresh soe that little was done we don't believe  
all the shippes carried much above 100 pipes but however we supplid Cap<sup>t</sup> Bulcocke w<sup>th</sup> what  
he could take in w<sup>th</sup> was but 24 pipes in all for the Comp<sup>y</sup> acct<sup>t</sup> and one pipe of wine for Mr W<sup>m</sup>  
Heyshams particular acct<sup>t</sup> according to his order of the 9<sup>th</sup> February and when Cap<sup>t</sup> Barrow  
arrives shall ship him another which we hope will be to his liking we took out of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Bulcocke 50 Bundles of wooden Hoopes none being to be had in the Island before they arriv'd  
and Cap<sup>t</sup> Gardner being left behind was a great disappointment to us we w<sup>th</sup> not  
presume to take out more than what necessity forced us to and to make room for  
what wines you had ordered to be loaded aboard him we gave him a Receipt for the  
quantity of Bundles of Hoopes we took out and shall Credit you w<sup>th</sup> what you shall  
think reasonable — we note the quantity you ordered to be loaded on the severall shippes  
w<sup>th</sup> arriv'd shall be sure to give them all the dispatch imaginable but hope these demurrage  
will be longer than these shippes were —

The Copy of the letter you sent us of our W<sup>th</sup> of the 23 January did not a little trouble us to  
think you should harbour soe hard a thought on us as to think we should be soe ingratefull  
as to neglect others before your good selves to whom we owe soe many obligations w<sup>th</sup> we  
doe prefer you in the first place and we can doe no less then content that we have all  
the reason in the world soe to doe and we doe assure you we shall strive all that lies  
in our power to give you content and promote your Interest to the utmost in all respects  
we note Mr Collett had at last remitted you £600:15:02 and now come to returne you  
our thanks for the great peace of serenity we are sensible you did us in it as we have  
had noe letter from our W<sup>th</sup> of late can't tel how we stand w<sup>th</sup> Mr John Dymes for the  
£300:8:6 we advanced for him by his order in said shipp but we hope from Mr Collett  
has complied will be a means to make the other doe the same if hee had not already  
done it — since our last has been dispatched for B.B. a Pensiv. Sloop w<sup>th</sup> 60 pipes wine  
the Royal consort Cap<sup>t</sup> Chaspin the swanna Cap<sup>t</sup> Puarrell of Bristol they carried 60 wine  
them about 250 pipes and we have now in the Road the little whigg Cap<sup>t</sup> moulds for Sam:  
a small Bark and carvel for Mr Michaels the latter loads from thence to sea. and  
makes this conveyance the other returns we have nothing more worthy notice soe  
kiss your hands and remaine

Madeira y. 20. May 1706

Gentlemen

Above stands Copy of our last, to w<sup>th</sup>  
Hold you referd, I have inq<sup>d</sup> now a small vessel bound to S<sup>t</sup> Michell  
to load wheat hward y<sup>e</sup> to advise you w<sup>th</sup> time has occurd, in  
Expectation of its meeting there w<sup>th</sup> a Convoeance for Lila  
since the fore going has arriv'd of Bindisucht the Dolphin  
Hooke Cap<sup>t</sup> Wells w<sup>th</sup> 100 p. for virginia the Lyon & Lamb Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Randall w<sup>th</sup> 300 p. for Sam. of the new Farby Cap<sup>t</sup> Harrington  
w<sup>th</sup> 200 p. for antiqua and w<sup>th</sup> the two latter lasted her  
Majestys ship Defad Cap<sup>t</sup> John Bennett Com<sup>d</sup> under

If we have now in Port the many Round Cap. Godwin for  
virginia, a Dutch Ship for Coralaw, & a large Porting  
Shading for Brazill, wheat plentiful & has but allow take  
& the new crop is <sup>th</sup> it pretty large is just at hand, w<sup>th</sup> in a  
few days will be begun in parts about the City, the  
vines are now in flower & very full we in case the weather  
continues reasonable as it has hitherto done & no rain  
falls in 15 days to beat off blossoms off shall have the  
best vintage of <sup>th</sup> has bin known for many years, but  
of <sup>th</sup> more from time to time, the rest of the west India  
men of wine left behind have bin expected here a great  
while suppose it last belong ere they appear; what has  
detained <sup>th</sup> we are apt to compute it to the want of men & the  
fitting of the Grand fleet, w<sup>th</sup> they come here their stay  
will be longer then the last of <sup>th</sup> may have time given us to do  
the business they come about, the price of wine is much  
at a stand but the people care not for selling till the  
fleet arrives, so that the market will be influenced  
according to w<sup>th</sup> orders they may bring w<sup>th</sup> <sup>th</sup> Induced  
you the Invoice of the 24<sup>th</sup> wine aboard Bulwike amounting  
to 591. <sup>th</sup> <sup>th</sup> we have noted to <sup>th</sup> debt, we shall confirm  
up by <sup>th</sup> vessel w<sup>th</sup> Returns who is <sup>th</sup> designed for the west  
Country w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> wines <sup>th</sup> shall add w<sup>th</sup> more may have  
offer <sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> the tender of our best respects Remaine

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Gentlemen,  
y<sup>r</sup> most Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
Bolton, David Morgan