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Madeira 30th March 1706

The 18th Instant arrived Cap^t Bulcocke Cap^t 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 30th January and 7th 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 Cuireers 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 donot believe
all the shippes carried much above 100 pipes but however we supplid Cap^t Bulcocke wth what
he could take in wth was but 24 pipes in all for the Comp^y acct^t and one pipe of wine for M^r W^m
Heyshams particular acct^t according to his order of the 9th February and when Cap^t Barrow
arrives shall ship him another which we hope will be to his liking we took out of Cap^t
Bulcocke 50 Bundles of wooden Hoopes none being to be had in the Island before they arrived
and Cap^t Gardner being left behind was a great disappointment to us we wth not
presume to take out more than what near 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 wth what you shall
think reasonable — we note the quantity you ordered to be loaded on the severall shippes
wth arrive shall be sure to give them all the dispatch imaginable but hope these demurrage
will be longer then these shippes were —

The Copy of the letter you sent us of our Wth 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 how hom we owe soe many obligations wth we
doe prefer you in the first place and we can doe no less then confesse 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 M^r Collett had at last remitted you £600:15:02 and now come to returne you
our thanks for the great peace of serquie we are sensible you did us in it as we have
had noe letter from our Wth of late can't tel how we stand wth M^r John Dymes for the
£300:8:6 we advanced for him by his order in said shipp but we hope from M^r 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 wth 60 pipes wine
the Royal consort Cap^t Chirpin the swanna Cap^t Puarrell of Bristol they carried be swat
them about 250 pipes and we have now in the Road the little whigg Cap^t moulds for Sam:
a small Bark and carvel for M^r Michael 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 wth
Hold you referd, I haveing now a small vessel bound to S^t Michell
to load wheat hward y^e to advise you wth time has occurd, in
Expectation of its meeting there wth a Convoeance for Lila
since the fore going has arrivd of Bindis hacht the Dolphin
Hoope Cap^t Wells wth 100 p. for virginia the Lyon & Lamb Cap^t
Randall wth 300 p. for Sam. & the new Farby Cap^t Harrington
wth 200 p. for antiqua and wth the two latter lastd her
Majestys ship Defad Cap^t John Bennett Com^d under