Mess.rs Robert & William Heysham

Madeira 16.th June 1706

Gentlemen

wee come now to acknowledge the Receipt of several of yours & Richards Gardiner & Harrison w.ch arrived here the 8.th Instant w.th the west India Fleete Except the latter wh w.ch some ships was parted from the Fleete and did not arrive till the 10.th and they sailed the 12.th wee wish them wel to their several ports there was a great many wines on the men of warr for there own use for Barbados there went not much above 400 pipes by what can learne and to the Leward Islands few the majority wens to Jamaica as soon as ever Richards and Gardner came into the Road wee imediately wente off to putt there vessells in order to receive wine and gott Capt Longe Comander of the Sunderland to spare them what hands they might want for there better dispatch w.ch he reddily granted us by w.ch meanes wee got them loaded and redy to saile w.th the Convoy w.ch wee were perfectly willing they should have lost Capt. Harrison was an Eye wittness of the Preferance wee gave to all the shipping therein you was concerned and rather kept them ouer supply then otherwise that wee might not bee a second time blamed without reason as wee were the last year Inclosed goe Bill of Lading and Invoice of 42 pipes on bord Harrison 162 pipes abord Richards and 120 pipes abord Gardiner amounting to w.ch Portcharges &c 789 £ 223 reis w.ch have noted to your Debet wee have not time now to make a calculation w.ch shall draw on Mess.rs Stepney & Godwin for your acc.tt but desire you to give them orders to accept of our Bills when appear for what may want for your acc.tt in case noe other opportunity of advice may offer between this and our Publick decation w.ch the Fleete appeared for the better dispatch wee went to our Provedor w.th the rest of our Factory to desire him to Excuse in such occasions the sending his officers on bord the ships that took in wines to viritt them by reason of the time itt took up and that Every soeff should pay a Dispatch and those vessells that took in less but only in proportion and not a whole one only 200 reis a pipe to make all parts Easy and our Business done the quicker wee thank you for the hoopes by Gardiner but did not Expect you would have charged us soe much freight if any for them for the vessell as she came to load wines would otherways have come Empty and they are not for any therchandize but only to trim the wines wee shipp off pray by all occasions keep us supplyd w.th them when any vessell comes here that has room to take them in here is often vessells bound to Barbados and other parts of the west Indies w.ch lett freight soe if you please to give us your orders shall Endeavour to governe your Interest the best way wee can in sending you some by such Conveyances w.ch oftentimes happens to be very advantageous as Mr Samuel Ball Experiments having allways orders lying here for such occasions wee shall have a very large vintage and a pritty many old wines left w.ch joyned with the new will make wines Cheap next year wee in all things shall promote your Interest assuring you wee are

Gentlemen

Madeira y.e 6.th July 1706

This serves to confirme the foregoing & for Cover to y.e Inclosed Invoyce & second Bills of loading for the wines loaded on Your ships in the Fleet which wee hope are gott safe downe, We are sorry for the ill news wee had the other day from New England that the French had taken & destroyed all the Luward Islands Except antigua, where they were Repulsed, wee hope y.e goodness are not suffrin wee are sorry for those y.t are, tis a great loss to England our vintage will be large & a pritty many old wines still left, the other day fell some Raine w.ch did a little damage to y.e Harvest y.t was Gathering, but none to the vintage We have in Port a Bolton Brig.t Bound to Jam.a & a Brig.t belonging to Bristoll from New Yorke

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Bound to Mourn. & Batt., some say the French designe for Corsica, others are of the opinion for N. York, but we hope our men of warr will gett downe time enough to Prevent any farther designe, this we designe you by a Portuguez ship bound to St. Michells to load wheat for Lisbon & will be forwarded you by Mess.rs Stepney & Goddard, Who we desire may have yr. orders in time to accept of our bills for ye. acct, having wrote ye.m to the same effect, In a few dayes shall rite you by a vessell bound to Lisbon & ye.r add w.t more may occurr In the Interim we crave leave to assure you we are

Gentlemen y.r most Hum.ble Serv.ts

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