

Messrs Robert & William Haytham

Madaira 16 June 1706

Gentlemen,

we come now to acknowledge the receipt of several of yours & Richard's
Gardiner & Harrison w^{ch} arrived here the 8th Instant w^{ch} the west India Fleet except the later w^{ch}
w^{ch} some ships was parted from the Fleet and did not arrive till the 30th and they sailed the 12th we
with them w^{ch} to their several ports there was a great many wines on the men of war for their
own use for Barbados there went not much above 200 pipes by what can be seen and to the
Leeward Islands few the majority went to Jamaica as soon as ever Richard's and Gardner came
into the Road we immediately wrote off to put these vessels in order to receive wine and got Cap^t
Longe Com^{dr} of the Sunderland to spare them what hands they might want for these better
dispatch w^{ch} he readily granted us by w^{ch} means we got them loaded and ready to sail w^{ch} the
Convoy w^{ch} we were willing they should have lost Cap^t Harrison was an eye witness of the
Preference we gave to all the ships therein you was concerned and rather kept them over supplied
then otherwise that we might not be a second time blamed without reason as we were the last
year I enclosed you Bill of Lading and Invoice of 41 pipes on board Harrison 162 pipes aboard Richard's
and 120 pipes aboard Gardner amounting to w^{ch} Port charges Ke 7894 @ 223 this w^{ch} have noted
to your Debet we have not time now to make a calculation w^{ch} shall draw on Mess^{rs} Steynor & Goddard
for your ac^t but desire you to give them orders to accept of our Bills when they appear for what
they may want for your ac^t in case no other opportunity of advice may offer between this and
our Publick departure w^{ch} the Fleet appeared for the better dispatch we went to our Provocor w^{ch}
the rest of our Factory to desire him to excuse in such occasions the sending of officers on board
the ships that took in wines to visit them by reason of the time it took up and that every 100 pipes
should pay a Dispatch and those vessels that took in less but only in proportion and not a whole
one only 100 pays a pipe to make all years easy and our Business done the quicker we thank
you for the hoops by Gardner but did not expect you would have charged us so much freight
if any for them for the vessel as she came to load wine would otherwise have come empty and
they are not for any merchandize but only to trim the wines we ship off pray by all occasions
keep us supplied w^{ch} them when any vessel comes here that has room to take them in here is of
vessels bound to Barbados and other parts of the west Indies w^{ch} the freight so if you please to
give us your orders shall Endeavour to govern your Interest the best way we can in sending
you some by such Convoys w^{ch} of times happens to be very advantageous as Mr Samuel
Ball Expressions having always orders lying here for such occasions we shall have a very
large vintage and a pretty many old wines left w^{ch} joined with the new will make wine
cheap next year we in all things shall promote your Interest assuring you we are

Gentlemen

Madaira 4th July 1706

This serves to confirm the foregoing
& for cover to y^r enclosed Invoice & second Bills of Lading
for the wines loaded on your ships in the Fleet which we hope
are got safe down, We are sorry for the ill news we had the
other day from New England that the French had taken &
destroyed all the Leeward Islands except Antigua, where
they were repulsed, we hope y^r good vines are not suffered
we are sorry for those y^r are, tis a great loss to England
our vintage will be large & a pretty many old wines
still left, the other day fell some Rain w^{ch} did a little
damage to y^r Harvest y^r was gathering, but none to
the vintage, We have in Port a Bolton Brig^t bound to
Jam^a & a Brig^t belonging to Beiloll from N. York
write