

Messrs. Robert & William Heysham — Madeira 20<sup>th</sup> July 1706

Gentlemen

This we designe you by the Brig<sup>th</sup> mentioned in Copy bound for Ireland and may have to confirme the foregoing few lines to w<sup>ch</sup> have but little to add nothing material since offering on the arrival of a small Bermudas Sloop w<sup>th</sup> Indian copre Oyle and Salt bound Spick and a Dutch privateer who has been cruising about the Canary Islands but w<sup>th</sup> out success he cleares and returns againe to waite for the State ships the weather continues reasonable for the vint. we hope twit see good as well as large that wines may be cheap the next year the raine that fell just before the harvest did a great deal of damage to the Corne soe that we believe a little before the fall wil not amiss in case you find people dont run on itt nor the American parts dont such quantities as they have done for these two yeares last past of w<sup>ch</sup> shall doo you duly advised from time to time we believe what we may draw on Messrs. Pepney & Co. may be about 2:000 @ Reis you desire you to take the accustomed base of our Bills w<sup>th</sup> appears. But of this more here after hoping shall have another opportunity of Advise<sup>d</sup> you before said Time for drawing our Bills comes assuring you we are

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Madaira y<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> October 1706

We forward these few lines by the Dutch Privateer mentioned in Copy having spent some mos — amongst y<sup>th</sup> Canary Islands but w<sup>th</sup> out any success; If now Intended for the Norward in hopes of Better, The vintage is all in & find it exceeds the foregoing, but we have lately had Excessive Heates y<sup>th</sup> Dried the Grapes mightely, soe rigne Corne little or none at marketts. soe the Natives goes on Eating of their owne Crop w<sup>th</sup> can not last y<sup>th</sup> longer y<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> we had a supply from abroad, We have two vessels remaining w<sup>th</sup> went hence to y<sup>th</sup> Western Islands to load Wheat, w<sup>th</sup> has bin a great Disappointment, The Publick time for passing our bill begins to draw Neare at hand, we hope you have taken your usual care of us in ordering M<sup>r</sup>. Stopney to pay our Bills for the sum<sup>th</sup> above mentioned — No vessel since y<sup>th</sup> Fleet gone for B<sup>th</sup> nor y<sup>th</sup> Luward Islands only some small Craft to New England & those parts — we shall be obliged to you w<sup>th</sup> any of y<sup>th</sup> vessels comes hither to put us some hooper in y<sup>th</sup> they being very scarce w<sup>th</sup> us. A Venician who came out of the Straights loaded w<sup>th</sup> Currants bound for London Proving leaky was forced to beare away for y<sup>th</sup> Islands

where she is now unloading but if it were not a fitt place to mend her  
she might easily have proceeded to Lida where she might  
have bin fitted Effectually it will be a great loss to her  
Merchants - we have in port only a single Boston Brig<sup>t</sup> via  
Ternira which is the fount Nuff full from

here are a pretty many old wines  
left w<sup>th</sup> will cause the new ones  
to be cheaper I am B. D. M.

Gentlemen  
your most Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>ant</sup>  
Boston, David Morgan

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