

Messrs. Robert & William Heysham — Madeira 20th July 1706

Gentlemen

This we designe you by the Brigth mentioned in Copy bound for Ireland and may have to confirme the foregoing few lines to w^{ch} have but little to add nothing material since offering on the arrival of a small Bermudas Sloop wth Indian copre Oyle and Salt bound Spick and a Dutch privateer who has been cruising about the Canary Islands but wth 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^{ch} 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 soe desire you to take the accustomed care of our Bills wth appears. But of this more here after hoping shall have another opportunity of Advise^{ing} you before said Time for drawing our Bills comes assuring you we are

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Madaira y^e 16th October 1706

We forward these few lines by the Dutch Privateer mentioned in Copy having spent some time amongst y^e Canary Islands but wth out any success; It is 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^e Dried the grapes mightely, soe rigne Corne little or none at marketts. soe the Natives goes on Eating of their owne Crop w^{ch} can not last y^e longer y^e Feb^{ry} we had a supply from abroad, We have two vessels remaining w^{ch} went hence to y^e Western Islands to load Wheat, w^{ch} has bin a great disappointment, The Publick time for paying our bill begins to draw Neare at hand, we hope you have taken your usual care of us in ordering M^r. Stepnies to pay our Bills for the sum^{ms} above mentioned — No vessel since y^e Fleet gone for Bth nor y^e Lucard Islands only some small Craft to New England & those parts — we shall be obliged to you wth any of y^e vessels comes hither to put us some hoopes in y^e they being very neare wth us. A Venician who came out of the Breights loaded wth Currants bound for London Proving leaky was forced to beare away for y^e Islands