Mr. Robert Heysham

Madeira 15th November 1699

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We confirme the aforegoing Coppy of our last p a Ship bound for Hollond this goes by a nother bound for Rotterdam with Sugars nett & dry Succatt &c being a Portequize ship belonging to this place intends to lade back with corne both wheate & rye if they are to be had upon reasonable Termes —

We have passed our bills under the 20th ultimo being our Publick occation for Lisbon & presume Messrs Hackshaw & Comp.lle wil have noe occation to value themselves upon you for our acct. we having not drawne to the full of what we have in there hands besides what we have in dispute which they charge us for paying our bills at one ℔ Cent is it selfe near 800 Creis we have some mony in Messrs Clarke & Comp.lle hands of Lisbon to whom we have given orders to remitt you upwards of 3000 Creis if the Exchange be any thing in our favour as it was by our last advice from thence at 6/3d p Mil rea in the begining of August past & it is probable the vintage coming on may keep it up but if it be low our orders are not to remitt it but as to what you are to remitt us to lisbon for your owne acct. for the wines we laded you may please to lett it lye for some other occation unless you your selfe find a low Exchange & are minded to make use of it —

We are God be praised at the 16 ditto now considering as we have hinted that Messrs Halls doe not order a ship this year to lade Malvasies we have some thoughts of shipping them to London for our acct. we cannot be positive in our order for freighting a vessel for them altho' we mention this we have an intention that is to say to hire a ship at London that wil carry 100 porte pipes which must not be much less then a 100 Tons because of the stowage to be loaded with wheate if to be purchased not exceeding 4/6d p Bushell to departe Gravesend by the latter end of february or the begining of March now the difficulties we have to gitt over are we doe not know whether those that Messrs Hall had this year are sold or not they writting us that they had disposed of but 30 pipes in August keeping up the price because of their dear cost in Madeira a bout 500 reis p great pipe all charges aborde — we are not assured of Liberty of shipping of Corne nor the price & then as we have already ordered you to lade us wheate p the first soe that we would not have it fall in one upon the other to the prejudiceing of our owne Markett because likewise from others advice corne wil be laden for this place by severall hands as may rationally be Expected —

Weare at the 17 ditto & now say that we order you to freight a Ship that wil carry one hundred Porte Pipes in Pipes out & home from this Island with these conditions that in Case we doe not find itt adviseable to Ship the Malvasies for London that the vessell proceed for