Messrs Robert & Wm Meyshew Madeira Aug.t 4.th 1708

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Cay.e Forego.g have bill to load no Vessel since arriv.d from any P.t except a Dean from Amstd which is bound to Terceira to load corne and on returne load Amed. for Amstd so will bring about 360 moios of Wheat, We design y.s this by y.e Greatest abovemention.d who sold his prive land and other mercrie is out returns for Lis.a; y.e form.r is now design.d for y.e Western islands

The want of Ships makes all things at a stand as they have been for some m.s past we hope y.e will be an alteration before y.e yea is end.d, y.e Vintage will be small & hany.d last occasion. by some Winds and small rains we had in y.e last month w.ch did a great deal of damage, the Harvest is all in and y.e was larger as before advis.d Corn at y.e same price as formly advis.d but w.th y.e first Ships comes in will fall what is here for.n imported must lye by for some months till y.e Natives have expend.d y.e own crop w.ch will last till y.e Winter mos, we expected before y.e time shond have had some ships either from Lis.a or Engl.d to load Wines for y.e West=Indies seeing y.e Fleet are order.d not to touch here, at B.B.s and y.e Leew.d Isl.ds they must sell now here a good price for few has gone lately thither w.th ships shond come comd to any of those islands must meet w.th a Market so we believe y.e would not doe amiss seeing y.e Fleet is gone by on w.ch we suppos y.e design y.e Lord Some Lines to give us orders as ships may offer & Freig. may be had to load y.e some m.s y.e m w.ch we shall by best welcome for y.e vessels y.e Lowness of y.e Ex. must be a farther encourag.t. Woollen Goods out

been on y. shore untold we tryd y. hands & arse

We are now att y. 10. inst. since w. no Vessel has arr. from any place y. Sad we design. y. Forage. by was y. days we was to have called run away w. by y. Lieutent. and some of y. men have y. Capt. and y. rest of y. armes at hears, so the goes now via Tenerife by y. Dawe before mention, we have had for y. few days last past notwithstanding winds w. has done some damage to y. Vintage. it drying up y. Grapes before throughly ripe we hope shall have no more of y. if have will spare y. Vintage but of y. more hereafter

We are now att y. 15. inst. since w. we arriv. y. Mary Brig. from Wingrum w. staves and Boards y. Hopewell Sloop Capt. Gilbert from N. yorke w. Flour Staves and Oil a Boring from Brazill who left y. Fleet y. w. wind be ready sailing in y. Bay of Bay & Capt. Langham in a Sloop from Barbado. w. Molas. & Staves all to refresh back we are &c

Gentlemen

Madeira y. 25. sept 1708 &c

We confirme w. goes before to be a copy of our last, this we designe you by a small Barke called y. Thomas Price who came here w. Provisions from Dublin & now makes y. Convoy and being loaded w. white wines & mam.as for said Citty The malbrough Capt. Wilson the Lora Capt. Lessell & the Defiance Galley Capt. meares thoupt here in there Passage to Sam.a & sailed the last ultimo, there was none of y. Factory loaded any thing on y. m.e Except Mr. Hemings by reason they would not take under £4 p. Pipe freight a price we never knew Given, Nor could we see any reason for itt some dorment orders we had, but we could not see how we could answ.r it to our Principles, being a Price we never knew Given they carried about 400 pipes w.ch were mostly Negotiated by the Contanders we wish they may find the markett at Sam.a to answ.r itt, had they bin bound to B.B. & the Leward Islands we might have straigned a point because we looke upon those markets to far Exceed y. other nor wines having gone downe for a considerable time for those Parts Except the Neptune Sloope for B.B. Capt. Cristian Contander w.ch 100 pipes wine & the John Sloope Capt. Gibbions off & for antigua w.ch 50 pipes we are now in the middle of our vintage w.ch y. years proves very small, not being above ½ the quantity there was the last years, however we have upwards of ⅔ of the last years wines still on y. Island, w.ch will keepe the Price downe of the new ones, how they prove we shall in due time advise you, for the old ones the Natives ashe 19 to 20 £ p. pipe & if ships comes in they will have itt, this last vintage being so small

as yett none of the Island vessells appears, we are affraide they cant procure a licence to loade, for we had advice that by a vessell y. touchd at Terceira that there was no licence granted be cause they had a small Harvest & that the ships y. went from hence thither, were gone to S.t michells to see if they could loade there, but as yett noe News of y.m

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loe y^t. if they dont succeed we shall be in want of
Wheat towards y^e. End of the yeare, it is now retailing
at 3bo^s. ⅌ Galy^n., here has bin dispacht since our
last the Neptune Hoope Capt. Cristian wth. 100 pipes wine
for Bb^s. the Catherine Capt Matias de Hart from
New Yorke wth Hawes flower & Traine Oyle loaded —
80 pipes wine for ditto & we have now in Port the
Portsmouth Gally Capt. Lewis from N. Yorke wth. Hawes
&c. bound back wth. about 100 pipes wine, the John
Hoope mentioned already the Eliz^a. Brig^t. from
Barbany bound for Leghorne two Portuguese
ships from Brasile who left the Fleet there in July
last & says they w^ld not saile till a stronger —
Convoye by reason 4 India men has joyned y^e.
of a considerable value loe it may be the springe
before they arrive, & the vessell y^t. makes y^e. —
Conveyance we believe you may doe well to
lend some wheate if you find People run not
to much on it, for it must certainely sell well
towards X^mas we would desire you to lend us
the Invoyces of the Long Ells & Crispin that may
settle y^e. acc^t. Curr^t. & lend it you, we have
nothing further to advise you but to tender
your owr. Best service & remaine

Gentlemen

y^r most Hum^ble Serv^ts.

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