

M^r. Robert Heysham 2 Madeira 15th May 1688

I sailed from Lisbon the 28th ult^o and arrived at this Island the 10th curr^o where I have found a reception from every Body, with as much goodness as my expulsion was extravagant Mess^{rs}. Miles & Richbels only accepted who I hum^{bly} Excuse of speaking with me I found three vessels in Porte all of them to my house whereof one returns for Galway and makes this Excursion in our company sailed five ships belonging to the Porteguire Contractors for Negroes who are obliged to furnish the Spanish West Indies with six thousand every year I suppose you have heard of this agreement its my Opinion they opinion they will not succeed well I find that my house had writt for some goods which you may please to send p^o first conveyance but Lett there be noe ordinary stuffs which are not vendible with us nor any thing else but what is Fashionable which sells with us for the best proffitt the Staple commodity of Bayes sayes skins Perpetu-
= a naz & wil never want sale here time or other - the Porteguire ships now in Porte may carry about 800 Pipes Rinds which are three smal English vessels all conigned to my house wil carry about 200 Pipes and just now is come in a Schoop from Seveira with wheate belongs to M^r. Elton and Crane of Bristol from whom I have formerly had conignments but as this Master now tells me was allowed upon their advice from this Island that I was forced off my goods all seized upon and my house broken up - please Lett M^r. Thomas Clarke knowe how my circumstances were and are, he is my friend and as he corresponds with said M^r. Elton wil I am sure represent it to said Gent. whereby he wil be sensible that the Persons that gave such advice did it upon y^e auth of Doing me wth prejudice they could I presume it must be those Persons that you may fairly suspect God forgive them wheate sell at 400 @ 450 us p^o M^l - and the sharrest in this Island wil not be large - if a Peace should suddenly be concluded it wil
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