tous on acc.t of our having orders to supply the men of war. For wch we return you our hearty thanks. The same our WB intimates to us. We thank y.r Excellcy for the care y.u ordered Mr Stepney to take of our bills to whom y.u would go remitting again the time of our publick occasion for what may be coming to us for the cost of the sundry Parcells of wines we have loaded for you onto fort we shall deduct the 8 hoops and y.e am.t of the woolen goods now sent us. As for y.r future shall send all our receipts to you for y.e Goods we shall from time to time have occasion of. Wa should our WB would have given y.u as usual w.th we find he did not do. You say we have forgot to credit y.r with 500 Hamb.r Skins of Barrow we think he carried y.u to 300 & 8 hoops of Gillifford we shall examine it & shall note it hereafter as shall find. We are glad there is such a great hopes of a peace we pray God send it that trade may again flourish as before wn hope you will be more largely concerned in our Trade there of have been of late years. Depending you shall have no reason to think we are not willing y.u should share of Trade to as much advn as others do. So we again of that point assure you we shall use our utmost endeavours to make you easy it shall be our studdy so to do. The fleet took off about 1800 ℔ wme reckining the loaded in the men of War. There is no foreign wheat at Mark.t to Shetland is beginning most part abt. of City. The natives are forced to go eating their new crops. as they gather it for want of other. it is now retailing at 480 ℔ dl.r & likely to continue so unless there should be a greater quant.y imported from abroad. Then we can expect or see any probability of y.r Loading wch for y.u might soon be despos'd of. We hope towards harvest or in Lee with you & may be found to answer sending hither. There has or three days last past has been a little showry we hope it will blow over otherways it will do a great deal of Damage to y.r Vines that are now in Blossom. We have now in port the Martha Capt. Kingsread bound for Nice & the Portuguese ships mentioned in copy. we here at foot send you a list of what sort are most proper for this Island wch you may send ag.t another time. As the shopkeeper gives us their receipts shall forward them to you for the future. For we are desirous you should have the preference made things so with due respects salute you & remain &c.

Bob. Mad.d Black & Bays. Coloured D.o most blues & reds. Lo Ells D.o Black Calamancos Plain & flowred Coloured D.o Light Coloured Dregg.ts & Stuffs Linnitones Blues & reds. Kerseys D.o Black Grapes & Black rowling Stockings.

28 July 1709 @

Gentlemen. What goes before we confirme to be a copy of our last to wch have you to be referred but now having a Dutch Ship Bound North abt. Foraams off Design now to add what has since occurred & now come to acknowledge y.r receipt of yours of the 14 May & the Leeward Island fleet who arrived here y.e 7th Inst.t & sail again the 5th under convoy of the Sapphire & Newport men of war. & since has been here the Crown Capt. Davis by way of Lisbon for Lam.d we are sorry for the Loss of the wines & Bezely but y.u must consider the badness of the weather when here wch we formerly wrote you obliged you to make several times to go to sea during his receiving his wines aboard & forced to go to sea with them unstowed. So if rec.d any Blow or Knock that can't be imputed to any mismanagem.t of ours. when rec.d aboard they were all in good order. We can condemne the same Capt. acknowledges of Price Loading we do assure you we never skip off a piece of wine w.th out stripping all the Hoops & restow them again. We note what y.u write concerning the Bills drawn on Mr Stepney it is true we drew 1134 ℔ Sterling but only 1000 ℔ were on your acc.t. the other was towards a small Bill. he was owing us. the wch we have advised him a few days ago for y.r Mr Nicholas so that if you do debt us for the whole the same we must do him. But this was never our intention or design it was a misunderstanding of his wch we doubt not but he will rectify accordingly. So wch shall be expect his answer for we only drew 1000 ℔ on your acc.t as have above advised. So according to his advice shall alter it & wch more hereafter these ships coming on so soon on the back of another that we have not had time to make an estimate what must draw on Mr Stepney in Octo. for the wines loaded in Collins Voye. & the fleet but shall do it in a few days. So shall rely on y.r ordering bills to accept our Bills as usual wch we very much esteem your care on y.r. You will find as we could not gett any Mam.s to our mind that we in Lieu thereof sent you 6 hhd of Merchist old come (Vedonia) wch we hope will prove to Cont.t abt Nov.r. The Hope we Capt. Innis is expected here from Norke & designd directly from your City by wch time we hope our new Mam.s will be fitt to load. & he shall send you 6 or 8 hhd.s in her. The Harvest is almost all in but the wint is like to be bad weather. Several small craft have gon hence lately to the Westerne Islands to load Corn but as yet none returned. So know not how the Harvest proves there. It is our opinion Corn will be a Comodity towards the end of the year. We shall conform this p.r via of the Island so remain &c.

Gentlemen We are now at y.e 3.d August confirming the foregoing Copy p.r low.ch have not time much to enlarge

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