Messrs Robt & Wm Heysham

Madeira 25 Sept. 1769

Gentlemen

The foregoing are Copys and having now a small Bark bound for Lp. gives us the opportunity of adressing you & acquaintg you what has since occurred we are now in ye middle of ye Vint.
cock wch will not be large but the wines wch be very good the weather having been seasonable all along not having had much heat to dry up the grapes as in some years but moderate so have ripened by degrees the Harvest in my Western Islands proved so small that the Chambers there will not admit of any Wheat to be loaded off. So that all our ships are come Back again in their Ballast. it now selling here at 480 Rs. ⅌ alq. and as the winter comes on wch adds & makes proba=bility is like to be a Commodity all this year. We mind of the 20 June gave a full answer to yours of ye 14 April wch we now again confirm & Same & accordingly have bended you with the goods then sent a 30 ⅌ Ct as Mr Miles of Hull has allowed Mr Bale the one ½ Bill the other ½ goods for on what terms he & other persons dealt ye trade you may be sure we shall be willing you should share it with us on as advantagious terms as others - so on that score we are desirous to make you easy as well as in all things else for we shall always do the utmost that lies in our power to serve your interest — & no more - . We have likewise rectified the small omissions. You will find by the several Invs. that the wines loaded for you amount to 671 ⅌ 605 ⅌. Now to shew you that we are willing nobody shall deal ye trade on easier & more advantagious terms then you shall do with us. makes us now design to draw only 3000 ⅌ on Mr Stepney for your acct. wn our P. O. Comes wch is not half the amt. of what loaded & the remainder you may send in goods according to the role formerly sent you as well as the ½ amt. of what may order to load the next year we doubt not but this will be pleasing to you for it shall ever be our study to

give you content