

M^r. Robert Heystram Madeira 3^d June 1697

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The foregoing we confirm copy of
our last to which refer you went. The Recoverd Capt^m John Jacobs
Commander for Barbados inclosed you have copy of the Invoice of
wines & ditto yesterday arriv'd the Shrewsbury Gally on w^{ch} home
M^r. Hemings came Passenger brought us the favour of younes of
the 6th March and 17th April for which we thanke you we
observe what you say of all Trade in general which must be at
a Stand in a great Measure for want of a settlement whilst
Matters remaine betwixt Peace and warre tis impossible to
make a true calculation in Pruisness - we observe your order to
load some Pipes in like conformity as those of Capt^m Jacobs, it is
very seldom that freight can be had upon reasonable termes in
these times we will use our Dilligence we thanke your advice of
what Mess^{rs}. Mills and Richell write of intercepting their
Letters of Canaries and Tequeira of the Letter we have M^r. Whites
Letter who writes that he had satisfied said Gent. that he
receives and sent them forwards altho we knowe that you doe
not believe what they have written will notwithstanding
send you said M^r. Whites Letter for our Justification because
they value not what they say in their Malice to vilifie us
we send this v. S^t. Michaels to be forwarded by any conveyance
to Lisbon cannot enlarge for wante of time but remaine

Ditto 22th July 1697 —
The above is Cobby of our last, since w^{ch} arriv'd a French Ship & a
Satia with wheate from the Westerne Islands which sel to good
Profit, the first loads wines for the West Indies the other makes a
Trip for another loading of Corne, because the Succatt wil not be
reddy to ship in any quantity before September, a Flyboate from
Lisbon loads for Brasil, and a smal Portegize ship is unloading
Sugars wil make avoyage for Corne — A Smal Banke in 9 weekes
from Curisao put into this Road, bringg newes that the French Flecte
pass'd by Jamaica (supposed) for Porto bello and Cartagena, we wish
they may doe noe Mischief to the English —
noe ship from New England nor any of those westerne Colonies these
three Months past —
we have mentioned in one of our former what Goods are at all times proper
but sometimes one Sorte more, then another such Haberdashery
as you sent viz^t Silk Buttons &c are not of any Exence with us

especially, such old fashioned Shopkeepers, and ordinary Stuffs w^{ch} cannot
set here, they all lie by us, your Rope maker was not very kind in y^e Cordage
it is neither very good nor well sorted, we have had time to inquire into these
things and therefore give you this acc^t if at any time you send us Goods taken
we do not write for them, let them be Madder black Colchester Bays, Kierries
fine black Sags, Long Ells &c - these are staple Commodities with us w^{ch} +
will set one time or other - we have already writt to you for a sortment viz
prim^o June v^a Barbados cobby whereof went v^a 5th Michaels to be forwarded v^a Six^a, 30 p madder
black Colchester Bays, 5 half p^t coloured Boocking 2 red 1 blew 1 green & 1 yellow, 20 p Kierries
red and blew, 20 p Long Ells, 20 p fine black Sags 10 p fashionable Stuffs, 2 p Black Cloth about
12 p^t yard, black hose sorted some large and fine and some Colours, 10 p Black Ten hundreds -
we desired you would please to pay Esq^r Bolton of Warwick One hundred Pounds for acc^t -
as we have advised him p^r said Conveyances -

We remitted you a Bil drawne by Cap^m Henry King commander of the new Nisbett dated
the 4th October at Ten days sight on M^r Thomas Nisbett Merchant in London, one via
went p^r the Flushingers where we addressed under the 4th November, presume hath reached
your hands therefore forbear to send you another via, we mention it the more particular
because you take no Notice of that Bil in any of yours - the Bil is 1700 881 reis

we now write M^r Thomas Judge of Portsmouth concerning Cap^m Edwards Bil
of 4700 250 reis, the Letter goes inclosed, and likewise to M^r Troke who hath
an Interest in M^r Peers, and you in him -

we are now God be praised at the 25th without any alteration in Business, our harvest
both here and Porto Sancto is very smal, our vintage likewise will be little -
noe English vessel in Porte since the shrewsbury Gally parted for Jamaica -
we shall have an opportunity of writing you in a few days v^a Six^a - & are

N^o 15 -

Y^r most humble Serv^{ts}
W^m Bolton & Comp^y

please to send y^e Inclosed to Cousin Hempton
see soone as comes to hand and y^e others as
conveyance offers