M.r Robert Heys Esqr. Madeira 3. June 1697

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Sir

The aforegoeing we confirme copy of our last to which refer you wente p.r the Recovery Capt.n John Jacobs Comander for Barbados inclosed you have copy of the Invoice of wines p.r ditto yesterday arrived the Shrewsbury Galley on w.hom M.r Heming came Passenger brought us the favour of youres of the 6.th March and 7.th 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 warr tis impossible to make a true calculation in Business - we observe your order to load some Pipes in like conformity as those p.r Capt.n Jacobs it is very seldome that freight can be had upon reasonable Termes in these times we will use our Diligence we thanke your advice of what Mess.rs Miles and Richbell write of intercepting their Letters p.r Canaries and Terceira of the Latter we have M.r Whites Letter who writes that he had Satisfied said Gent. that he received and sent them forward altho we Know 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 ville fie us we send this p.r S.t Michaels to be forwarded by any conveyance to Lisbon cannot inlarge for wante of time but remaine

Ditto 22.th July 1697

The above is Coppy of our last, Since w.ch arrived a French Ship & a Satia with wheate from the Westerne Islands which sels to good Profit, the first loads wines for the West Indies the other makes a Trip for another loading of Corne, because the Tuccatt will not be reddy to ship in any quantity before September, a Flyboate from Lisbon loads for Brasil, and a smal Portequize ship is unloading Sugars will make a voyage for Corne - a Smal Barke in 9 weeks from Curisao put into this Road, brings newes that the French Fleete passed 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 as Haberdashery as you sent viz.t Silk Buttons &c are not of any Expence with us