Mess.rs Gyles & Robert Heysham

Madeira 21.th Xber 1697

Gent.

We are favoured with yours of the 2 & 8 ultimo p.r the Link Dove Capt.n Henry Gravener Comander with Bil of Loading and Invoice of Sundry Merch.ze upon your Risqe for our Acompt — In several p.ts to M.r Rat we have complained of your sending us such Species that neither are nor never were vendable in this Island, particulary Buttons Silke or any manner of Haberdashery, we noted to you that almost all the Butter & Cheese p.r Williams was lost, and now you have sent us more when the West India fleete hath Supplyd this place with more then enough, besides every day now it is Peace the little Irish Men will be continually dropping in and they alone will furnish this place upon such Termes that it cannot be brought from England — and now as to the Hoopes we desired might be sent upon our owne Acc.t where freight can be had upon easy Termes, our Country it self affords us Hoopes enough unless for the better trimming our Cask when we ship them off, we could buy what we pleased in y.e last fleete for 9 ⊙ reas p.r Mil Butt Hoopes, therfore you may judge what we can doe with these — we are very desirous to accomodate your Interest where we can give the preference, but this is what we have particularly mentioned in our former in severals, therfore refer it to you — it was never the Custom in Peaceable Times to pay any freight in Ships that come to load with us —

We observe your agreement with M.r Alexander Cairnes for freight of 20 Pipes, that the Comander hath liberty to load Ten Pipes — and the remander to complete the full Loading upon your joynt Acc.t. we shall comply with all your Orders p.r Time, you did wel to mention in y.e Charter party Ten Working Days because in Twelve days to come we have but three working days, and there will be but little done in them, our Holy days — are many more then in the English Callendar — and with these People are observed with more respect then the Sonday,

We note that you had received the Coppy of ours of the 14.th Sept.r and our original of the 18.th October p.r y.e Flushing Snow put into Plymouth — we admire that ours p.r Pereira should not

reach England soe soon as others wch went by Same Conveyance — by consequence they have miscarried, that of the 14th Sept.r its copy of what we we addressd by Pereeira, chiefly advisemg that the West India Fleete to touch here, and that we had loaden Wines for your Acct — we likewise Note that you had received Captn Kings Bill of Mr Nisbett, and of Captn Edwards Bill only £125:15s — that Mr Collier was gon for Ireland, we wish things may be with him as well as they pretend, presume you might have recovered that Mony of him upon his acceptance of the Bill wch made us write you to endeavour to Secure it —

we are at the 25th currt, the weather hath been soe bad since the aforegoing date that noe Boates could worke the wind at South, yesterday Morning it veered Westerly with which Captn Grosener and two others put to Sea being a smal Ship from New England, and a Portequize flyboate bound to Pernambuco, leaveing a Swede bound to Hambourgh who makes this Conveyance, and is too light to bare Saile, Last night came to Anchor in this Road a ship Supposed to be the Mary of Bristol Captn Wm Raine from Pereeira, the weather not permitting any Boate goe off, we shal write you what occurs until the Swede Sailes hence, we presume he will touch in England, it being almost improbable that the Elbe should be open at this Time of yr year —

we are at the 30th currt. This morning a Smal Banke is come to anchor who put out with the Pink, and now a vessel appears in the offing wch we believe to be shee, the weather still continues dirty but not violent, the ship Supposed to be Captn Raine is from Boston.

we are at the prim. January 1698 — may Gou have many happy — Newyears besides this present — The Pink came that night into the Road without anchoring the wind blowing hard, and at the same Time arived the said Captn Raine with wheate from Pereeira, who noe sooner came to Anchor but was forced out with tempestuous weather with all the Rest, as yet this Morning noe vessel in Sight, fair weather and wind Northerly, and now we are in Hopes of a Settlement —

we are at the 8th January 1698 — The Shipps are returned, we have all the goods on shore from yr Pink except about 100 Bondles of Hoops have 30 Pipes aborde, and if yr weather doth not Hinder the dispatch wil not be long — the 5th currt arived the Diligence of London Captn Joseph Seywell brought us yours of the 22 Novemb. observe that all our Bils were accepted except that of Captn Williams on Mr Scott, the matter is not much, that you had paid Mrs Hempson £10. on the Childrens Acct, and remitted 1800 Crs to Lisbon for wch we thank you —

we send you herewith a Bill of £10:2p on Mr Tho: Reynolds being what we Supplyd Capt Oliver by vertue of Mr Samuel Eyres Credit — if any thing more material offers shall advise you if this Conveyance stays —

Messrs Stalls sent us some goods, and as we desired Some Hoops they Sent us 200 Bondles, and as they freighted the Ship, charge us noe freight because they pay none — we kindly Salute you and are

Sirs

Yr most humble Servts

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