Mr Robert Heysham — Madeira 8br. May 1700

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The aforegoing is Coppy of our last pertuclar letter we are fauoured with yours p. Capn Lorrifton in the hope Pink by whom Mr Better Hill of Falmouth Consigned us four hundred forty three sacks qt Gr Bil of Ladeing two hundred twenty four quarters of wheate wch we haue receiued ashore wil condisioned — and haue begun the saile of it at 4½ Ryals pr Hogse — thereafon why we mention Ryals is because untill now every Ryal was Partt. one hundred reis but a Portuguece Man of warr being come with coine of that kingdom not withstanding we beliueing that the last may be about ⅓th and that if we should keep the corne its probable we might not make more of it then that wil be when the lose is deducted wch wil make good about 360 reis and we should be pleased if it were all sould on these conditions because besides what came from Falmouth here is arriued a ship from Apsum another from Liuerpoole and more expected —

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We observe your Order was to lade 220 Pipes on the Pink but apon Consideration that soe many ships were already gon before that the wines were soe green and ordinary and besides soe very dear that we should get noe reputeation by them nor you any proffitt for wch reason we laded but sixty Pipes wherof here inclosed you haue an Invoice importing 1703 U 105 reis we likewise send you Invoice of forty Pipes pr Russel Cappn willm Troward Comander. 1069 U 290 — reis both wch summs we place to your Debet in Actt Curt. —

We send you second Bills mentioned in the Coppy on Mr Samt Proctor . . . . . £5 : — : —
On Mr John Coltman . . . . . " 4 : 10 : —
Cappn Robert Nevil Recept . . . . " 3 : 03 : 04
£12 : 13 : 04

We send you Cappn Travers first Bil on Mr John Travers . £ 375 : 04 : 08 —
" Cappn Travers first Bil on ditto payable to Wm Clayton Esqrs " 74 : 04 : 02
" Our first bill on Messrs Micajah Perry & Compa . . . . " 300 : 00 : 00
" Our first bil on Messrs Micajah Perry & Compa . . . . " 773 : 17 : 00
" Our first bil on Messrs Micajah Perry & Compa . . . . " 18 : 05 : 04
" our first bil on Mr Roger Jones " . . . . . " 191 : 19 : 05
" our first bil on Mr Frederick Jones " . . . . . " 182 : 13 : 08
" our first bil on Mr Frances Eyles " . . . . . " 120 : 17 : 04
" our first bil on Mr Nathanael Rouse " . . . . . " 95 : 08 : 00
" our first bil on Mr Robert Chester " . . . . . " 47 : 10 : 00
" Our first bil on Mr John Travers " . . . . . " 14 : 10 : 00
" Our first bil on Mr Thomas Clarke . . . . . " 22 : 00 : 00
" Cappn Wm Dare Bil on Mr Richard Meriwether . . " 10 : 16 : 02
" Samuel Whitfields Bil on Mr John whitfield Esqrs " 50 : 00 : 00
2277 : 05 : 09

Note that the bill of £74 : 04 : 02 on Mr John Travers payable to Wm Clayton Esqrs was the Ballance of an acct in our hands wch he ordered to be made good to him out of the value of wines laden pr the Ruby Cappn Peter Travers Comander for Actt of Mr Henrey Barr & Compa Merchts in Liuerpoole and accordingly the bill was drawn an signed by said Cappn Travers but since that arrived a vessel of william Clayton Esqrs with some wheate and an order to lade 30 pipes of wine wch we haue done and with his order to lade the ballance of his acct now the wines amounting to considerable in these dear years and it is not to be disputed that the wheat & this bill together wil fall short of the cost of the wines therefore haue sent it forward to you to get his endorsmt to which effect we write him that you may receue for our Actt the said summ — Place to mind the Bill of Cappn Bradshaw upon Mr Thomas Starke — we are informed that he is arriued in Virginia and it is probable may be got home to London by the time that this reacheth you hands — you mention nothing of Mr Grove Bill of £200 that Mr Adams endorsed altho we are informed Mr Adams was in England and Mr Grove gon to Barbados — the Lucy Cappn David Breholt and several others —

Others are now in porte but we have noe letters from you, we are informed by advice from London of 5 April that they had received Letters of the Prim. March from this Island, we had sent you Soural Bills by Sundry ways but know not whether they came to hands nor how to act for want of advice, it would be much more to our Satisfaction if you could be more particular —

We have put on borde the Ketch 11 quarter cask and Boxes of Succatt wh. go included in one Bill of Loding Consigned to you being to be delivered to Serial Persons as p. inclosed List you must pay freight four Pounds for the whole please to send those for the Countrey so soone as possible and the other as desired in the List Mr. Skinner & Mr. Mosely pay the charges of their chsles. the rest you must charge to us —

Keep this Portuguezze letter untill you hear from us

Mr Robert Heysham

Madeira 24th May 1700

Wee confirme the aforegoing Copy of our Address p. the Benjamine Ketch who sailed the 12th curr —

The 22th arrived Capn. Fish & Capn. Martin both from London bound to Barbados, we have yours of 12th & 23 March, superseded p. Capn. Breholt, wch. they tooke up in the Downes note that Messrs. Clarke, Bennet & Comp. of Lisbon had remitted you 1000 reis on Mr. Lordet wch. was accepted, and that the Money we expected to be in their Hands, was by mistake remitted to another House, we shall have loss by it —

We now send you second vias of the Bills mentiond in the Copy £2277:05:00 —
and our first Bill on Mr. Robert Elliott " . . . . . 14:18:05 —
Capn. William Everions first Bill on his Wife " . . . . . 9:08:00 —
our first Bill on Mr. Isaac Rickesies of Deale " . . . . . 18:10:00 —

We are God be praised at the 26th ditto — This conveyance being a Portequize Man of Warr bound to Lisbon WB designed to take Passage upon him, in order to get to England, but the Comander Haveing order from their King not to carry any Strangers, hath prevented his Intention, so that now he knowes not whether he may remaine untill he leaves the Island not to returne,

We have written Messrs. Hall about their proposall to take into Company Mr. George Wildey who was formerly their apprentice, they say they have written to by Capn. Foxley, who did not touch here, therfore we are at a loss for want of information, haveing promised them not to take any other before we have their answer —

if you know of a Person fitting for us that upon good Consideration, will serve WB five years, that writes well, he is willing to take one into the House, and according to his Capacity & Deportment, may not doubt of Preference, because if WB should goe for England it cannot be excused to have one to assist Mr. Wildey, or who ever we take into Company, if therfore you doe find one of Capacity with good Security, and with a valuable Consideration, as we have always had, you may act for us, ~~etc~~

It wil be very necessary that you draw out an Abstract of our Acct. before it runs too long least any Mistake should happen, because as you have not advised us particularly of severall Things, we may conclude upon ~~several~~ Thoses that are not, and soe one Error beget a greate Many —

you mention your designe of sending some Goods, wch. we have from Time to Time informed you are soe greate a Drugg, that they are sold at under Rates, in Truck of the Worst of Wines —

you know we are always reddy to give you the Preference of what may be Done, but if you insist upon 30 p. Cent 6 p. Mill Rey, you must excuse us, and it will be needless to say any more of it, we are willing to accomodate you, therfore when you send a ship to lade you may ship the Goods undermentioned, and we wil make you good 20 p. Cent 6 p. Mill Rey wch. is as much as you had in ye. Warr Time — you may send 30 p. madder black Colchester Bays, 10 p. long Backing viz. 6 blew 2 Red and 2 musk Colour, 20 p. black Says, 30 p. long Ells viz. 20 blew & 10 sortable Colours, 10 lb. of small Shott n°. 3 — 10 p. Bowdyd Ten Hundreds, and Ten pieces of red and blew printed Cheynes — but if you are not pleased with our offer, we wil not take any Goods of any Person besides except what you know of one or Two Particular — for all Trade is come to nothing, with the dearness of Wines, and Such a greate abundance of Goods that are continually offeed, brought ashore to try if they can sell them, if they cannot, they carry them aborde again, and soe shutt up Shop and be gon with what they have, and doe you think that we are under the same Circumstances, as when Wines were plenty and Goods were Scarce, we have written soe much to Messrs. Hall besides what we have written to you that we can say noe more, and neither of you soe much as make us one direct Answare —

we are god be praised at the 29th, observe your order to send some quarter Cask of Malvasia, but it came too late, and now since WB doth not goe for England via Lisbon as he intended you may take three out of those that we ordered to Mr. Bartlet wherof two are marked WB and one marked P, there is another marked WB wch. is red, but suppose that wil not be for your purpose —

we have alreddy desired you to remit to Messrs. Brooke & Gulston 2600 reis in Comp. of Mr. Samuel Eyre for Wines p. Capt. Wake, and 1300 reis more on your particular for acct. of your 1/3 of the Malvasias, you may please likewise to remit more 2000 reis to said Gent on your owne Acct. said to Messrs. Clark Bennet & Comp. 1500 reis for our Acct. and the like Sum of 1500 reis more to Messrs. Hackshaw Foster & Comp. 1500 reis for our Acct. this being what we shall have Occation for in October whereon to value our Selves, unless you find the Exchange to fall to about 5 p. 8. and then we desire you to remit what you can to Messrs. Clark & Comp. one half and the other Staffe to Messrs. Brooke & Gulston, because we observe in the Winter at the Time of shipping of their Wines the Exchange for several years hath risen high and then in such Case we wil order their rechanging it to you again, for we would not have the Mony to lye dead if we could make any Improvement by it, therfore if you could make us any advantage of our Mony at home by imploying it as occation may offer at Loan or otherwise, you wil doe well, because we hope we shall not have occation to draw any thing considerable out of your hands — we leave it to your Self — and then may excuse the remittances except the particular Sums mentioned —

our weather is very Seasonable, we hope for a plentiful ontage — we have told you that it is our Opinion to take the present Market for the Malvasias, please to receive our 1/3 part of the proceeds when recovered —

We have written Messrs. Hackshaw & Comp. to send you a Bill for £189:13 p. — wch. they put into Mr. John Wards hands being a Dividend of 6 p. 8. in the Pound that Mr. Hunt owed us —

Please to send us an half p. of Bag holland about 5 p. Cn — we are

Your most humd Servts
W. Bolton & Comp.

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