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