Mr Robert Heysham

Madeira 4th September 1700 (a)

Wee Addressed a few lines under the 3 Ultimo, noteing the Receipt of yours of 31 May p. the Queretia, wheras you say you had received ours p. Capn Dunn, and that the Malvasias prove good.
Observe what you say of Mr Rouse, that he sewolld remitt his mony to Lisbon, we follow every mans Direction, and then afterwards they doe with us as best serves their convenency; it matters not much the Mony being remitted for our owne acct. Let him doe as he thinks fitt if it had been for another mans, the Recambio of a Bill of Exchange in this Island is 23 p. cent, we find the rest of the Bills were accepted, and that Capn Bradshaw was arrived at Cowes, soe that we doubt not of your receiveing his Bill, it is wel you have got the mony of John Adams, we had noe Notice of it until now.
Our vintage is begun yesterday in the Afternoon we had some Raine it did noe Damage, by Computation here wil be made about one-third part more wine then last year, if the weather be seasonable it wil be good.
Sr William Norris Left with us an Order to send two Hhds of Malvasias to Mr Vernon & Mountegue, and Advised of it to London, therfore we could not Excuse the Shipping, accordingly having had several Letters from Mr Travers about the same, and Mr Hutchins is Disgusted, that we did not give Liberty to Lade him 3 a 4 Pipes of Malvasia; wheras yours & Mr Hall's Order was, that none should lade without your Lycence, we did not withstanding admitt the Ladeing of two hhds, and yet he remanes Displeased.
wee are affraid there wil be Considerable Loss upon the wheate wch we cannot sel and notwithstanding we keep it stirring every day cannot keep it from the weevle, we belive it was thrashed before it had done sweating in the Mow, because it came soe very soft & Moist weil doe what wee can with it, and hope our Friends wil rest Satisfied nothings sels upon the alteration of our Mony.
If Messrs Brooke & Gulston or Messrs Clarke & Bennet, or Messrs Hatchshaw & Co of Lixa should Draw any mony for our Acct please Accept their Bills, but we belive shall have Opportunity of giveing you timely Notice that you may remitt them if we have Occasion; but probable there may be none more then we have formerly desired you to put into their hands for yours & your owne Acct. we are very unwilling to take any thing out of England but what the urgency of our Occasion require. our payment are rigorous because cant sel noe goods. the begining of last month came off this Road the Loader Gally and his Companion the Comanders, came ashore and tould us they belonged to you bound to Angola, they dis not Anchor, nor soe much as take in any water, wee tould them the Penalty they