reach England soe soon as others wch went by same Conveyance — by consequence they have miscarried, that of the 14th Sept. its copy of what we we addressd by Terceira, chiefly advising that the West India fleete to sett hence, and that we had loaded Wines for your Acct — we likewise Note that you had received Capn Kings Bill of Mr Nisbett, and of Capn 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 curt, 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 Capn Grevener and two others put to Sea being a Smal Ship from New England, and a Portuguize fly boate bound to Pernambuca, leaveing a Swede bound to Hamburgh who makes this Conveyance, and is too light to bare Sayle, Last night came to Anchor in this Road a ship supposed to be the Mary of Bristol Capn Wm Raine from Terceira, 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 curt. 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 Capn Raine is from Boston.

we are at the prim. January 1698 — may You 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 arrived the said Capn Raine with wheate from Terceira, 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 the Pink except about 100 Bondles of Hoops have 30 Pipes aborde, and if the weather doth not Hinder the dispatch will not be long — the 5th curt arrived the Diligence of London Capn Joseph Seywel brought us yours of the 22 Novemb. observe that all our Bills were accepted except that of Capn Williams on Mr Scott, the matter is not much, that you had paid Mr Hempson £20. on the Childrens Acct, and remitted 1800 Crus to Lisbon for wch we thank you —

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

Messrs Stalks 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

Yr most humble Servts

Wm Bolton & Comp