

Messrs Gyles & Robert Heytham

Madeira 10 April 1698

Dear Sirs
The foregoing is copy of our
address to Barbados since which arrived the faithful of Plymouth
Capt. John Salmon Commander loaded 60 pipes and the Possilion
of London Capt. John Hayes commander by whom we have letters
to the 15th of February but none from you of a long time Messrs
Hackshaw & Comp^{ys} of Lisbon write us to the effect of our last writing
your several remissions then come to hand and in another danagram
tells us that you are disgusted by what you write them where in
you say you will write us a peace of your mind they seem to excuse
themselves from having done any thing to occasion it as for our
part we know of nothing unless it might be that when we drew
our bill in October by mentioned what we expected might be from
time to time be remitted to them and as peruse they took occasion
to write to you about it and many times the wording of the letters
may give more distrust then the very thing it self would do
it put into other terms and I believe if you consider the method
of our correspondence you will find as free from any thing of that
you lay us under suspicious conscience as any person what so ever
we cannot say any thing as to particulars untill we hear from
you which presume now may be by Capt. Breholt if not
 sooner we have notice of a small vessel of messrs Halls to
returne but noe advice from so Gent themselves this will goe via Lisbon
by an man of war who brings our new Governour and carries
home the old may be here in a few days

Dear Sirs

Ditto per June 1698

The foregoing we confirm copy of our last The 26th
ultimo sailed hence Capt. David Breholt with 250 Pipes
of wine the Britannia of London Capt. Henry Martin
150 pipes y^e Dolphin Port of London Capt. John Dawson
140 Pipes all for Barbados - great quantities of wines gone
down to y^e West Indies particularly that Island - This
goes by a small Danish vessel Therese which we have loaded
with Sugars Leaves in 2000 Two French Danes one for
ditto Island with a small quantity of Sugars the other
direct for St. Mallos and of Dateguire belonging to this
Island from Amsterdam with dry goods by reported is -
bound for y^e coast of Barbary -
our weather is very reasonable gives us hopes of a plentiful
vintage, which God grant for encouragement wheate
that of Terreira at 900 near 500 y^e St. Michaels 350 ears -
both sell very slowly these people being in great expectation
of plenty from y^e Leedes -
Inclosed you have a Bill for 54:01:10 upon M^r. John

Copy of Comp^{ts} Merchants in London which dont question
but will find due honour
our W^d embarked y^e 9th ultimo for England to whom I shall
refer you for what more may relate to Business not having
Time to enlarge His y^e hands and axe

Y^r most humble Serv^{ts}
W. Bolton & Comp^{ts}

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