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This goes via Lisbon & Capt<sup>m</sup> Daniel, who comes for our old Governour, by whom we pass our Bills & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clarke write us nothing of any Notice you take of us, it is a hard Case that we must pass our Bills in the Aire, noe Remedy but Patience, we hope they wil accept them for our Honour we send you Capt<sup>m</sup> Andrew Belchers Bill on M<sup>r</sup> John Ive for our acc<sup>t</sup> £ 77:17:08 and likewise Capt<sup>m</sup> Thomas South's Bill on M<sup>r</sup> Carleton Goodand for £ 300:--:--<sup>s</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> Sum of £ 300 -- you must credit M<sup>r</sup> William Lynch, being his proper Money & hee now Endorseth it to you

Inclosed is a Bill of Ladings for four quarter Cask of Malvaria & Two Boxes of Citron & the Daniel, Capt<sup>m</sup> Thomas Daniel viz, <sup>+ one quarter Cask for my father</sup> one quarter Cask for your good Selfe, one ditto & one Box of Suatt for the Children, & one quarter Cask & one Box for Cousin Beaufoy

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Wee confirme the foregoing Copy via Lisbon, This is designed by a Satia bound for Cadiz but because the Conveyance is uncertaine shall omit sending the Bills mentioned in the Copy for some other opportunity The first curr. came into this Road a French Man of Warre from Cadiz, gives out that he sailed thence with Mouns. Chatternoe having Twenty Eight Men of Warre, fire ships & victualers that make in all about forty, the next day came in Two Small Ships, at w<sup>ch</sup> Time the whole Flecte was scene off from the Hills, These Two and the former sailed together that night, the next they appeared at a Distance, & as yet there is One in sight w<sup>ch</sup> yesterday sent his Boate ashore with a Letter for the French Consul to be delivered to the Comander wher sh<sup>e</sup> that ~~wee~~ wee cannot learne whether they are here say for the West Indies, others thinke to cruise about these Westerne Islands because of the largenes of some of their Ships -- having One of 100 Guns, it is not to be thought but that the Security of the Spanish Plate Flecte is their designe

Wee know not how to governe our selves in this Coniuncture, whilst Peace &  
Warre are in the Ballance, our last Letters from Lisbon make all things as  
doubtful as ever, altho' at present matters are quiet, and now the French  
King owning the Prince of Wales as King of England seemes to looke as if a  
warre was unavoidable, which before might have beene carried on both  
our assisting the Dutch & Emperour as the French doe to the Spaniard  
without any Breach with due Respects we are

Yours most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
W. Bolton

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