

M^r. Robert Heysham

Madeira 26th November 1701

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This goes via Lisbon & Capt^m Daniel, who comes for our old Governour, by whom we pass our Bills & Mess^{rs} Clarke write us nothing of any Notice you take of us, it is a hard Case that we must pass our Bills in the Apr^e, no Remedy but Patience, we hope they will accept them for our Honour we send you Capt^m Andrew Belchers Bill on M^r. John Ives for our acc^t £ 77:17:08 and likewise Capt^m Thomas South's Bill on M^r. Carleton Goodland for £ 300:—:— & 10th Sum of £ 300 — you must credit M^r. 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^m Thomas Daniel viz, ^{+ one quarter Cask for my father} one quarter Cask for your good Selfe, one ditto & one Box of Suet for the Children, & one quarter Cask & one Box for Cousin Beaufoy —

Madeira 5th December 1701

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^{ch} Time the whole Fleet 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^{ch} yesterday sent his Boate ashore with a Letter for the French Consul to be delivered to the Comander her ship that a French Fleet, wee cannot learne whether they are here say for the West Indies, others thinke to cruise about these Western 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 Fleet is their designe