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Madeira 31 January 1702

Wee confirm the a foregoing via Canaries, & herewith goes our
Bill on M^r. Solomon Merrett for £66 = M^r. Pringle Thetwals second Bill on M^r. William
Bridges £38:17:10. & Cass^m. James Barrys first Bill on Cass^m. Philip Aime of Bristol
for £47:03:09. This Bill will be paid by M^r. Thomas Clarke, wee send you likewise our second
Bill on Cass^m. Philip Aime, M^r. Francis Rogers & Emly: of Bristol for 6070735 reis payable
as mentioned in the Copy —

Wee have received by M^r. Bowles ship the Chair, case, & Bundle of maps, here is now in Porte
the Macklesfield Gally, Cass^m. John Hurle Comander for China, by whom M^r. John Gardiner writes
us under the 26th Instant, that the two East India Companies are joynd & that the warr with
France is inevitable, & thought that Portugal would stand neuter in the warr, but that
which wee fear gives us cause to doubt, wee have noe late advice from Lisbon, nor doe wee
suddanly expect any, soe that it is probably wee shall bee first advised from England, how
matters are like to governe as to the warr & with whom please to send us

2th fashionable Druggett
6th statts about 8th
6th fine hose coloured
2th fashionable stuffs
3¹/₂ yards of fine blew Cloath
11¹/₂ yards of fine flowered like y^e. Sweetest Gaudy Colours —

This is to be supposed if noe warr with Portugal by the time you can ship them, otherwise
our Trade is at an End —

Noe vessel left in Porte, but a small Schoope bound to Arriguid, This goes via Scotland & if any
thing offers I shall write you in Descript —

This year hath not come the quantity of wheate as was usual from the western Islands, by w^{ch}
wee have with much adoe got off what wee had left, that came from Hartmouth, whereof
wee shall send the att. of sales soe soon as wee can finish them, & now as matters are like
to goe, if you can find a vessel at any of the out Ports that will take in Casoo quarters soe
that it may bee done privately, without notice, it may doe well, but this must not bee
delayed, & if there bee not sacks to be had, lett it come in Bush, rather then wait time, you
may send it in halves betwixt us & charge us accordingly, wee find it is reasonable in England,
but must stil continue to note to you what a great quantity wants us, as it did two years
wee have not che to advise, but wish you an happy New Year & remaine

Ditto 15th February 1702

Bound to Scotland to which refer you, This goes
be forwarded if any Conveyance that offers, noe English vessel
at a Portegize bound to said Island, well laded about 400th M^{oj}. of wheate
bearer herof 200 M^{oj}. being a Bermudas Brigantine, wherein wee
parte owners, soe according as you find others inclined to take wheate in
England, you take measures about what wee advised on that Commodity, it sells
well where there is a Scarcity, & nothing soe great a Drugg when Plenty
being what offers from

Madeira 10th March 1702

Since the a foregoing Coppers of our last, arrived the Elizabeth Cass^m. Fisher from
Cape Verde bound for London, on whom Eight of our Nation embarke, most of them
women, noe ship lately from England, which makes us conclude there is an Embargo
and by consequence a warr will follow with France Spain &c —