and for the Reason that W.B. [illegible] we [illegible] home,
wil likewise take a part in this War, which ot[illegible]
her adventure, God send us good Newes of her, wch wee
any other Way then p. Lisbon, for, Two Things were certa[illegible]
England, the first an Embargo, and the other, if a Warr fo[illegible]
(likely) declared first by us, that our Nation wil be soe prudent n[illegible]
before the Navy is in a Condition to put to Sea, for if our hot Men pre[illegible]
to get a Declaration of Warr before that, it wil be the Lending a Weap[illegible]
to cut our owne Throates, because the French Privateers lye ready to [illegible]
the first Oppertunity of goeing out to Surprize our Merchants Ships —
Wee have mentiond in the Copy that wee are concerned in a Bermudas [illegible]
gone to Terceira to lade Wheate, wee owne $\frac{1}{4}$th, and its probable may retuxne
be with us by the Time that wee may have advice from Lisbon, wch may be
in Three weekes, because their ships come out about the 25th of this Month, and
if what wee fear of Portugal joyning with France, should happen, wee hav[illegible]
thoughts of Ladeing for your acct to Barbados what shee can carry, ov[illegible]
and above the Effects off the Owners, in Such Case wee shall act wth Cautio[illegible]
for if wee are advised that Portugal is inclined to a neutrality, wee shall
doe nothing in it, but leave you to your Owne Orders as you shall from
Time to Time to advise the needfull, but if our friends in Lisbon write
us that they are any way apprehensive of a Warr with England, then
are resolved to proceed as wee say to lade for your acct, please to excu[illegible]
that wee are thus free with you, for wee must Speake plaine
say that our designe is to get off some of our Effects, and a[illegible]
value wil remaine in your hands, and as the Bent of your Busin[illegible]
to Barbados, wee conceive this Designe wil meete wth your Appro[illegible]
several of our owne Nation have solicited us on this acct, bu[illegible]
begins at home, & therfore, as wee would sooner ship[illegible]
then others, soe wee would sooner serve our Owne [illegible]
wee have little Trade in ye West Indies for our Owne [illegible]
you the Preference — Wee ha[illegible]
what wee suppose (as to the Warr) may bee, should [illegible]
you may say afterwards, this was none of my design[illegible]
candidly with you, and tel you all the Reason wee have,
you wil rest Satisfied, because wee have noe other Reason then
have already told you —

wee are God be praised att the 19th ditto, yesterday came into this Road his Majesties Sh[illegible]
Capt. Talet comander bound to the Cape, wee have seene the Kings Speech & t[illegible]
of the Parliment upon it, soe that wee are now confirmed in what wee sugge[illegible]
touching the Warr, what more remaines, is the Resolution of Portug[illegible]
declaring against France —

Wee have a Letter from Wm. Hutchins by this Ship of 22th January noteing [illegible]
of ours of 21th December via St Malo, & that W.B. wife was arived there in S[illegible]
wch is much to our Satisfaction —