

Mess^{rs}. Davenport & Wentworth *of Capt. Wilson
of Capt. Watts.* London 25 March 1760

TriPLICATE. Gentlemen

This Advises you my having received your Letters of 10 and 16 December last, they came to hand the 14th 19 February.

The Insurances you desire to have made I have got done as you will see Annext, but at such high Rates that I am almost ashamed to Advise them, our repeated and undoubted informations of the swarms of French Privateers Cruising & taking such vast numbers of our Ships made it difficult to get any Underwriters to Insure them at any Rate, neither of our Insurance Companies would do them at all, and I was along time before I could get private people to set their names to any Policy, You will see that the Danger of Capture was the fear of the Insurers, since I have got the Britannia supposed to be a Ship of some force done to Jamaica on the same terms as the other is to Antigua, and even at five pounds less if she discharges at the Seward Islands, the Evidence of these Vessells having had Convoy you will please to transmit me in due time, I have Charges you £481. 14. 6 Cost of the £1800 Insured on the Ship, ^{the} Britannia Capt. Appleton; And £240. 19. 6 Cost of £900 Insured on the Ship Master Mason Capt. Daniel Wentworth.

I have recovered from the Insurers on the Pretty Nancy Capt. Stockell five Guineas offent on the one Policy of £2600 - from Boston to the West Indies in Consideration she did not proceed to Jamaica, this being £136. 10 - is put to your Credit, the other Policy lies before the Insurers for the like return.

Capt. Stockell is now on his departure for New-England, I have settled Accounts with him as well as I could, but there are some Articles therein that I think you should Overhaul, I mean that sum which he has retained belonging to the Representatives of Mr. Rafter who Dyed on the Voyage, he would not Account to me for it, Alledging he was liable personally to be called upon for it, he told me he knew where Rafter's friends lived, and had wrote to Ireland to inform them thereof, I question that, because he would not tell me where they lived, otherwise I would have wrote to them, this I don't like.

As to his Expences they are very great, more so I think than those of other Masters of Ships generally are, I allowed him nothing that I could avoid, and for which I had the best Evidence possible. I have inclosed you a copy of the Accounts upon which I settled with him vizt. his Disbursements amounting to £110. 15. 2 - The Portledge bill amounting to £298. 17. 9 after deducting the Advance Wages, and his Account for want with the Ship, in which you will see I have

I have allowed him £14. 11- for his Primage which will be received with the Freight,
 And £31. 1- for his privilege of two offent on the Freight, this perquisite is now become
 general, and unless specially guarded against they will always get it by referring to the
 Custom now established here, I disputed this with Capt. Stockell along time, but at
 length I was forced to give it up as the opinion of other Merchants here; Indeed the
 low Wages of five Guineas of Month to a Master seems to make such an allowance
 the more requisite, and since in these kind of Voyages the Obtaining the Freight is
 in some measure the Masters doing, he should have some reward for it. Capt Stockell
 has left in my hands a bill drawn by Thomas Martin on Mess^{rs} Trecothick & Co for
 £300- this will be an Addition to the Freight of the Ship, it is not yet paid, but is
 to be paid out of the produce of some Prize Sugars not yet sold. Now as to

your Ship pretty Nancy I am sorry to tell you how very unsaleable she is, indeed all
 Ships are very much so, but this more particularly, for in her Structure there is a fault
 at her fore-castle whereby there is a kind of Waste in her Head, which by this means
 also lies very low and makes her apt to ship Water and when shipped to retain it,
 this makes her a very bad sea Boat, and besides has occasioned the Rotting of some
 of those Timbers which if her Built had been like all other Ships would have been
 secured from Weather & the Lodgment of Water, there is this further inconvenience
 in this too, that her cables lie all exposed to the Weather, and the Shipping of the
 Sails, it is a wrong fancy indeed, and you see furnishes objections (which are in plenty
 against any other Ships) in great abundance against yours, I have not hitherto been
 bid any thing for her, I will do the best I can with her and then render you an Acct.
 of her and her freight which I am now getting I am Gent.

Your most humble servt.
 Wm Baker

100	Insured by Rich. Lowley	27 Feb: 1760
100	Robt. Rowan	d ^o
100	G. Noke	d ^o
100	John Townson	28 th
100	Thomas Smith	d ^o
100	Edw. Hove	d ^o
100	Wm Stead	d ^o
100	Moses Daposta	d ^o
100	Joseph Scott	29 th
100	George Ward	d ^o
100	Rich. Carpenter	d ^o
100	Wm Black	d ^o
<u>1200</u>	Continued	

To £1200 Insured by sundry Persons continued

100.	James Woodbridge	29 Feb. 1760
100.	John Townson	d ^o
100.	Robert Wilson	4 March
100.	James Bordieu	6th
100.	William Grove	d ^o
100.	Rich. Gilbert Jun ^r	d ^o

£1800 Insured on Ship, Goods & Freight, the Britannia Capt. Sam^l Appleton at and from Newberry to Portsmouth in New England, and from thence to Jamaica, with liberty to touch at the Seaward Islands; The Risque to commence immediately following the first day of January 1760, at Twenty five Guineas of Rent to pay £98 of Rent in case of loss — To return Ten Pounds of Rent if departs from Newberry or Portsmouth with convey bound to the Seaward Islands and Arrives — Also Five pounds of Rent more if proceeds no further than the Seaward Islands, £472. 10. —

To Policy & Stamps, 4. 6

To Commission 1/2 of Rent, 9. —

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100.	Wm Stead	d ^o
100.	Rob ^t Wilson	4 March
100.	John Townson	5. d ^o

£900 Insured on Ship, Cargo & Freight, the Master Mason Capt. Dan^l Wentworth at & from Portsmouth New England, to Antigua. — The risque to commence immediately following the first Day of January 1760, — at Twenty five Guineas of Rent to pay £98 of Rent if lost — To return Ten pounds of Rent if departs with Convey bound to the Seaward Islands & Arrives, . . . £236. 5. —

To Policy & Stamps, 4. 6

To Commission 1/2 of Rent, 4. 10

£240. 19. 6

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1870 closed on this, Goods & Freight, the Bostonian for the year 1870
 at our office, Standard Information, in the English and French
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Messrs. Davenport & Wentworth
 Merchants at
 Portsmouth
 New England

Paquet.
 12 April 1870.

