

1765, 13 Setembro, Bristol. Carta de Henry Cruger Jr. para Aaron Lopez.

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Bristol, 13th September, 1765.

Sir,

Since my last respects to you, have received sundry copys already answer'd; also your esteemed favour of 26th July ordering £500. additional insurance on the *Friendship*, Capt. Lindsey, (who does not yet appear). Cost of the same you have herewith, £15 to the debit of your account.

After reading your letter over with proper attention, I determined to give 3 days notice, and put your ship *America* again up at auction, but it proved all to no purpose. She would not fetch above £700., and your limits are 750 gs. Several vessels are now ready to sail for New York not half loaded, as no goods are going, this determined me to give orders to get the *America* ready to sail for Newport without loss of time, accordingly have order'd all the goods you desire in your letter, vizt. about 60 tons coal, 10 tons anchors, 2 of oakum, 3 of junk, 4 of cordage, 1/2 bolt rope, 6 cables, 100 bolts Russia, 60 ditto English duck, and hemp.

The goods that were shiped for you on board the *Minerva* shall be taken out, and put in the *America*. I shall insure the whole cargo, and £800. sterling on the ship valued, at and from Bristol to Newport, for your guidance.

I expect shall be able to dispatch the *America* in about 3 weeks from this date.

Your drafts to the amount of £2200 are all accepted, and the greatest part are paid. The lumber by the *America* lays still unsold, no body offering to buy an inch. Money is so scarce in the Kingdom, and trade of all sorts so dull, and the English markets over done with North American produce, especially lumbar – nothing bearing the name of the least affinity of wood will sell for any tolerable price – and lumbar buyers in general are a parcell of poor dogs, who must have credit.

Oil, naval stores, etc., will do very well, and as it's your method, or conveniency, to draw, may better answer your purpose, as the sale of these articles are not so tedious. Carolina produce generally answers very well, have great grounds to hope you'll soon be granted a free trade to the foreign West Indie Islands. I think *America* hath seen its worst day – times must soon mend, but at present they are really distressing.

By the *America* shall do myself the pleasure to write you more fully. Interim and
always I remain with regard most respectfully, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

Hen: Cruger, Jr.¹

¹ Endossado: "Via New York. Rec'd and forwarded this 18th November, 1765, in New York, by, Sir, your obedient Humble Servant, Jno: Harris Cruger."