

1765, 4 Setembro, Bristol. Carta de Henry Cruger Jr. para Aaron Lopez.

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Bristol, Sept. 4th, 1765.

Sir,

My last respects to you were under date of 2nd August per your brigantine *Charlotte*, and copy per *Two Brothers* via New York to which pray refer.

I have sent per the bearer of this the remainder of your goods which could not be got in time for the *Charlotte* as per invoice inclosed, amounting to £208.13.8 sterling to your debit. The bill lading I have inclosed to my brother, Mr. John Harris Cruger, at New York, and desir'd him to forward them per first conveyance to you.

Last week after giving all the customary notice I put your ship *America* up to publick auction, but not a single bidder appear'd. Ships are so little in demand, I think you must lose a deal of money by her. I don't expect to make above 6 or £700 sterling of her sell her when I will,— far short of your valuation.

Her plank, etc., I am with all possible dispatch getting measured and lotted out, and will sell as much of it as I can, but oh! it is bad times, don't send any more ships for sale till I give you encouragement; confide in my integrity, I will never deceive you, tho: indeed you are the best and only judge what you can afford them at.

As to your logwood it has been a long time housed. I offer'd it for £7, and could not get it.

You perceive it is likely to be a long while before I can sell and be in cash for these goods, but, Sir, don't give yourself much uneasiness on that account, for these are things that I suppose you could not foresee, and altho it is very trying times with we poor North American merchants, yet we'll die hard, and honourable. Your bills shall all, as before advised, meet due respect.

At present nothing further occurs. Inclosed is an account of the brigantine *Charlotte's* disbursements, amounting to £54.6.3. sterling to your debit.

I am with esteem, Sir, Your most Humble Servant,

Hen: Cruger, Jr.

P. S. Just upon closing the foregoing I received your esteemed favours of 18th June via New York and Dublin, and about an hour after received by the *Charming Fanny*, Capt. Osborne, your further favours of 17th July, ordering £2500. sterling insurance to

be done on the *Friendship* Capt. Lindsay, as the season is advanced, I shall be obliged to give 50/ per cent. If it is effected before I dispatch the bearer hereof, will send you an account of the same.

As have already in the begining of this letter given you my candid sentiments on the sale of new ships, and lumbar cargoes, will for the present say no more; they are certainly become a bad article, and the ship you now value at £1500, if she fetches half the money, you'll be well of.

At present, the vast debts due to me from my American correspondents are so distressing, and lay so heavey upon me, that I must beg you will be tender with me in drawing, don't over rate your ships and goods. I hope to see the times mend, when I shall take pleasure in indulging you; but, bad as they are, be quite easy Sir, your drafts shall all be duely honor'd by, Sir, Your much obliged Humble Servant

Hen: Cruger, Jr.

P. S. Since writing the above I have effected your insurance as per account at foot hereof, amount £75.16.0 sterling to your debit in account current

Mr. Aaron Lopez

To Henry Cruger Jr. Dr.

For £2500 insurance made on the *Friendship*, David Lindsay, Master, at and from Rhode Island to Bristol, vizt.

| On Ship | On Goods |
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| £250.-.-. John Vaughan Jr. | £100.-.-. John Fowler. |
| 100.-.-. Jas. Laroche, Jun'r. | 100.-.-. Thos. Longden. |
| 100.-.-. John Adlam. | 100.-.-. Wm. Reeve. |
| 100.-.-. Thos. Whitehead. | 100.-.-. L. Schimmelpennig. |
| 100.-.-. Edw'd Nicholas. | 100.-.-. Rich'd Symes. |
| 100.-.-. Sam'l Munckley. | 100.-.-. Isaac Elton, Jun'r. |
| 100.-.-. Thos. Griffiths. | 100.-.-. H'y Bright. |
| 100.-.-. John Curtis. | 100.-.-. Jas. Bannister. |
| 100.-.-. Edw'd Neufville. | 100.-.-. Jno. Humphrys. |
| 100.-.-. Chas. Harford. | <u>100.-.-.</u> Thos. Jones. |
| 100.-.-. Geo: Champion. | £ 1000. on goods at 50/ per |
| 100.-.-. John Anderson. | ct. and new policy 8/ £25. 8. |
| <u>150.-.-.</u> Rob't Gordon. | |
| £1500. on ship at 50/ per ct. and new policy 8/..... .. | <u>£37.18.0</u> |

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| | £63. 6.- |
| To commission on £2500. at 1/2 per ct. | <u>12.10.</u> |
| To the debit of Mr. Aaron Lopez..... | £75.16. |