

Sir

By this Conveyance Six Blacks belonging to S<sup>t</sup> Iago will be brought and Delivered to your Order in Expectation of their meeting with a Speedier Passage from this Province to that Island by this way than any Other which can Offer from hence

The manner of their being brought hither will be Seen by a Perusal of the Inclosed Papers which together with the Letter and the Blacks I hope you will not want a ready Opportunity of sending to S<sup>t</sup> Jago.

As my Duty to my King Obliges me to do Justice to Every Body: I am sensible it must be Extreemly Agreeable to his Majesty that I should Strictly Conform to it in what may relate to every Subject of the King of Portugal. I am &c<sup>a</sup>

To the Governor [or] Commanding  
Officer at Madera.

Sir

As soon as I was Informed of the Suspicion That Captain Thomas Davison Master of the Ship Mary had in an unlawful manner brought away from your Island five Slaves and a freeman I was desirous of doing what Justice I could And Captain Davison with his Mate, Surgeon, Carpenter Apprentice & Cook were Summoned to Appear before me who upon their Examinations declared what you will see by the Inclosed Papers. And I think he has been encouraged and Assisted by some of the Inhabitants of your Island to do what is now Complained of against him however that you may be satisfied the English are unwilling to Countenance any unjust Act and Ready to redress every injury as far as they can, Especially towards the Portugal Nation with whom our King is in so good Friendship: I tooke Possession of the Freeman & five Slaves and now send them to you by way of the Madera Wishing they may Arrive in Safety to you and shall be Glad to hear that you have received them

To the Governor or Commanding } I am &c<sup>a</sup>  
Officer at S<sup>t</sup> Jago.

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Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Letter of the Duke of Bedfords inclosing his Majestys Proclamation, and also his Excellencys Proclamation publishing the same be entered as follows