Messrs. St. Maria & Cuesta Newport Janr. 5th 1799

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure of addressing you the John, Capt. Shearman, requesting that you would procure and lade her with a full Cargo of Molasses forever accident, we have sent by the Brig the larger part of the Hogsheads that will be wanted to put the Molasses in, and there are two Coopers onboard who will immediately put them in order — the residue of the Hogsheads you will supply — There was some molasses Hhd we sent by the Brig Little Sally which the coopers we have onboard the John will put in order for her, as they will not we suppose be wanted in the Sally —

Capt. Shearman will deliver you agreably to our order, a parcel of Iron & Dry Codfish which dispose of the most advantage and for the balance due on the purchase of the Cargo of the John draw upon us at the usual sight, and your bills shall be duly honored —

We must beg you to give Capt. Shearman immediate dispatch