Mr George Gibbs jr Newport Jany 5th 1799

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure of writing you by the John Capt. Shearman — whom we have directed to deliver you the Goods we have shipd as per bill of lading & Invoice inclosed, and that you would have him laden with a homeward Cargo — relying on you for any advice or assistance he may need —

It is our wish that the goods shipd should be sold to the best advantage and that the Brig should be laden with a full Cargo of Molasses, to return here; unless you should have made a purchase of Sugars, in which case you can ship one or two hundred boxes sugar & have her filled with Molasses — You will place the business of the John in the hands of Messrs Sn Maria & Cuesta, or any other house if you think most to our Interest, unless you can negotiate the business yourself — directing them to make sale of the Goods shipd & to procure Molasses of the best quality sufficient to fully load her, and for the amount due on this purchase, draw on us at as long a sight, as the bills can be negotiated for without discount payable either here, Boston, New York or Philadelphia, ~~making~~ giving a preference to making them payable here —

We have sent the principal part of the Molasses hogsheads which we have directed to be immediately coopered to receive the Molasses