

glad to know what we could send hence to any Part of *Europe* to make such Gain. It is obvious that *Portugal* in this Case pays the whole Sum, and our Seamen and Merchants divide it. It is pretty common for the Captain, if the Ship be Plantation built, to have Orders to sell the Ship, if he can get a certain Price for it, which often happens, and in that Case generally, the whole Produce of Ship and Cargoe is sent to *England*; and if it was not the Property of *Englishmen* (I mean those who live in *England*) before, it is always ordered to be laid out in Goods, all of the Manufacture of this Kingdom, or such as are imported here, and sent to *Pensilvania*.

In another Branch this Province is also of signal Advantage to us; for all the Money they get by trading with the *Dutch*, *French* or *Spaniards*, or any others, which are not inconsiderable Sums, are sent directly here. From the Island of *Curaçoa* they do not receive less than from 4 to 6000 Pistoles a Year. The Goods they send there are Bread, Flour, barrell'd Pork, Hams, *Indian* Corn, strong Beer, Cyder, Butter, Cheese, &c. and some live Stock, namely, Hogs, Fowls, &c. except a little Cocoa, their Returns from thence are always ready Money. They trade to *Surinam* too, but do not receive near the Specie there that they do at *Curaçoa*, tho' that is a very
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