

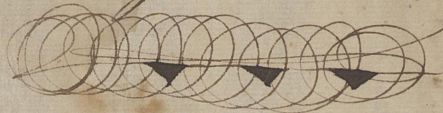
M^r Daniel Defoe

Manchester Feb^y. 15th 1759

Referring you to ours of the 30th Octo: past, of the Neptune Cap^t: Fullidge from Bristol, we are now to acknowledge the receipt of your sundry favours of the 2. August, 13th Octo: & 10th November, the first annexing an order for some Shirts & Thread, the second ordered us to draw on David Barclay for one hundred pounds - which we did, & the same was duly honoured about to your credit, the last countermands your order of checks & the Open-Briggs you ordered wth Edmund Senney, except they would come on the old price, as you observe they are so plenty wth you, & makes an addition to your thread, we therefore now annex you Invoice of one case merchandize, being 4. orders of Thread, & some small wares you ordered by M^r: Senney, which is ship you by the opportunity that hands you this - say the Swale Cap^t: Job Pallard - a vessel of force purposely engaged by us to carry our spring cargo to New York, the amount we bring to your credit in a new account, as also the Bal^l: to your deb^t: as if you rec^d: wth Senney, you'd observe we have made no Insurance hereon, as you was pleased to rally us in a former letter for cowardice, we therefore shall not cover any goods you order from us till you command us, you'll please to note we send you no checks, tho' we had got ~~any~~ every one of yours made on purpose to pattern, & a good commodity they were, but twas no dis-advantage to us, as they helped our completing other of our friends orders, all of whom we have been obliged to send short of their orders in that article, for checks still rise in price, & so very scarce that we cannot get them on any account, we therefore expect your markets will be soon drained, as but a few will be imported into your place this year, & there is a greater prospect of their being still dearer than the reverse, as to small wares - they are now as scarce an article as any thing, for the weavers are all turned out ag^t: their Masters in order to raise their wages, & not one Loom in the worsted branch of that article is this day stirring in Manchester, the Masters have now resolved to sue the weavers, & no less than thirty two are in our County goal to take their trial at the next assizes, we now beg leave to say adieu to you for all your favours, & believe us to be with the greatest sincerity

Y^r very hum^l: serv^t:s

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