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RS #17: Shipping Advertisements

Contents of Several Ships Sailing from Virginia to England September 1737

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Enter'd in the Upper District of James River. Sept. 16. Sloop Sea-flower, of Bermuda, Wm Thomas, Mafter, of Bermuda, with 4 Hogsheads of Rum, 8 Hogsheads of Melasses, 4 Barrels of Sugar, 800 Bushels of Salt, and 1 Barrel of Train-Oil.

- Burch, Mafter, from Bermuda, by way of Jamaica, with 51 Tierces of Melaffes, 1 Bag of Cotton, and 6 Puncheons of Rum.
- ----- 28. Sloop Betty, of Virginia, George Cabanifs, Mafter, from Barbadoes, with 14 Hogfheads, 9 Ticrces and 5 Barrels of Rum, and 4 Barrels of Sugar. Clear'd out of the fame Diffrict.
- Sept. 17. Ship Harriton, of London, Thomas Bolling, Mafter, for London, with 780 Hogiheads of Tobacco, 600 Feet of Pine Plank, 8000 Staves, 23 Pipes of Madeira Wine, 7 Casks of Skins, and 1 Cask of old Skruff.
 17. Ship Jenny, of Toplham, John Brown, Mafter, for the Lower Diftrict, with 21 Hogiheads of Tobacco.
 19. Ship Albany, of Glaigow, William Gammel, Mafter, for Glaigow, with 425 Hogiheads of Tobacco, 11000 Staves, 700 Feet of Oak Plank, and 60 lbs. of Brafs Kettles.
- 23. Ship Thiftle Galley, of Glafgow, John Wilfon, Mafter, for Glafgow, with 280 Houthards of Tabara

September 17-Ship Harrison of London, Thomas Bolling, Master (1), for London, with 780 Hogshead (2) of Tobacco, 600 feet of Pine Plank (3), 8,000 staves (4), 23 Pipes (5) of Madeira Wine, 7 casks (6) of animal skins, and 1 cask of old skruff

Definitions:

- (1) Hogshead: large, strong container that is shaped like a barrel
- (2) Plank: long, flat piece of wood, thicker than a board
- (3) Stave: a stick, rod, or pole, or a thin, narrow shaped piece of wood that forms the side of a cask
- (4) Pipe: a measure of liquid equal to 4 barrels, 2 hogsheads, or half a ton, and containing 126 gallons
- (5) Cask: a barrel

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Advertisement to Ship Tobacco to England December 1771: "For London"



The Brigantine (1) Innermay, William Laughton (master/captain), lying in the Appomattox River, which will take in Tobacco at a cost of seven pounds (2), ten shillings (3) per ton (4), with Liberty of Consignment (5). Since the ship is already half full, the ship will sail by the first of January, so long as the weather is good for sailing. Any Gentleman who may be interested in putting items for sale on this ship should write to Mr. William Beattle at Petersburg, Mr. Patrick Ramsay at Blandford, Mr. James Belsebes at Cabin Point, or the Captain on board to let him know of your interest. -Walter Peter

Definitions:

- (1) Brigantine: a ship with two square sails one in front and one in the back
- (2) Pounds: British money greater in value than shillings
- (3) Shillings: British money that is less in value than pounds
- (4) Ton: a unit of weight equal to 2,240 pounds (weight)
- (5) Liberty of Consignment: right to sell the goods (in this case, tobacco)