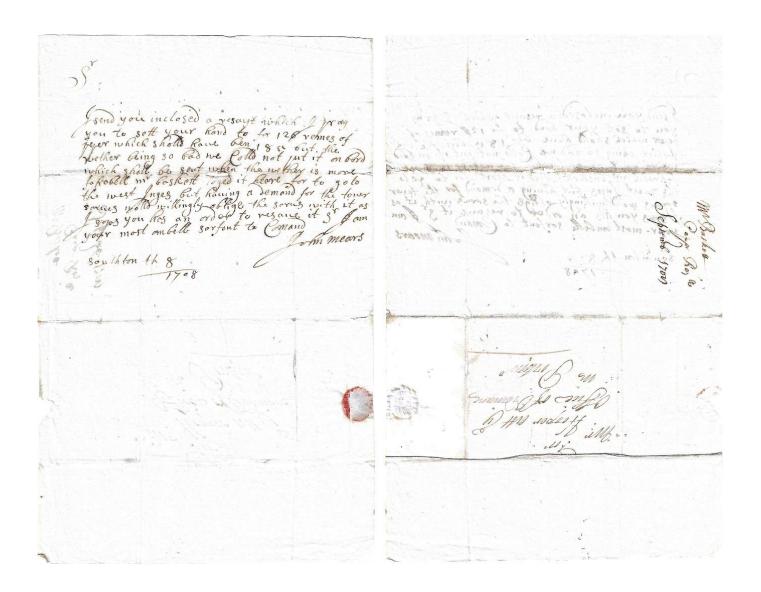
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Mr Baskett Paper Roy<sup>II</sup> Septemb 1708

For Mr Hooper att Y<sup>e</sup> Office of Ordinanc In Portsm<sup>o</sup>

Sr:

I send you inclosed a resayt which I pray you to sett your hand to for 126 remes of paper which sholld have ben 185 but the wether being so bad we Colld not put it on bord which shall be sent when the wether is more fafrabell Mr Baskett loged it heare for to go to the west Inges but having a demand for the touer sarves wolld willingly oblige the sorvis with it as I sopos you hos an order to resave it Sr I am your most ombel sorfant to Comand.

West Indies?

John Mears

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And, in modern English it would read:

I send you a receipt which I pray you to set your hand to for 126 rhemes of paper. Which should have been 185, but the weather being so bad we could not put it on board. Which shall be sent when the weather is more Favorable. Mr. Baskett logged it here for to go to the West Indies but having a demand for The Tower Service, would willingly oblige the service with it as I suppose you have an order to reserve it. Sir, I am your most humble servant to command.