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I send you inclosed a present which I pray
you to sett your hand to for 128 rems of
paper which should have been 18 s but the
seller being so bad we could not put it on board
which shall be sent when the weather is more
tolerable Mr. Baskett joyed it leave for to go to
the west Indies but having a demand for the tower
squares would willingly oblige the same with it as
I hope you has an order to receive it & I am
your most oblig'd servant to Command
John means
Southton th 8
1708

Mr. Baskett
Paper Roy
Sept 1708
I have the honor to receive your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the paper which you have ordered for the tower squares. I am very glad to hear that you are well, and hope you will continue so. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant, John Means.

Mr Baskett
Paper Roy^{ll}
Septemb 1708

For
Mr Hooper att Y^e
Office of Ordinanc
In Portsm^o

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
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John Mears

West Indies?

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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.