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Transcript of Letter Written on 26 September 1666

Deare Brother

Southtowne the 26 September 1666

S[i]r Yo[u]rs 19 p[re]sent have received and thanke you for your care in sending of me word howe you heare of our Consens in London if it please god that it should they were all well yet we must exspect great charge upon them if they be saved, A fryday last I wrot you what I heard conserninge our consens in London which I hope will come to hand to morrow, S[i]r this day I heard by a second hand that Mr Albertson and others of the Owners are for sendinge of Capt[ain] Ames to the Straites this yeare and Mr Albertson asked my Brother Harper whither he thought you would be willinge to have Capt[ain] Ames his shipe goe this yeare to the Straites, as sune as I heard of it I thought it best to write you of it and desire you to write p[er] first your thoughts of it, S[i]r I leave my selfe wholly to yourselfe to doe in it as you see good only I thinke that the danger is greater now then it was last yeare and wie are nowe for ceartaine out with france, and were the french and duch fleet are is unceartaine, and our leage with Spaine is not very ferme, 19 of those shipps we burnt at the fley were under the Duke of Burgendy his flag and how spaine will put up that losse is yet unknown, the kinge of Sweeden hath stopt all our English shipes in his harbores and under Command of any of his Castles makeinge demand for sattisfaction of a great losse his subiects hath sustained in those shipes burnt by us in the fley, and so truly I thinke it is a great hasard to venter this yeare and as for insurance this stupendious and amaseinge fire at London may putt men to a stand and knowe howe they may trust, yet notwithstandinge all this...

