

London June y^e 30th 1697

Capt Matthew

Before this can reach yo^r hands you will probably have heard of y^e misfortune of y^e West India Fleet & I hope the duplicates of my letters may become to yo^r hands before this since y^e closing of ~~that~~ ^{which} is a later packet in w^{ch} was a draft of a lease for Capt Burrell w^{ch} I sent by a shippe w^{ch} I feare is taken by the enemy. I received yo^r of y^e 30th of November last importing that Capt Burrell was willing to paye y^e rent y^e Demanded, in London for y^e Terme of 13 years giving for security Major Mack Arthur & Cap^t Phillip Dewit Admitting likewise the clause of Reentry in case of not Complying punctually. but now Cap^t De Witt is Dead some other security must be thought upon and then Cap^t Burrell duely paying y^e Annual rents agreed on to me or my order in London & performing punctually y^e severall covenants contained in my proposals made to him I shall hasten to sende him an other lease as soon as w^{ch} convenience I can and in y^e mean tyme shall not neede to feare suffering by y^e want of it or if you should get them drawn upon y^e Island according to y^e proposals made and Cap^t Burrell executing his part there & sending it over well Abested wth the Bonds & security for performance of Covenants I shall signe & seale my part here upon y^e arrivall that he may not bee discouraged by delays for I intend to deale fairly with him & expect he will doe y^e like by me and I shall expect to receive my rent as accompting from y^e tyme of his entry upon my plantation and I wish him good success thereon The five Tierces & four hilderkins of Suga w^{ch} you sent Consigned to m^r W^m Clarke of Bristol happened to come to a bad market were sold at 8. 6^d Cent y^e Clear & net produce of y^e whole amounted but to twenty pounds & twelve shillings occasioned as well by y^e scarcity of many as plenty of that commodity There is no great alteration in affaiers since my last only Col^l W^m Matthews is made Major of y^e second Regiment of Guards The Peace advanceth verry slowly the french in y^e meane tyme have taken Acte and are preparing to besiege Barcelona both by sea & land I am glad to heare of y^e arrivall of Admirall Nevill & Maer at Barbados wee hope that not only yo^r Islands but also Jamaica is out of danger of m^r Pointi y^e made so great a noise in y^e world & I wish he may faile in his designs upon the Spaniard I wish I had better news to sende you then these parts yett afford all that remains is y^e tender of my humble service who am

I pray give my humble service
to y^e Govern^r Col^l Hill to Major Mack Arthur
Capt. Willett & to Cap^t Burrell

I yo^r obliged humble servant
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to
Capt. Mathews June 10/67