

St. Christopher May 22. 1864.

My dear Sir

This packet brings me your letter of Feb. 26; and my previous communications have already put you in possession of the course which your affairs have taken up to the period of my conditional agreement with Mr. Dyson. The mail now due and daily expected will probably bring the intelligence of the result of that gentleman's proposal, and will I hope put you at a certainty respecting your future interests here. We have subsequently to my last accounts been getting on with the present and providing for the next crop to the utmost extent of the resources which I had at my command; and this has been done with as strict an attention to economy as the nature of the case would admit of. Heavy disbursements must nevertheless be made, and I have now to advise you that I have by this opportunity drawn a bill upon your account on Mr. Wildman, at 90 days sight for £142.9.6 in favor of Patrick Kelly, and another for £50 at 30 days in favor of John Stephen. I have

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addressed these bills to Mr. Wildman in the expectation  
that your Sugars will be consigned to him till  
an arrangement is made with Mr. Tyson or some other  
tenant. I shall, however, leave this subject to your  
decision; for I shall make the sugars deliverable to  
your orders, and inclose the bills of lading to you;  
and in the event of your preferring to send them  
to any other address you will be careful to  
apprise the holders of the bills when they will  
be accepted and paid. The latter of these bills  
is a provision for the defence of the Action  
threatened by my son Remney, about which I  
have acquired more confidence than when I last  
wrote, in consequence of the hesitation which our  
opponent has manifested. I would not raise an  
undue hope about that which is unquestionably  
doubtful; but my son Remney, Agent certainly,  
does not think so well of his case as he did;  
and the determined preparations which I have made  
will perhaps induce them not to try the question  
— or perhaps to take your opinion upon it, as I  
had at the outset proposed. Upon this point, as upon  
every other we must be guided by the provisions of  
the last law; and not, as you seem to think, for  
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the absence of the schedule, by the stipulations of former contracts. There is doubt that the production of that schedule would now be very detrimental to your interest, as it would be evidence of the ruinous condition of the buildings at that period. They were indeed so bad that the present ones were built immediately after.

By the Ship Britannia, Capt. Sharpe, I shall forward to you 27 hhd's of Sugar of a very superior quality. You may reasonably estimate the value at £30 <sup>per</sup> hhd each. If we were not limited in our means the shipment would have been more considerable, but we shall lose no time in getting on, and I shall shortly advise you of future shipments.

Anxiously expecting your next letter,

I am,

My dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant

R. M. Rickwood.

Robt Wm Rickwood Esq

Dublin House July 9<sup>th</sup> 1819

Sir

I have recently received in favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May acknowledgment

the receipt of mine of the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. w<sup>ch</sup> ought to have been received in due course about 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1818.

Robt<sup>m</sup> Richwood Esq

Dull<sup>m</sup> House July 9<sup>th</sup> 1819

Dear Sir

I have recently received of favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May acknowledgment  
the receipt of mine of the 26 Feb<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup> ought to have been received in due  
course about the middle of April last. In w<sup>ch</sup> I gave you all of information in  
my former Relation to w<sup>ch</sup> different leases I granted on my property since  
the year 1813 - w<sup>ch</sup> then dates a principal covenant particularly  
that to P<sup>r</sup> Romneys Ancestor Capt Ch<sup>o</sup> Pym dated in w<sup>ch</sup> year 1720  
for 30 years - wherein he covenanted to leave not only all the  
Buildings that were then on the property but such as during w<sup>ch</sup>  
term of the lease he should erect for his own use & convenience  
in a demantable state of Repair free from all charges or  
allowances from of his Lord - these Buildings might be  
Expected to devolve to posterity a consequently at w<sup>ch</sup> lapse of each lease  
sh<sup>d</sup> have been accounted for - but which does not appear to have  
been done - The Works you speak of as having been erected  
after the commencement of w<sup>ch</sup> lease were I presume only to  
reinstat those they had suffered to go into a state of decay previous  
to the lapse of the lease of 1758 - in which similar stipulations  
were made, as to w<sup>ch</sup> Schedule, as were covenanted for on the  
succeeding lease, and appears to have had as little attention paid to  
it - My chief source under these unpleasant circumstances  
appear to be a reference to the lease granted to Mr Pym & w<sup>ch</sup> tenants  
since his time have neglected to make a Valuation of w<sup>ch</sup> Buildings  
at w<sup>ch</sup> lapse of each lease - It is evident that information was  
with held for the purposes now pursuing - You state in a  
Letter now before me, that w<sup>ch</sup> Buildings were in such a ruinous  
state at w<sup>ch</sup> end of the lease 1788 that w<sup>ch</sup> present works now in

Citigations) were built soon after the Commencement of the  
leave - does not this fact forcibly strike you, as being one of  
the chief causes why the schedule guaranteed for, was never  
produced - In my letter of 26 Feb. I informed you explicitly  
that being no Merchant, nor connected with any I desired  
not to be involved with produce of the Estate. It surprises me  
therefore that you knowing how utterly incompetent I was  
in every respect, from want of Slaves especially to cultivate  
the Estate - you should without either my knowledge or consent  
take possession of the Estate & without the smallest preparation  
draw a Bill upon me for nearly 1600£ - for the Value of a  
Crop I had no means of my own of converting into an aduable  
commodity - If it had been absolutely necessary for you to have  
taken possession of the Estate - which is denied to have been  
done by Lord Romney's Agents - you well knew it to be perfectly  
optional in me - either to take the Crop at a fair Valuation or to  
allow the Tenant a Specie time to manufacture it -  
and I w<sup>d</sup> have preferred the latter - However these proceedings  
may have been intended I think they were ill judged & I can  
scarcely describe to you the distress & trouble in w<sup>ch</sup> they have involved  
me - In the midst of other difficulties your friend Mr Wildman  
expecting the Sugars to have arrived & which you had advised  
him of in March last Refused your draft on me for £1576.7.5  
in favor of Lord Romney when presented to him for Payment, altho  
he had agreed to accept it - This refusal was after I accept of your  
letter dated 22 May saying you had drawn for two more Bills and  
advising your intention of ship<sup>ing</sup> on board the Britanna 27th of

Sugar very Superior Sugar - It appears from Wildman's conduct  
that these Sugars ought to have arrived before & that he wants confidence  
some where most probably in me as a perfect stranger - In a  
letter from Mr Tyson dated March 25<sup>th</sup> he informs me, he had  
commenced Sugar making at Wingfield & was sorry to inform  
me the Canes was not likely to make any thing like quantity they  
were appraised at - The Price then Oct 14 Acres was not expected to  
make more than 17 hog<sup>s</sup> & from his knowledge of present Crops  
he did not, hesitate to announce to me that Every here will fail  
in the same proportion - If the Valuation has been taken too high  
surely I ought not to be a sufferer - If there be no remedy - In this letter  
Mr Tyson mentions that you had called on him for Sugars made  
w<sup>ch</sup> you then informed him were to be put on board the Britannia  
Ship of Britannia & consigned to him - Mr Wildman had not  
as yet received any Invoices of Sugars promised. I must  
after such a considerable lapse of time confess he has great reason  
to ~~be~~ suspect that every thing is not correct. - I must now  
try to caution you against drawing any more Bills upon me  
but situated as I am in the Country they are most unpleasant and  
troublesome - You mention that you have drawn for 192. 9. 6 and  
for £50. but do not specify what the former bill was for & therefore  
~~will not accept it~~ but you do not mention on what bill. I cannot  
therefore accept it - that for £50 for law expenses will of course  
be paid Mr Wildman's conduct has so offended me, that I have  
ordered the bill of Lading of w<sup>ch</sup> Cargo expected by the Britannia  
to be sent to Mr Tho. Neave & my intercourse with him is at an  
end I begin to be very impatient for arrival of Sugars not a single  
Hogshead has arrived - It does not suit me to be so much for advanced  
merchandise of this sort is very disagreeing to me and I hope he will soon  
and I write to Mr Tyson by this Post desiring him to consign down Sugars to  
Mr Tho. Neave on my acct. & as little delay as possible I am Dr Sir 45 Old's 10th Dec

Robt. Williams Pichewad Esq

Dullingham House July. 29. 1819

Dear Sir Since my letter of 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. the Britannia has arrived and I have great pleasure to inform you. that the Conduct that I complained of in Mr Wildman Original in mistake & has been corrected in the most handsome manner - As Money is a scarce article to me and your bill for £1576 is become due I am glad to find any of the Sugars destined for me deuced a passage & hope because a recompence by the speedy arrival of the Snow Fortitude - I beg the Sugars may be consigned to me that they may await my order I wish to you by the last mail w<sup>ch</sup> I hope you received - you mentioned having address'd a bill to Mr Wildman on acc<sup>t</sup> of contingencies but you do not say from what cause they arise - On the subject of bills I beg to refer you to my last letter when the care to Mr John Fryson papers inspection I hope you will take care that it will be amply shew'd with indemnifying & protecting clauses - So that when it arrives here I may be able to sign it without delay we shall then get to a close of our labors - and I hope to be once more at rest - I am in expectation your next will <sup>remove</sup> ~~relieve~~ me from the arduous & unpleasant situation of a West India Planter - The two bills you advised me of. in your letter of the 22 of May are for 192. 9. 6 the other for £50. are ordered to be paid - If my fears and apprehension of being involved in pecuniary matters I have given you the smallest offence - attribute it to its proper cause the want of money & the dread of debts I have not the means of paying. I shall conclude, making use of Lord Romney's Agents elegant expression, that it is as likely his Lordship should cite his prayers for y<sup>e</sup> loss of my Estate, than I should for y<sup>e</sup> loss of such a Tenant - Believe me D<sup>r</sup> Sir  
Y<sup>r</sup> most truly  
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R. W. Dickwood - 29 May 1819  
addressing of his hand drawn draft on  
W. Wickham one for 192. 9. 6  
do for 50  
242. 9. 6  
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And stating he was to keep 27 hps. of  
Printed paper on 6<sup>d</sup> of Mr. Mann  
with of any! dated July 27. 1819

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Genl. Craffordon

St. Mary Lane House

Newmarket.

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