

The Hotel,  
April 20.<sup>th</sup>  
1817,

Sir

Last Wednesday I received a letter from Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Meave, conveying to me the communication made by you through them, that, if I have any wish to renew my lease, you will consider my offer as having the claim to your first consideration. For that communication

I am obliged to you, & should have written to acknowledge it immediately, had I not been totally occupied by a great pressure of county business, during the week of Dr. Seignior.

I should certainly wish to continue your


tenant, particularly as my negroes & stock are  
set on the land, & as I understand, that our  
estates are so situated, as to be most advantageously  
occupied together.

I shall therefore be obliged to you, if  
you will let me know the terms, & what  
you consider proper for a fresh lease, or if,  
in case of your employing an agent to settle it,  
you could favour me with his name & address.

I am the ever &c,

Sir, Your most Obedient  
servant  
John Bull

My Lord, I am honor'd w<sup>th</sup> your Letter in Reply to my Communication thro' Messrs Neaves  
As soon as an ans<sup>r</sup> to certain questions I have sent to my Agent in the West Indies  
arrives of Lordships shall hear from me the terms desired for a renewal of the Lease —  
Twelve or Fifteen Years will be the longest term I mean to grant, for reasons that  
I may not be necessary to detail to your Lordship — I have a very accurate knowledge  
of the situation of the Estate in every particular of its relative consequence to the  
occupier of your Lordships property from my own View & Observations —  
Of its present Order & Cultivation from a Correspondence of a friend resident  
in the Vicinity of it — I wish w<sup>th</sup> schedule of the Valuation referred to in your Letter  
could have been found — It was not duly registered — but I have reason to  
believe it was actually executed & signed & was in the possession of a Person who  
died not long since — The production of it w<sup>ld</sup> save us a great deal of trouble  
If we happen to disagree on the terms of a future Lease — There will be  
several additional covenants, which the alterations in mode of Cultiva-  
tion in the last 30 years have rendered necessary — but these I think will  
carry their own reasons w<sup>th</sup> them, so fully as to meet your approbation — & will  
be better adjusted by our Agents on the spot, than by us, subject to our  
approval afterwards — You shall therefore hear from me soon after  
the arrival of <sup>my</sup> next despatches from the West Indies in the mean time please  
to honor w<sup>th</sup> your answer of Lordships

Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  


Bull. House May 1 1717

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