

St. Kitts July 24. 1814

Sir

I am in the receipt of all your favours, & feel much pleasure that our negotiation has been so satisfactorily arranged. Since last addressing you on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Mr. Pickwood has once or twice asked me what Sugar more I should have for you upon which occasions I have invariably answered, that from the lease commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> I was strictly speaking entitled to the whole of the appraised crop subject of course to a reappraisement, but in consideration of my having shipped to your order Thirty Six hhd's. I should feel no hesitation in receiving a remuneration for the value of making those West satisfied to take the three pieces which were not cut off at the time I guaranteed the security of the same valuation as you had received them from Lord Romney." &c.

a B. called today	14.0.0	appraised at 10 hhd's -
		This piece is 22 months old. & that
		for the plants which are of consequence
		to my next crop, is not apparently
		worth taking off, as are mostly cut at
a B. of	13.0.0	appraised at 15 hhd's -
a B. called Spent	10.0.0	do do do 10 hhd's
		Total 31 hhd's

The expence of manufacturing which will be considerable exclusive of the labour, nor can you on the least possible way derive any disadvantage from this, as I am made for the like quantity of Sugar upon a reappraisement of the State whether I can make it or not. The only advantage to me it having the consignments my correspondents being

Great of any importance

certainly entitled to them - when first this affair was agitated, so long ago as when I recd. yr. second letter. I made particular mention in the presence of Mr. Woodley Mr. Pichwood without any opposition from the latter. That as soon as I had obtained the necessary securitys in England, it should be known here that I should be in bona fide possession of the Estate as your tenant & consider myself only as such at half until this was effected. My only inducement to commence the lease from the 1. day etc. (which must be obvious to you) was that I may derive the benefit of at least a proportion of the crop in the way above alluded to. Tho' I be candid with you I have been disappointed in every piece I have taken off. It appears evident to me that all the difficulties between Mr. Pichwood & myself in regard to the crop arose from a presumption that I should fail in obtaining security for had he ~~been~~ accepted the title I offered for the amount of the reappraisement it would have prevented any unpleasantness to you & I should have employed a task gang to open the grounds for the ensuing crop & confined the exertions of my own people exclusively to making Sugar by which means the crop would have been long since off & I should probably have derived the small benefit I expected that the laboriousness of making the consignments to my own friends. It being, to prevent any further contention I have told Mr. Pichwood that I am content to consider the £250 & 5s. bill in lieu of any other demand upon

You for the labour of making The Sugar already consigned  
to Mr. Wildman upon your account - I do suppose that the  
offsets, which I am entitled to, should be equal to the incidental  
expenses - That I have been at considerable expence in  
in keeping the Water mill in such repair, as was absolutely  
required to enable me to grind - I had also reckoned three  
Copper boilers, one of which required a large patch, all  
of which expence I should have to pay - I take the building  
&c. at the same appraisement as in the 1. Ed. when I  
assure you that the expenditure for Stears, nails, Lumber, &c.  
for making 20 hhd. Sugar amounts to upwards of £200. besides  
wages labour - You will do me the justice  
to say that I do not ask much in requiring  
the this amicable conclusion of the business.

I am too well satisfied with your Justice to suppose that  
we can disagree upon a point where of either party either  
I shall be the one. I shall say no more upon the subject,  
I am sorry to inform you that <sup>in</sup> weig<sup>ing</sup> piece of Ground that I  
have cultivated I have found several patches of rust Grass which  
as will require considerable labour to eradicate - It altho I shall  
take every possible pains to get rid of it for my own sake  
I think it better to state it being already upon the Estate - I think it proper to  
mention it to you - as it must be before finally noticed in the  
Bill of the Wills I shall write to you again upon this  
subject when the Deed is drawn.

I am Sir, Yr<sup>o</sup>. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. Ross

To  
Mr. J. Ross  
Leicester



is departed from & I am left to wait of the issue of the lease for a remaining amount  
of the crop. ~~Some of~~ which most probably I may never live to receive - & conse-  
quently the balance due to Mr Wildman, but what it may must be supplied from  
other sources which at this time <sup>cannot</sup> be done without inconveniencing me  
in the highest degree - ~~Should~~ if at all - This is my situation & I <sup>do not</sup>  
<sup>to</sup> attempt to conceal from you - that it is impossible to justify any expectation that you  
will fulfil your contract on this point with Mr Orchard

I was so extremely long to oppose your wishes ~~that when~~ <sup>that</sup> when I wrote in August  
I ~~supposed~~ <sup>had written</sup> by the same conveyance to Mr Orchard to attempt to settle  
my account with you for the remainder of the crop on receiving <sup>from</sup> bills for the amount at that  
date on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dennis's terms - which would enable me - in a proper way to ~~make~~  
to make some <sup>satisfactory</sup> arrangement with Mr Wildman - & to apologize to him for a disappointment  
of his fair expectations that this measure w<sup>o</sup> occasion - the same proposition there  
never if it has not been previously acted upon - but on no other terms could I suffer  
the contract to Mr P. to which this refers to be broken - Respecting all the expenses that  
you have incurred in the manufacture of the sugars consigned to me and for any  
other just claims you may have to make I must beg you to be for all. not to  
trouble yourself to refer them to me - as I disclaim all knowledge of the business and  
must refer <sup>on</sup> to Mr Orchard's superior judgment I do & must depend - he has my  
directions to do everything act with liberality towards you & ~~to do~~ His  
impossible to suppose he can have any interest - ~~I think~~ <sup>and as little</sup> inclination  
to act otherwise - I hope this will be the last communication on the subject  
when these things are finally settled & you have <sup>begun</sup> commenced to act under the new  
lease I flatter myself we shall proceed w<sup>th</sup> it without furnishing on either side  
a topic for dispute - I am &c

To Mrs Susan Jost

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