

Since the date of my last to you w<sup>ch</sup> goes by this fleet I have received a letter from Cap<sup>t</sup> Burrell dated 13<sup>th</sup> of October last importing that he had discovered & come to an agreement w<sup>th</sup> you to rent my Plantation for 100 p<sup>er</sup> annu during 7 years & six score pounds p<sup>er</sup> annu when 7 years is made and desires me to hasten out of lease but it seems to me that he is very short in those previous matters w<sup>ch</sup> are to be known before I can prepare a lease for him which I would see to his liking as well as my own but dont know Burrell may have desired something of that nature to yo<sup>r</sup> letters or to Cap<sup>t</sup> Wilk<sup>er</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I expect on this occasion tho I have not yet received any for understanding that there was about May last a considerable number of acres of Canes ready to break and that before 7 time yo<sup>r</sup> name called a upon Major Mack<sup>er</sup> to make them of according to his agreement w<sup>th</sup> you but he is relying upon having of a Cart or two you should allow for 7 Carriage of Sugar that is to say my half when these are divided to 7 shipping place that bargain was broken & a new one made with Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Burrell & Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Cook for 7 same purpose and they beginning upon 7 5 days words before that Madam Hill left 7 Island was in hopes to have had some acct of my share of those Sugars (as well as of what was formerly made to Rates by Major Mack<sup>er</sup>) tho I dont think it my interest to leave any Hindcath or ripe Canes on my plantation when a Tenant Enters out to make my profit of them w<sup>ch</sup> is my advantage and for 7 other Canes not ready to cut a just account should be taken of them of 7 number of acres distinguishing Plant<sup>er</sup> B<sup>urrows</sup> & of 7 trewage of each piece w<sup>ch</sup> must be set down to be infered in 7 lease so 7 a sentence to be annexed thereto 7 same being to be left out of end of 7 lease and in like manner for provisions of all sorts Then what moveables there are ought to be taken an account of but above all of 7 Negroes there seen 7 ages that I may know what Cap<sup>t</sup> Burrell is to be accountable for when he leaves 7 Plantation not doe I know 7 day of his entry or from what time his lease must commence for I shall not look upon him as 7 Tenant till such time as 7 Canes ready to cut were made of to halves & divided between us

Cap<sup>t</sup> Burrell tells no notice of 7 covecious to be bound to security payments of annual Rents in London year 7 year as they shall god use for the 7 prompt payment of 7 money at 7 day 7 satisfactory for a term yet I cant think it reasonable to try in my selfe by a lease without being secured of 7 payment of 7 rent upon accordin to agreement between us I proposed to him if lease made formerly to m<sup>r</sup> Delve for a president but as there must be variations according to 7 present circumstances so I must be prepared by some advice from him or you concerning his entry or from what time 7 lease should commence concerning 7 Negroes and touching 7 covecious as is before hinted The Charges of drawing 7 Parchement according to 7 act of Parliament there being a duty layd upon it I am sorry I can not pay 7 ends of leases by this fleet as possibly yo<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> may expect but I have already told you my reasons why it cannot be and before I dont I should be straitned in point of time

I pray let me know by yo<sup>r</sup> next if plant condition of m<sup>r</sup> Gardens Plantation where Dog 7 Munday did live & if any person w<sup>ch</sup> it

M<sup>r</sup> Anne Phillips is coming over in this fleet to loose after her fathers concerns and to assist his sister

I believe it will seeme strange to you that 7 E. of Marmouth is sent to 7 Tower by order of 7 House of Lords for vniuertful words spoken offking w<sup>th</sup> a thing very vnlike when you were in London All that I have to add at present is 7 Tender of my humble service to you who am

yo<sup>r</sup> faithful humble servant

C<sup>t</sup> Grafton

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Ch. Scappon  
to  
Capt. Mathews Feb 5 1896  
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