

Major Genl. Jafferson

London 24th December 1819

Dear Sir,

I am favored with your letter of the 22nd and feel both obliged and pleased with your candour in entering so fully into the particulars of your transaction with Pickwood and Tyson so far as regard the shipment of your sugars - it was unnecessary for I assure you that altho' I have by no means a favorable opinion of Mr. Pickwood, and suspected from his conduct towards myself that your interest would be but a secondary consideration with him, yet I never doubted under any circumstances your doing every thing that was just, and might be expected from a strictly honorable man - you have so acted to the fullest extent, but I suspect like myself you have been much deceived by the representations and plausibility of Pickwood by such means he has led me into an advance of between £1000 and £7000. for him which I shall have great difficulty in recovering, and because I would not make him further advances he himself informs me he has retained Council both Solicitor and Att^y Genl. against me, altho' I have his Bond and Warr^t. of Att^y with Judgments confessed for the amount - I sent him 18 months since a bill for £500 to recover for a friend, I never could obtain from him any information

respecting it. I lately applied to the drawer, and to my astonishment
found that it had been paid to Pickwood fifteen months before
to explain this he forwards a copy of a letter the original of
which he says must have miscarried, in which he tells me that
finding that I will not lend him more money he has appropriated
the £500 sterling that is ~~a~~ £1000 currency to himself as a
consideration for his services by way of Commission for
doing no one earthly thing that I am aware of for me, or to
my benefit, and this at a time that I had so much befriended
him. I have only further to add that I most readily comply
with both your requests, and beg you will in no way
inconvenience yourself in raising the money to pay my
account. I most willingly wait your perfect pleasure.

I am with great respect

Your most Obedt Servant

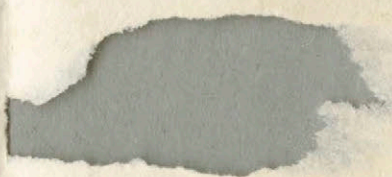
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My dear Sir, I feel ashamed at having so long omitted to
thank you for your very kind & friendly letter. The detail & coun-
tains of Pickwoods vile & ungrateful conduct adds, one more
to the almost numberless instances of the power of necessity
to undermine the best principles. I had he not once stood
high in the opinion of his friends I had never heard of him

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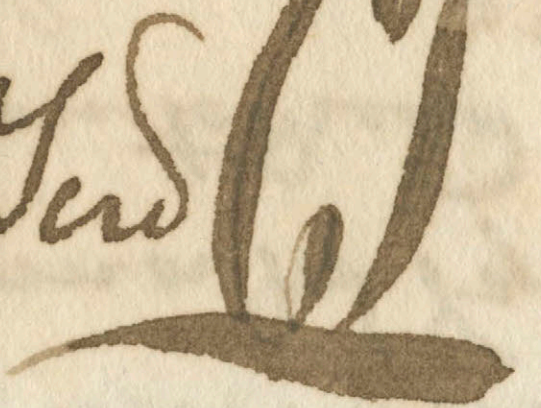
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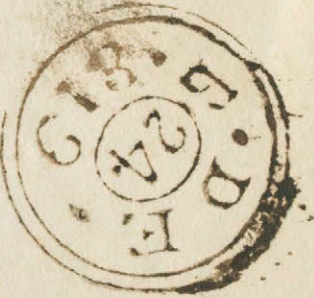
My dear Sir I feel ashamed at having so long omitted to thank you for your very kind & friendly letter. The detail & contents of Tidnwoods vile & ungrateful conduct adds, one more to the almost numberless instances of the power of avarice to undermine the best Principles. I had he not once stood high in the opinion of his friends I had never heard of him. Wanting a person to refer to, for information relative to my property at St Kitts. Mr Tidnwood then a Resident on the Island was recommended to me by Mr Felix Clay who had long been acquainted with him / as worthy to be confided in for my purpose - And this is all I know of him. I never saw either him or Mr Fyson from what you have said I have reason to dread his Charge for Agency but think I am clear of all danger of his appropriating to himself any part of my Acc^t. I wish I was well out of my whole business of my connection wth Mess^{rs} Tidnwood & Co. for they have already given me uneasiness than I ever suffered on any other occasion, and to your kindness I owe if only amelioration of it I have experienced. I thank you for y^r very liberal presents of Turtle which we have feasted both myself & friends - You shall hear from me by result of my first dispatches from St Kitts which I hope will be more to the purpose than the last. I have ordered

Some Game to be forwarded to you by the next
Coach of which I beg your acceptance & benediction.

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Y^{rs} Obed^t Serv^t 

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Dunblair Castle
Perth

Jan. Westminster: Eng^l Dec 24. 1829
Consents to travel for settlement of his
Account like the arrival of his papers
delivered to Byron — to some acc^t
of his affairs & his business
as Deputy Jan 90 1820