

St. Kitts. Feb. 26th 1814 Number 23. 1814

Sir,

I had the pleasure to address you by the last packet when I particularly noticed that Mr. Pickwood & myself had come to no definitive terms for taking off the crop now standing upon Kingfield Manor - after having made to him several propositions for this purpose, - all of which he declined acceding to upon the plea that they would prove detrimental to your interest - I have been under the necessity, rather than allow the canes to perish, to throw myself entirely upon your honor & commence grinding them, with a proviso that I shall ship the Sugars and consign them to you - ^{leaving} you here after to determine what proportion I am justly entitled to for the labour bestowed by my negroes & ^{Stock} my own personal attention to the operations of making them. - I certainly would not attempt this, without the most implicit reliance upon your integrity, in which I feel well assured I shall have no cause to repent - - It has been ever an invariable rule to take off canes for one third of the Sugar & the offals - each party finding their own materials for manufacturing the Sugar & lash to contain it. Also to cart their own proportion from the Estate where made - I proposed to Mr. Pickwood to go beyond this old established regulation, & agreed to find Grease (for water work) Lamp oil, & Temper Lime - to cart with my own stock all the Staves, boards, Hoops &c. for your gusta of hhds to the Estate make up lash & carry your Sugars from thence to the Water side - The Works to be at my risk, as I was willing to receive them at the appraised value delivered by L^o Binney Esq^r. & to convince him that I was acting upon the most liberal terms; I acquainted him with the engagement I had entered into with the gentlemen taking off the canes upon my own Estate, having the free use of my two sets of works - to whom I allow one half of the Sugar, & offals, providing I making my own lash & lash the Sugar myself - To this he objected - & offered me at the rate of 4/ the head for labourers, which would give me £6-10/ currency for 34 negroes a day expecting that I would make at the rate of 2 hhd of Sugar in that time - This, I positively refused, as the same number

of people, otherwise employed as others earn me daily * 15 £ at least -
 Seeing no probability of coming to any thing like a reciprocal agreement
 with Mr. Pickwood, rather than allow the canvas to waste in the way
 they are now doing & loosing the labour of the men I am obliged to
 employ in guarding them from depreciation I have determined to
 make the Sugars, providing every necessary persocloing. & consign
 them to you - as also any delegates that may be over, after paying
 the contingent expences - of which I shall send you an attested copy.

It would have saved me much trouble, & prevented the necessity
 of a bill being drawn upon you; & my now troubling you had Mr.
 Pickwood accepted my bill for the amount of the reappraisement
 against you - The canvas upon the ground are valued at 100 hhd.
 I have most minutely examined them & I declare to you, on my
 word of honor that I do not think they can possibly make more
 than 80 - one large & labourous ^{piece} hhd on the mountain is now
 near 17. months old - which ought to have been cut before Emes
 & another large piece which certainly cannot come off before
 July or Aug^r - will greatly decrease the appraised quantity expected.
 Mr. Pickwood must do me the justice to say that I have come forward
 in every way to make the business between us satisfactory to both. &
 cannot deny that I bent of estate under every possible disadvantage.
 I trust therefore that you will meet me upon the same liberal
 terms - He even himself admits that the rent is considerable
 & that the sum required by you. & recommended by him - merely
 applied to L^d Bonneys remain his lease - of lands appearing of much
 importance to his Lordships Estate - To a new settle it is no
 doubt a large price - I merely make mention of these observations
 to show, that so far from any obstacles being thrown in my
 way, as considerable time, & losses must ensue before I can
 derive the least advantage from my speculation, I should
 meet with every assistance & indulgence in buying the
 business to speed - I ask no more than what is just between
 man & man - a fair remuneration for my time & labour.

Having offered in the first Instance to take the responsibility
of the crop upon myself - altho' I most sincerely believe that I shall
gain but little of any thing in so doing - yet I am still disposed
to do so - and pay the amount of the bill drawn on you in
favour of Mr. Cardin, L^d Pennings attorney - by this means the
matter will be immediately decided - & the almost impracticable attempt
of arranging business across the Atlantic by epistolary means
will be entirely avoided - Until I get your answer I shall
ship such Sugars as I make & consign them to you - I should you
accept the offer I will immediately adopt measures to pay off
any balance of the amount that may be then due - I do not think
you will hesitate upon this - as I have written to Mess^{rs} -

Jennisters requesting that they will so
make their arrangements with you.

That y^r rents will commence from the
1st Inst

I am

Y^rs

Your most O^b humble S^{rv}

John Tyson

To
General Jefferison -

Bullington Hall -

New Market

P.S. The above arrangement will exonerate you from the payment
of the 4th & 1st Cent duty & Colonial Tax upon the Sugars - I have
agreed to prep. the bills of Lading to you through Mr. Pickwood
as y^r attorney.

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LIVERPOOL
SHIP LETTER

[Handwritten signature]

Mr. Big Lane
his servant

March 3. 1819

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