

Barbados Decem<sup>r</sup>. 15. 1781.

Dear Sir!

It has not been for want of a due Sense of the Attention and Civilities I received at your Hands, whilst I was in London soliciting the Matter of the Petition of the Assembly of St. Vincent against Governor Morris, that I have not frequently since expressed my Acknowledgments to you. But the Misfortunes that I, in Common with the other — unfortunat Inhabitants of St. Vincent, have — laboured under, have presented me. — The Attempt made by General Vaughan and Admiral Rodney 12 Months ago to retake the Island, has been productive of more Mischief to the wretched English Inhabitants, than the scandalous Shameful manner in which the Island was first given up; for I am free to assert that there never was such an Infamous Piece of Mockery as that Expedition was: I can prove by an hundred Witnesses that if General Vaughan had — remained on the Island 24 Hours longer, and kept Possession of the post he had at the Cinque Chemins, without firing a Shot, the French Garrison would have proposed terms of Capitulation, not having 200 Gallons of

of water on the Hill, but as if the measure of the  
Inhabitants' Misery was not completed by the capture  
of the Island, this mock Expedition was contrived to  
abandon them to the Rage and Brutality of inhuman  
Savages, who indiscriminately massacred Whites and  
Blacks, burned and destroyed all the Buildings and  
Plantations in their way before they could be checked or  
restrained. —

You will long e'er this reaches you have  
heard of the unfortunate Catastrophe of Lord Cornwallis  
and his Army; and the Vessel which conveys this carries  
the Account of the Recapture of St. Eustatius with Col.  
Cockburn and 15 Companies of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Regts.  
I shall forbear any Comment on this transaction,  
but beg to inclose you a translation of the french <sup>account</sup> of  
it in the Martinique Gazette, which an Officer, who  
was at St. Eustatius, now here, affirms to be true. —

Unless there is a speedy Peace, I see nothing to  
prevent every Island in the West Indies being taken,  
that the Enemy shall please to attempt, having a  
decided Superiority at Sea. I have a few Hots of preserved  
Ginger to send from this Island by the first Convoy for  
Lady Shelburne, and Mrs. Townshend. I pray the  
favours of you Sir! to remember me in the most

respectful manner to Lord Shelburne, and permit  
me to assure you. Nothing could give me greater  
Pleasure than an opportunity of shewing his  
Lordship and yourself how much I consider  
myself Beholden to you both. I have the Honor  
to be, with the greatest Respect.

Dear Sir  
Your most Obedient and  
Very faithful H<sup>ble</sup> Servant

Miss Frances

P. S. sho<sup>d</sup>. you think of  
honouring me with any  
Commands, a Line directed  
for me to the Care of Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Thomson & Sedgwick<sup>rs</sup> here,  
will be safely forwarded to me.