

My dear Sir, St. Christopher Aug. 12. 1717.

I have only time by this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 7th, accompanied by your Power of Attorney. Indeed my letter of Feb. 17. was sufficiently ample to enable you to enter upon your negotiation with my Lord Romney respecting all the essential points to be attended to in the renewal of the lease, leaving a discretionary power with me to introduce such other safe-guard, as may suggest themselves when that point comes more particularly under my attention. The course which I would recommend you to pursue as being the least costly, would be for you & Lord Romney to agree generally upon the terms, and to authorize your respective Agents here to superintend the execution of the necessary deeds; for if these deeds have to be sent home for your approval and ratification, you will not escape the enormous expence of Stamps, and the double law charges which my suggestion was intended to avoid.

From the statement which you give me I consider the non-production of the schedule as an injury to your interest. But I believe it will be able to a certain extent at least, to avert this mischief. There certainly was formerly a great deal of stock upon your plantation; but I had understood that they had been sold to a former tenant. Do you know any thing of this sale? Several of the negroes still bear the name of Jefferson; and it would not be very difficult to ascertain

ascertain the descendents of your people, if
you still have any claim upon them. Nothing
but the schedule itself can inform us of the
condition and value of the buildings when that
schedule was made; but the Plan in your
possession will inform us of the situation and
extent of these buildings. The actual boundary
of your estate on the westward is the River - but
your plan seems to mention buildings in the
town of Bid Road which is to the Eastward
of that River. Mention is also made of a second
logan with 2 chibillery. Of these there is now
no vestige whatever. I would therefore recommend
that you send me out this original plan of
1602, of which the antiquity will be evidence
of your pretensions.

The expediency of selling or of leaving the
estate is for your exclusive consideration.
Under the peculiar circumstances of your
property it requires our consideration than
I am able to give it previous to the sailing
of the packet, to enable me to venture
an opinion upon that subject - But I will
shortly make the necessary inquiries, & will
state what in my judgment is the value of this
very fine estate. If you resolve to sell, there
are others I doubt not, who would be glad to
make the purchase.

I consider it very important to have the plan
upon the spot in order that I may see and
ascertain what your property actually
is - If you wish send it to James Miliman Esq
Ser Court, London, with a request that he
will

with forward it to me, it will be carefully sent.

It is probable that I shall return to England
for a few months in the course of next year.

Whatever you may desire Thompson to conspire
to my superior intendment, should be done without
delay. If I execute this intention I propose
to embark in the month of April.

Unwilling to allow a packet to sail without
acknowledging the receipt of your letter, you
must excuse the haste in which I necessarily
write. I will lose no time in giving you the
information which you require; and
with every disposition to promote your
interests here, I have the honour to be

My dear Sir

Your faithful M. Servant

R. W. Pickens



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Mr Wickwood.

My Dear Sir Aug. 19. 1817
I am in compliance with the
order of the Court to
produce a copy of the
original of the
petition of the
said Wickwood
and to certify
the same to the
proper authorities
of the Court
I have the honor
to acknowledge
the receipt of
the same and
to certify that
it is a true and
correct copy
of the original
as the same
is now in my
possession
I am Sir
Your obedient
servant
John Wickwood

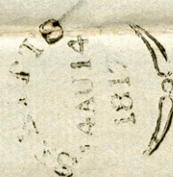


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