

Tobago August 9<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Dear Sir

I read your on the 30<sup>th</sup> March last & since then  
have none of yours to reply to.

You have no doubt long ere this have seen Mr. Gordon  
since his return from Tobago, & who will have informed you  
of every thing connected with your Brothers affairs here,  
as well as the Entering an Action in the Court of Common Pleas  
and a Suit in the Court of Chancery by your Brothers Executors

Mr. Prance on the part of Collins the King & Co got a  
Verdict in the July Court for £7000 Currency, and since  
then this has not only been confirmed, but Execution taken  
out yesterday in the Court of Common Pleas.

The only remedy left me is that if none of the parties  
interested in the Chancery Suit do not apply for an Injunction  
to stay the sale of the Estate by an Application to the Court of Chancery  
I will be my duty ~~to~~ - otherwise a decree will be made  
in ten Days & the Estate sold in Forty more; should the Chancellor  
grant the request. It will have the effect of preventing  
the sale of the Property for the moment until the fate  
of the other Bill in Chancery is decided: seeing to  
Mr. Prance has assumed his priority of Claim being in Island



Supplies. Along with Mr. Gordon of des Calcaire, Mr. Praselle  
claim in the Court of Chancery in for your Brother's insolvency  
of loss as a Partner in the firm of Collier & Co.

I had a letter from Mr. Ward enclosing me his Acc. of the  
Cinnamon Hill by which it appears there are £3468. 7. 8  
standing due him on the 31. (Decemb<sup>r</sup> last.

In consequence of the above situation of your Brother's  
concern & these actions, Mr. Gordon recommended me to  
pay off those Balances for which I had contracted  
and was personally responsible for which I did with  
the Sugar Crop. I shipped twenty Stagsheads only to Mr.  
Ward on which I show of £1400 stg. at the rate of seven  
Pounds per hd. - This I have kept in reserve to be  
applied when it may be most wanted, but I have  
no doubt when Mr. Ward finds out the situation of  
Cinnamon Hill that he will enter up and foreclose  
his Mortgage to secure himself.

Mr. Gordon informed me he had given Mr. Sinclair  
directions to join in the Suit of Chancery on account of  
your own Claim upon your Brother, which I have  
no doubt he will do, or at any rate you can forward  
him your instructions upon the subject.

I embraced the opportunity of a Ship going to Mr. Gordon  
of Stoney, to forward to Mr. Gordon a Copy of the Journal



and Cinnamon Hill accounts of the ship Charles, which  
I hope will arrive safe, I now enclose you a list of  
the Negroes & stock up to the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

From the uncommon dry season the appearance of a  
Crop next year is very unpromising indeed, & they have  
been also very unfortunate in their fallow & such like.

From the present state of matters I have not yet sent  
for any stores from Mr. Ware and will endeavour to  
do the best without them until some thing is  
decided with the Estate.

In consequence of Mr. Mendenhall leaving  
the Estate, I employed Mr. Barkers who has been  
managing them for these few months.

Remain Dear Sir,  
Your faithful Servant.

P. Sturges



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