



A Jamaican Master in Chancery

THE LETTER-BOOKS OF HERBERT JARRETT JAMES
1821-1840

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INTRODUCING HERBERT JARRETT JAMES

Herbert Jarrett James was born in Jamaica on 14th April 1789. Herbert's older brother, William Rhodes James, was interested in tracing their Jamaican ancestors. Among family papers there is a genealogy drawn up by him with a letter requesting Herbert to check it. It followed the Rhodes James line from the first settler in Jamaica. Clearly they did not know his forename, and as yet "Richard" (or Montagu) is speculation, but he was said to have been "Officer in the Expedition to Jamaica in 1654 - came out of Glamorganshire", so possibly one of a number of Welshmen who were among the first British settlers. His eldest son, Richard, can be traced through parish registers and deeds although there is no record of his birth. However, in the Annual Register for 1759 he was said to have been 103 when he died. If this is accurate, it would mean he was born between 1655-1656. He was described by several authors¹ as the first British child born in Jamaica after its capture from Spain but there is no actual evidence for this assertion as all likely sources were destroyed in the Port Royal earthquake in the 1692..

Richard married Anne Haughton, an heiress, which led to the use of Haughton as a middle name to distinguish the line of descendants through her. Richard's younger brother, William, married Anne Rhodes, and this led to a similar habit. William and Anne's son William Rhodes James (WRJ1²) was Herbert's great-grandfather. He married his cousin Anne, daughter of Richard and Anne. The tradition of naming the eldest son "William" continued until recently, so to make clear who I am referring to, Herbert's grandfather is WRJ2, his father is WRJ3 and his older brother, WRJ4.

By the early eighteenth century, the James family had established itself firmly enough among the Jamaican estate owners to be able to send their children back to England to be educated. WRJ2 was at Queen's College, Oxford, matriculating at the age of seventeen. Both WRJ4 and Herbert were taken to England in 1792 and were left, with whom we do not know, until they had completed their education. An intriguing discovery was that while he was in London, WRJ3 was admitted to membership of Moderns Grand Lodge at Fountain Court in the Strand 8th May 1792.³ Their parents returned to Jamaica in January 1793 with a younger son. Two portraits of the boys were made at the time,⁴ so their parents could take back their likenesses if not themselves. Their father and two younger brothers died in April 1795 leaving their mother with a sister born after they had left Jamaica. There is no direct evidence as to where Herbert was educated but it is probable that he went to Hyde Abbey school at Winchester with his brother.⁵ There is a series of letters in Herbert's letter book addressed to Rev. C. Richards, Winchester. Charles Richards was the famed headmaster of the school, which was also known as the Classical Academy. The school building still stands with the remains of classical sculptures that once graced its garden. A letter from 1824 concerns a debt due to Richards from a Jamaican estate which Herbert had settled with executors. He waived his fee with a statement that indicates that he was also at the school: "I trust that you will consider what I have done as a proof of my gratitude for your former kindness and attention towards me in my younger days".⁶ His gratitude extended to sending his two elder sons to the same school. WRJ4's notebook shows that he paid school bills for his brother, and that in February 1827 his sons Rhodes and Herbert aged nine and eight were to go to Hyde Abbey, and this is confirmed in a letter from Herbert to Charles Richards in December of the same year.

WRJ3 made his will in September 1794 leaving what appeared to be a substantial estate in Trelawny called Fontabelle, in trust "in the first place to manage conduct improve defend and protect the same And in the next place until all my debts and funeral Charges shall be fully paid to receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof and to pay and apply the same in matter following that is to say thereby and thereout to pay the Contingent Charges and to make from time

to time purchases of Slaves and Stock such as shall be needful and proper for the Cultivation support and improvement of my landed property And upon further trust thereby and thereout to pay and apply an annual sum for the maintenance and Education of my Children in manner next mentioned that it to say for the maintenance of each Son until he shall respectively attain his age of Eighteen years such reasonable sum of money as my said Trustees as judge most proper and best suited to his Age and to the Circumstance and Condition of my Estate And from the day on which my Sons shall respectively attain the Age of Eighteen years then to allow each Son Two hundred and fifty pounds Annually for his support and maintenance until my debts be fully paid ...". What is not mentioned is that the estate had been mortgaged to John Wedderburn in September 1792 and had become the subject of a case in Chancery in Jamaica. It was finally sold in 1805 with a debt of "27,456l. 5s 6d sterling. with interest thereon, at the rate of 6 per cent. per ann. from the 1st day of May, 1803, and the costs and charges of receiving and remitting the same to Great-Britain, and the said complainant's full costs out of purse...".

WRJ4 may have returned to Jamaica about 1805 after the death of his uncle, Thomas James, as he was left a legacy of £2000 sterling in his will. This may have allowed him to train as a lawyer in Jamaica as there is no evidence that he was articled to any law firm in England. His grandfather (WRJ2) died in 1807 but by the time of his death he had lost three estates in Trelawny and was acting as attorney for his cousin, Haughton James, at Hanover Tower, Hanover, so there was no fortune to rely on. WRJ4 was admitted an Attorney at Law to the Supreme Court of Jamaica in June 1808. He may have been articled to James Hodge Byles who was noted in 1796 as an attorney in Jamaica and was senior partner in the firm Byles and Pusey. After Byles left Jamaica about 1813 when he married in London, WRJ4 became junior partner to Pusey.

Herbert had returned to Jamaica by the winter of 1810-11 according to a letter he wrote in August 1833 "...after a residence here of almost 23 years the whole of which time I have been engaged in a large scene of business..". Prior to that he described himself as having been "brought up in a Merchants Counting House in the City of London". He was clearly not attracted to the life adding "I am as suspicious of peoples intentions as if I had never left that place of distrust".⁷ In fact, the poverty that resulted from his father's early death and grandfather's loss appears to have caused Herbert to leave school early. In February 1803 when barely fourteen, he apprenticed himself to John Sims,⁸ an Ironmonger of the City of London, for seven years "in consideration of service". His mother was noted as of Jamaica so he signed the document himself. He was noted as a freeman in the register of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers on 27th March 1810.

Herbert was described as a Master in Chancery in the register of his marriage to Jane Caroline Vidal in March 1815, an office that he held until he finally left Jamaica in 1837. Among the State Papers there is a revealing account of the role and duties of a Master in the Jamaican court of Chancery. published in 1827.⁹ Masters were appointed by the Chancellor, in fact the Governor of Jamaica, and could only be dismissed by him. In 1827 there were only three Masters but in the listing for 1817 there were about twenty five, among whom was his father-in-law, John James Vidal. A Master need not be a barrister, must be aged twenty-five, and must have served as an articled clerk to another Master in the previous three years before appointment. The only other qualification deemed necessary was the reputation of being a good accountant. It is possible that Herbert did work for the necessary three years with John Vidal, a man of status and influence having served both in the judiciary and in the Assembly, so Herbert would have had the benefit of his patronage and perhaps some financial support. There is a suggestion in John Vidal's will that money had been lent to him, perhaps to pay the commission of about £600 to secure a Mastership in Chancery, a payment that the Commissioners found "highly objectionable" in their report of 1827 though there is no explanation of why they thought so.

Perhaps it was his early experience of insecurity that caused him to work so assiduously until forced by ill-health to leave Jamaica. It is not clear whether he accompanied his wife and children to England in 1823 but unlikely. His daughter Elizabeth (known as Eliza) was born in 1816, sons

William Rhodes (known as Rhodes) in 1817, Herbert Jarrett in 1818, John Vidal in 1820, and Richard Boucher (known as Boucher) born in March 1822, was christened in early April 1823 at St Catherine's Cathedral in Spanish Town. His wife and the children appear to have left for England soon after that. It is possible that she sailed with WRJ4's brother in law, Thomas James Brown, and his family. He died at sea on his way to England 20th April 1823. Jane Caroline's likely reason for leaving then was that she wanted to see her father who was living in Clifton, Bristol, before he died. John James Vidal made his will on 30th September 1823 and died three weeks later. Jane Caroline was either living with or near her parents as her daughter, Julia, was born on 9th November and was christened 10th December at St. Andrew's, Clifton. Sadly the baby died the following May and was buried in Clifton churchyard. Jane Caroline returned to Jamaica without the four elder children as an entry in WRJ4's notebook¹⁰ indicates that he was responsible for the children's expenses in 1825-26:

<i>1825 & 1826 H.J.J. School Bills</i>		
<i>Mr Maurices School Bills against my brother</i>		<i>H.J.J</i>
<i>Half years board & education of two elder children 21 each</i>	<i>42</i>	
<i>Washing – 1/ 2- qr.</i>	<i>3.3 -</i>	
<i>Board & Education of John</i>	<i>15.15.</i>	
<i>Washing</i>	<i>1.11.6</i>	
<i>Board of the Nurse</i>	<i>17.10..</i>	
<i>Wages of do.</i>	<i>6.6..</i>	
<i>Seat at church</i>	<i>1.6.3</i>	
<i>Board of the three during Vacation</i>	<i>10.10.-</i>	
<i>Total amount of bill</i>	<i>£131.5.11</i>	
<i>Belvadire – Bath</i>		
<i>The Misses Fourniers bill for the Girl 3 Upper Crescent</i>		
<i>Half years Board & Instruction</i>	<i>26.5.</i>	
<i>Dancing 52/6 Washing 52/6</i>	<i>5.5.</i>	
<i>Writing & arithmetic 42/- books 2/-</i>	<i>2.4.</i>	
<i>Music 4.4/- Printed music 7/6</i>	<i>4.11.6</i>	
<i>French 2.2 - Books, 8/10h</i>	<i>2.10.10£</i>	
<i>Weekly money 5/- &c &c</i>	<i>Sum Total</i>	<i>£44.10.10h</i>

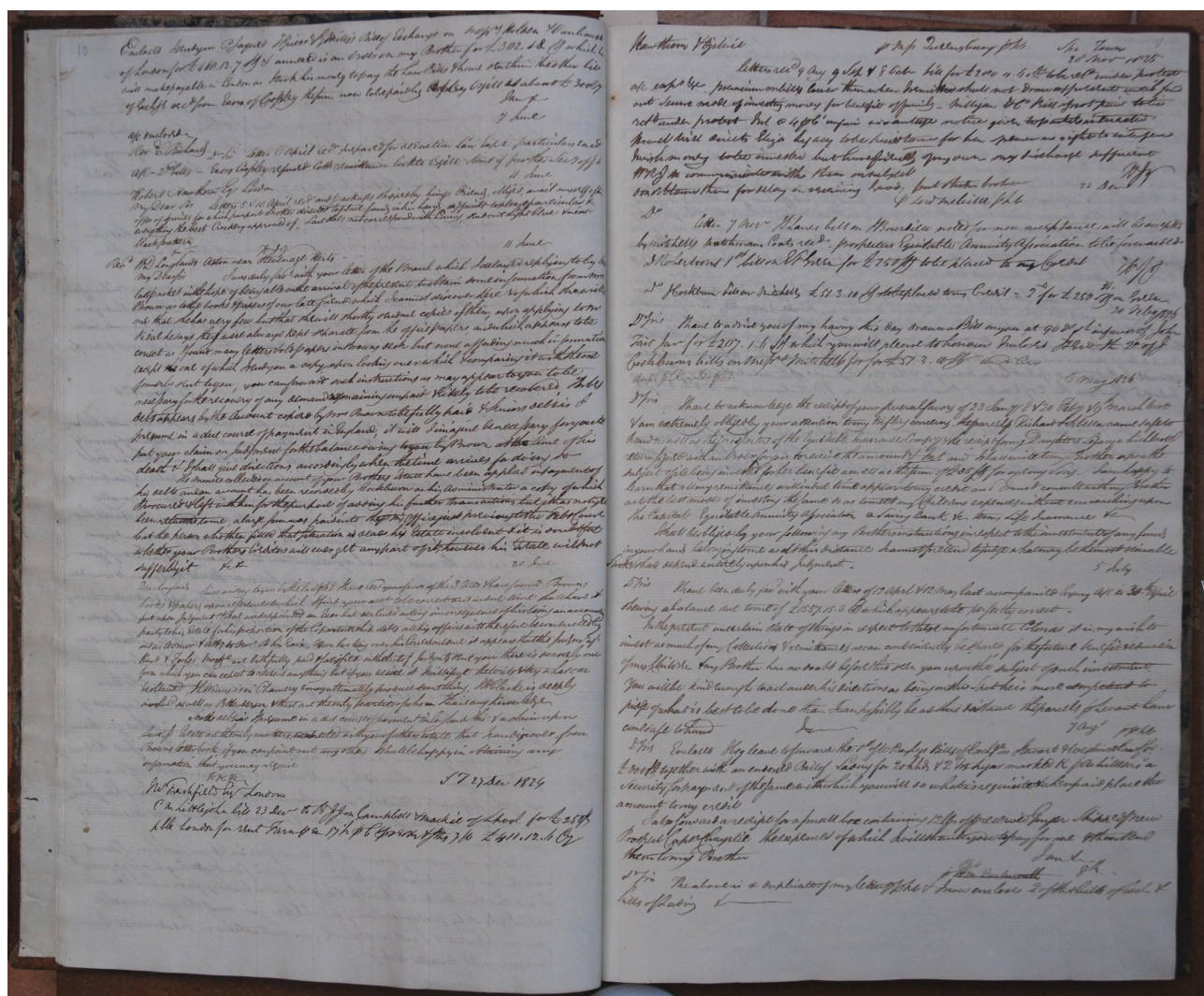
Richard Boucher was probably taken back to Jamaica with his mother and returned with her in 1826. WRJ4's notebook shows no further financial responsibility for the children:

<i>1826 & 1827</i>	
<i>H.J.Js Children</i>	
<i>Age of Herberts children</i>	
<i>1826</i>	<i>yrs.</i>
<i>Rhodes – August ..</i>	<i>.9 x} 1827 February, to Hyde Abbey</i>
<i>Herbert – Nov. –</i>	<i>8 x}</i>
<i>John – Sept.</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Richard – March</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Eliza.</i>	

A letter from Herbert to an agent in New York in March 1826 indicates that Jane Caroline was leaving for Wilmington, North Carolina, and would be staying a few months. She went from there to England. She was certainly there in April 1827 as in a letter to Robert Hawthorn, his agent in

London, Herbert thanks him for paying sums "on account of Mrs James and my Children's expenses".

Jane Caroline never returned to Jamaica. Only Herbert's eldest son, WRJ6, ever went back, and even then the visit was not planned as he was expecting to have met his father in New York. What is clear is that Herbert never went to England to see them as he mentions in a letter: "The arrival of my Son [24th November 1836] was quite unexpected and our meeting such as might have been anticipated after a separation of nearly 14 years". Evidence of estrangement from his wife is indicated by the fact that she did not meet him when he arrived in London with his son in September 1837, but his mother was there as they returned together to her house at Hotwells, Bristol, a month later. Also, before leaving London he asked his agent to continue paying an allowance to his wife. He remained with his mother until mid-November when he went to Dawlish "for the purpose of seeing my children" and decided to stay there to see if the climate suited him and to get medical advice from his son in law, Stephen Weston Goss. In fact, his wife and children had lived in Dawlish since at least 1830, but it was not until 2nd July 1838 that there is any indication that she and Herbert were living in the same house.



Large letter-book

Now to the letter-books, which are a record of his private business affairs and not part of his official role as a Master in Ordinary of the Court of Chancery. The use of letter-books was widespread, particularly if the letters were sent by sea because of the danger of them never arriving.

Duplicates of important letters were often sent on a later ship to ensure they would reach their destination. There are two books, both marked 'HJJ' on the cover. One was used primarily for letters concerning the administration of the will of Richard Boucher which has been added as an appendix. However, there are a few letters that relate to others in the larger letter-book so these have been inserted within the main text. Not all the letters are in chronological order so have been rearranged to make the text easier to follow. Some are strictly about business but others have some personal content. Initially, most concern property that Herbert was overseeing in some way for absentee owners. Later the doubts that he had about the viability of remaining in Jamaica after the end of slavery caused him to look towards America. In 1831 he wrote to his agent, Robert Hawthorn, in London: "It is my wish & intention as soon as my business will allow me to visit America as you suggest, as my health requires a change & I wish to ascertain whether there is any opening for my Children England being overwhelmed & this Country at its last gasp...". In the same year he started to invest money with the merchants Messrs G. G. & S. Howland in New York. His transfer of funds echoed that of a number of his acquaintances in Jamaica who were as apprehensive as he was about the future. Herbert finally left Jamaica in 1837 but not for a new life in America. He returned to England an ill man, and the rest of his life he spent arranging a new life for his three sons in South Australia. He continued to use the letter-book to record not only financial concerns he still had in Jamaica but also the progress in preparing his sons for their departure. He died in York Place, Clifton, Bristol, 3rd April 1840.

THE LETTER-BOOKS

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Charles Grant¹² Esq. Kingston

Spanish Town 7th July 1821

Dear Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to return the several papers which you sent to me to lay before the Commissioners of Public Accounts and also copies of the Resolutions thereon

I am &c &c

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Henry Benjamin Esq. Falmouth

Office of Accounts
Spanish Town 7th July 1821

Sir

I duly received your communication of the 26th Ultio which yesterday laid before the Commissioners of Public Accounts who decline interfering

I am Sir &c &c

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Henry N Tuming¹³ Esquire
care of Thos Burke¹⁴ Esq.,
Mahaicony, Demerara¹⁵

Spanish Town Jamaica
11th Sept 1822

Dear Sir,

My Brother¹⁶ having left me to act for him when he quitted this country in 1818, your letter of the 24th May last has been opened by, and as my mother¹⁷ previous to her sailing for England in June last delivered to me your letter of the 30th Nov 1821, I had then determined to interest myself in the settlement of your concerns, provided you thought proper to entrust me with a Power of Attorney, for that purpose Mr Black¹⁸ in reply to a letter which I wrote to him last month informs me that on 1st May 1821 he sent you his Bills of Exchange on Stirling, Gordon & Co. of Glasgow for £300 sterling which he supposes you have not received, he had previously paid your agent in London £100 Stg for there does not appear to be any backwardness on his part to come to a final arrangement, if you will procure the necessary proof of your Brother's death, supported by an extract from the ship's journal on board of which he died and sworn to, which with a power from you as his Heir at Law proved under the Island seal of Demerara, should be forwarded without delay and I will then endeavour to conclude the business. You will also state whether or not you have received the above mentioned or any other sums of money from Mr Black or his agent. Mr Kerr¹⁹ informs me there is only one worthless Negro hired on Silver Grove Estate²⁰; it will I imagine be necessary that I should administer on your Brother's Estate, in order to have some Authority over Mr Black, and that should be noticed in your power - the expense will not be great -

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the money coming to you had better be remitted to your agent in London, unless any opportunity offered of shipping Dollars to your Island, but I imagine they cannot be purchased but at a premium, however let me have your full instructions and I will exert my endeavours to comply with them

&c &c

Yr vy ob Servt

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J. Tait²¹ jr. Esq., W.S.
Abercromby Place, Edinr

Spa. Town Jamaica
16th Sept 1822 -

Dr Sir,

I have been duly favored with you letter of the 1st July and with one from Mr Edgar²² date 28th June, and regret that my confidence in the stability of the Mercantile house of David Lyon²³ & Co. should have led me to sign an agreement for the delivery up to Mr Sharpe²⁴ of the Titles to the Farm land upon the acceptance of his Bill on them, but I now fear there is no way of avoiding the completion of such an engagement, indeed had it not been for that gentleman's evasive conduct it would scarcely have been thought necessary to use such a precaution, but have given him the Title with the Possession, should Mr Lyon fail, I should then say that no West India House could overcome the pressure of the times but must all follow, the laws and practice in this Island are exactly similar to what you represent them to be in England or Scotland however I trust there is no cause for alarm

In my former communication I informed you of the date of the petition to remove Mr Rose from the Receivership of Wedderly²⁵, the costs have since been paid by Mr Fairclough²⁶, and I was on Thursday served with a petition to rescind that order and praying that the costs of both applications should be directed to be paid by me individually or out of the fund's belonging to Mr Edgar's estate. I trust you are satisfied that no blame can be attached to me, as I had no possible interest in taking such a step, as my letters to that gentleman frequently express, these letters, which were addressed to him as my colleague, and in which is noticed the conduct of Mr Rose and Mr Sharpe have been sent to Mr Rose's solicitors by whom this petition has been drawn up, and who of course will not insert any things injurious to him, by means of which he would have to pay the costs, you will readily perceive the difficulties I have to encounter with just now, Mr Rose being being made fully acquainted with my opinions and the steps likely to be pursued against him, and my colleague opposing the interest of our constituency by endeavouring to make them pay the costs incurred in a great measure thro' his misconduct in volunteering erroneous information, not but, as I before mentioned I think that decision incorrect, for Mr Rose has not to this day paid over the money in his hands, neither has he entered into fresh security agreeable to his own proposals of the first order I forwarded to him a copy p post, the receipt of which he never acknowledged; I therefore sent down copies of both the orders to be regularly served upon him, but he hides himself and the service cannot be effected, by which he has been permitted to receive another years rents, without having any security to make good any deficiency which may hereafter appear to be due from him, all that I understand can be done is to move the court, that throwing the papers over his gate be deemed good service but then no further proceedings can be instituted thereon until January, in the mean time I hope to receive from you more decided instructions for my guidance, as I shall be very loath to run the risk of paying costs out of my own pocket when acting for the benefit of others

I am vy respectfy

Dr Sir Your mo. ob. Sevt

David Samuda²⁷ Esq.,
Merchant, London

Spa. Town Jamaica
17th Sept. 1822

Dr Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th July last accompanied by my account current which appears to be perfectly correct and a Balance due to you of £17.18.3 stg. The goods p Belina came safe to hand, and are approved of, altho' I should have preferred the saddle flaps stuffed, and the Bridle bits to have been buckles instead of sewn on. the quantity of worsted was too small, however that can be remedied by your sending me a hank the next shipment you have occasion to make with another breaking bridle bit, pad, crupper etc. complete, similar to the last in every respect.

The disappointment occasioned by articles coming out to this country in bad order, is much more annoying than the absolute want of them and proper attention should be paid in looking over them before shipped and every care observed in the packing, as the candlestick shades sent me were broken merely by the hay-bands being placed over them, and the top of the case being driven down too tightly upon them; but what is the use of complaining, we get no allowance or satisfaction for the loss sustained, and I do not wish to be always finding fault, in future I hope to be more fortunate

I am with much respect

Dr Sir

Your mo Obt Servt

P.S. Please to forward the enclosed as directed

To John Tait jr. Esquire
4 Abercromby Place,
Edinburgh

Spanish Town Jamaica
21st October 1822 -

Dear Sir

I have duly received you letters of the 3rd Aug and the Memorandum respecting the difference between the Masters Report and the Statements sent from this Country, and the entries in Mr Edgar's Books in England which I shall endeavour to explain for your information, altho' you must admit it to be a matter of much difficulty where the latter have been so incorrectly made, and no information given to shew upon what they are founded

In respect of you private communication I must say that I do not credit what has been repeated to you; for altho' the rate of hire 4 bits p day is very low, yet I know that it has been paid by other persons besides Mr Fairclough, and the accounts of the rents and hire of the Wedderly Negroes have been regularly sworn to by Mr Rose's son who acts as their overseer, that Mr Rose is indebted to Mr Fairclough I have received advice of in a letter from the latter in answer to my application to him for payment of two attested accounts for Negro hire sent up to me by Mr Rose in liquidation of the sum reported due from him last year, and which Mr F. declined paying, as he said he imagined upon a settlement of their Accounts Mr Rose would be in his debt, these two accounts were for Jobbing this year and were sent up on account of last years balance, so that it would appear he has not either the funds of last or this year forthcoming, and he has not yet entered into fresh security, his son who he proposed as his surety having refused to justify to the extent required £3000.

In answer to my letter acquainting Mr Sharpe with the fate of his Bill he writes me that "the money will be placed in their hands (meaning D. Lyon & Co.) to take it up, as soon as the Packet that sailed arrives, not thro' any Merchant but but by a friend" the Bill cannot now be accepted but should Messrs. Lyon & Co. offer to pay it, upon the Discount being allowed, I would rather that you took the money than their acceptance as in the event of the latter, the Title must be delivered up according to agreement, and you would be under alarm until the Bill was paid, whereas the payment of the money would relieve you from any further anxiety upon the subject.

I now clearly understand that I cannot under any consideration bid for Wedderly or Negroes when brought to a sale, which being at your own instance as the Complainants there can be no ground for a charge of fraud or collusion, as in the event of the price not being considered sufficient it would be the duty of your attorney to bid it up or buy it in, but when sold you cannot look to the property for any deficiency in the amount reported due to you Should Mr Fairclough at any time leave this Country I shall get my friend Mr William Kerr to act for me until I receive the sanction of Mr Edgar's Trustees to appoint him or any other person to act with me.

The enclosed papers no. 1 & 2 contain every explanation in respect of the Inquiries noticed in your letter and which I hope will prove satisfactory - but I must observe that in your statement the sums remitted are only credits, whereas credit should be given for the sums received by me as stated in my Accounts Current

I am vy respectfully

Dr Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

[There is a gap which covers the period when the family were in England and might indicate that HJJ was there too. However, his brother's notes suggest that he remained in Jamaica:

Haughton Tower

My Brother Herbert in his letter says – Kerr thinks the Contingencies should never exceed £2600 & that sum will admit of the purchase of stock, besides two or three Hundred pounds of Jobbing - 9th May 1823

On the subject of a New mill upon the Estate. That upon Wales cost £1100, but the People at Falmouth would make one & uphold it three Years for £900 – They do not find Wood-work (viz. a main roller & mill arms). - 9th May 1823

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Madeira. given away. 9th May 1823 H.J. James informs me that He has bottled the remnant of my Staved pipe of Madeira - & packed in two Cases 1 Contg. 17 10/12 Dozn. the other - 6 doz 11/12 (directed same to be sent to W.M. Kerr as a present from me. -)]

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Mrs Samuda²⁸, London

Spa Town Jama
17th May 1824

Madam

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th March last as well as Mr Skurrays of the 4th Feb. and your sons of 18th March all relating to business with your late husband of whose sudden death I was extremely sorry to learn, the Acct. Current forwarded to me appear to be perfectly correct, the balance of £45.8 may be charged against the Bill for £141.12.7 with which you propose commencing my new Account.

No Letter has come to hand from Capt. Tummings for many months so that I am quite at a loss how to act with respect to his affairs, I however wrote to him by a Man of War which sailed for the

Windward Islands on Monday.

Mrs Brown²⁹ as Exix of her late husband sent me a power of Attorney to act in his affairs and to Administer on his Estate but I cannot qualify until next month, in the mean time your Account shall be looked into, I much fear it will be necessary to have all the demands put on Judgement, as there is no immediate prospect of funds coming to my hands sufficient to satisfy a moderate part of them

I am &c

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Rev. C. Richards³⁰, Winchester, Hants

24 May 1824

My Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you that I have at length settled with the Execs of Mr Crossley³¹ for the amount of the Judgements obtained against them at the suit of yourself and son as p statement annexed, from which is to be deducted the amount of the Law Expenses incurred in establishing your claim which although heavy were unavoidable, the particulars of which I shall forward by an early and less expensive opportunity, the sum originally contracted for is by this means and the high premium of 19 per cent on Bills much reduced but everything has been done for you that was deemed advisable and prudent, and your failure has been the cause of much dissatisfaction to me knowing the justice of your claim to much more than you sought to recover, however I trust that you will consider what I have done as a proof of my gratitude for your former kindness and attention towards me in my younger days³², It is the opinion of Counsel that you can only look to Mr Osgill for payment of the expenses of remitting the £1000 stg. to England as taxed upon the judgements admitted by him, and that you cannot recover from him the amount expended in recovering that sum from Crossleys Estate I have written to one of the Executors proposing to give them an assignment of your Judgements against Mr Osgill upon payment of the expenses I have alluded to, as I know he is anxious to proceed against that gentleman for the recovery of the amount paid by Mr Crossleys Estate and should I once issue the writ for the small sum now claimed by you he would not upon payment thereof make any use of the Judgements obtained at your instance which may probably bring him forward to pay the balance, although I much doubt if any part will hereafter be recovered from Mr Osgill

Burke has not made any payment and will not I fear unless you push him I do not write this out of any pique towards him for we are on a friendly footing, but he appears to be indolent and inattentive to business and does not rise in his profession which he would undoubtedly do by proper exertion of his abilities, you must therefore exercise your own judgement and I will comply with your instructions as I never adopt harsh measures until directed to do so

Enclosed I send you P Jaquet T Spicer & G Mills's Bill of Exchange on Messrs Holsen & Vanhouse of London for £480.13.7 sg. & annexed is an order on my Brother for £302.18 sg. which he will make payable in London as I took his money to pay the Law Bills and have sent him the other bills of Exchange received from Exors of Crossley the sum now to be paid by Osgill is about £300 sg.

I am &c

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a/c enclosed
Rev C Richards

7 June [1824]

Dr Sir. Letter 6 April received prepared for deduction Law Exps particulars encd
a/c - 2 bills - Exors of Crossley refused both remittances look to Osgill time if further Secr offd

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Robert Hawthorn³³ Esq, London

11 June [1824]

My Dear Sir

Letters 5 & 10 April recd and packages shipped by him p Friend, obliged, avail myself of his offer of services for which purpose Brother directed to place funds in his hands difficult to please particular etc everything the best Crockery approved of, Lace does not correspond with Livery, send out light blue and neat black pattern

I am

HJJ

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Rev W D Longlands³⁴, Aston near Stevenage, Herts

11 June [1824]

My Dear Sir

I was duly favd with your letter of the 1 March which I delayed replying to by the last packet in the hope of being able on the arrival of the present to obtain some information from Mrs Brown as to the books and papers of our late friend which I cannot discover here & of which she writes me that she has very few but that she will shortly send me copies of them, upon applying to Mr Vidal³⁵ he says they were always kept separate from the office papers, and which appears to be correct as I found many letters & old papers in Browns desk but none affording much information except one of which I send you a copy upon looking over which & comparing it with the one formerly sent to you, you can forward such instructions as may appear to you to be necessary for the recovery of any demand remaining unpaid & likely to be recovered, Forbes debt appears by the account copied by Mrs Brown to be fully paid & Seniors debt is I presume in a due course of payment in England, it will I imagine be necessary for you to put your claim on judgement for the balance owing to you by Brown at the time of his death & I shall give directions accordingly when the time arrives for doing so -

The monies collected on account of your Brothers Estate have been applied in payments of his debts and an amount has been recorded by Cockburn as his Administrator a copy of which I procured & left with him for the purpose of adding his further transactions but it has not yet been returned to me, a large sum was paid into the PM's Office just previous to the Febr Court but the person who then filled that situation is dead his Estate insolvent & it is doubtful whether your Brothers Creditors will ever get any part of it, however his Estate will not suffer by it

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30 June [1824]

Dear Longland

Since writing to you by the last pkt I have recd your favour of the 3 ulta & have found Browns books and papers, upon reference to which I find your acct to be correct and in due time shall have it put upon Judgement, Vidal was appointed an Exor but declined acting in consequence of his being an accounting party to his Estate for his proportion of the Copartnership debts all his affairs will therefore be conducted by me as Administrator & Attorney to Mrs B his Exix, Upon looking over his Correspondence it appears that the payment of Rent and Forbes mortgage are both fully paid and satisfied, in the list of Judgments sent you there is scarcely one from which you can expect to receive anything but if you desire it I will issue the writ & try what can be obtained, J L Wennis is in Chancery & may ultimately produce something, J H Clarke³⁶ is deeply involved as well as B Henderson & these are the only parties of whom I have any knowledge

Scotts debt is I presume in a due course of payment in England this & a claim upon Success Estate³⁷ are the only matters connected with your fathers Estate that I can discover from Browns letter book, if you can point out any others I shall be happy in obtaining any information that you

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may require

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Mr Freshfield³⁸ Esq London

ST 27 Dec 1824

C M Littlejohn³⁹ bill 23 Dec to HJJ on Campbell & Mackie of Lpool for £250 sg. pble London for rent Farm pen 17h p C Prem & Stps 7/6 £411.12.11 Cy

Loose sheet 10-11

Hawthorn & Ogilvie

Sp Town 11 July 25

letters 9 Feb 15 March Invoice p Diana & 6 May a/c for April correct obliged by trouble selecting prep &c

Being fearful that you could not allow me what was formerly the usual rate of Int I mentioned to my Brother at the time of remitting the bills that I should most probably draw for the greatest part of them we throw away our very flesh and blood in working for money in this Country & it will not do for a person with so large a family as I have after paying 15 @ 20 p Ct prem to remit it to England to invest it where it will only bring in from 2½ to 3½ p Ct Bills are now falling I must therefore beg of you to send him any you may have belonging to me for a few months when I hope to be able to relieve you indeed I have already written to my Brother upon the subject of an investment which may oblige him to call upon you for a part somewhat sooner

17 Octr

Ditto letter 9 Aug

2 bills enclosed J S Lane⁴⁰ on Bordieu £200 stg

J McDonald Cottam & Morton⁴¹ 200

A Bayley⁴² Timperon & Dobinson⁴³ - 135.10

W Murray⁴⁴ R Lee⁴⁵ - 115

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Hawthorn & Ogilvie

p Miss Queensbury Pkt

Spa Town

28 Nov 1825

letters recd 9 Aug 9 Sept & 8 Oct bill for £280.11.6 Sl to be setd under protest a/c exps &c premium on bills lower than when I remitted shall not draw at present until found out secure mode of investing money for benefit of family - Milligan & Co⁴⁶ Bill if not paid to be setd under protest Int @ 4 p Ct unfair advantage notice given to parties interested Howell⁴⁷ will directs Eliza legacy to be paid to me for her Spencer no right to interfere I wish money to be invested but have friends of my own my discharge sufficient WRJ to communicate with them on subject HJJ
Don't blame them for delay in receiving goods but ships broker

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Do: [Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

p Lord Melville pkt

22 Decr [1825]

Letter 7 Nov J S Lanes bill on J Bourdieu noted for non acceptance will be accepted by Mitchells watchmans coats recd. Prospectus Equitable Annuity Association to be forwarded -

D Robertsons 1st bill on E T Green for £250Stg to be placed to my Credit HJJ

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Do: [Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

31 [Dec 1825]

J Cockburn⁴⁸ bill on Mitchells £51.3.10 Stg to be placed to my Credit - 2nd for £250 Stg on Green

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

20 Feby 1826

Dr Sirs

I have to advise you of my having this day drawn a Bill on you at 90ds st in favour of John Tait jun for £207.1.6 Sg which you will please to honour Enclosed I send the 2nd of J Cockburns bills on Messrs Mitchells for £51.3.10 Stg. and his
dup: p Renalds pkt.

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To Messrs B Aymar⁴⁹ & Co New York

Sp. Town Jama. 11th March 1826

Sp Town Jam

Gentleman

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the duplicate of a letter of credit from my friend John Biggar⁵⁰ Esquire of Kingston the original of which will be transmitted to you by Mrs James⁵¹ on her arrival at Wilmington NC⁵² for which port she sails tomorrow morning in the Schooner Falcon Capt Pierce but as it is uncertain in what part of America she may take up her abode during the few months of her intended stay I shall take the liberty of addressing my letters to your care as she will from time to time advise you of her direction & by the favour of your forwarding them to her & I shall be much obliged by your giving me the earliest information you may be able to obtain of the arrival of the Falcon

I am with much respect &c.

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[Hawthorn and Ogilvie]

6 May 1826

Dr Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of 23 Jany 8 & 20 Feby & 9th March last I am extremely obliged by your attention to my trifling concerns the parcel p Richard & Sibella came safe to hand as well as the prospectus of the Equitable Insurance Compy & the receipt for my Daughters Legacy which last I return signed with an order for you to receive the amount & Int and I shall write to my Brother upon the subject of its being invested for her benefit as well as the sum of £35 Sg for one of my Sons. I am happy to learn that all my remittances will in due time appear to my credit and I must consult with my Brother as to the best mode of investing the same so as to meet my Childrens expenses without encroaching upon the Capital Equitable Annuity Association or Saving Bank etc terms Life Insurance etc

I shall be obliged by your following my Brothers instructions in respect to the investment of any funds in your hand belonging to me as at this distance I cannot pretend to judge what may be the most desirable stock and shall depend entirely upon his judgment

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[Hawthorn and Ogilvie]

5 July [1826]

Dr Sirs

I have been duly favd with your letters of 12 April & 12 May last accompanied by my a/c to 30th April shewing a balance due to me of £1557.15.3 St which appears to be perfectly correct

In the present uncertain state of things in respect to these unfortunate Colonies it is my wish to invest as much of my Collections and remittances as can conveniently be spared for the future benefit & education of my Children & my Brother has no doubt before this seen you upon the subject of such investment You will be kind enough to act under his directions as being on the spot he is more competent to judge of what is best to be done than I can possibly be at this distance the parcels p Levant have come safe to hand

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

7 Augt [1826] p Pkt

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the 1st of W Baylys⁵³ Bills of Exchange on Stewart & Westmoreland⁵⁴ for £300 Sg together with an endorsed Bill of Lading for 20hhd & 2 trs sugar marked K p Achilles as a security for payment of the same with which you will do what is requisite when paid place the amount to my credit

I also forward a receipt for a small box containing 12lbs of preserved ginger shipped New Prospect Capt Chaptil the expenses of which I will thank you to pay for me & then send them to my Brother

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Revd C Richards Winchester Hants

Spa Town Jam. 7 Aug 1826

My Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure of forwarding enclosed a bill of Exch drawn by J Smith on Messrs Mitchells of London for £85 Sg equal with prem @ 15PC & stps to £137.2 of our Cy being on a/c of a payment of £140 recd from Mr Burke in part of your Judgmt of him, it is 20s less than I required but we cannot always get a bill for the exact amount I shall endeavour to obtain a further from him when the whole shall be remitted

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

p pkt [HM Dartmouth c.o.] 8th. [Aug 1826]

Dr Sirs

The above is a duplicate of my letter p pkt & I now enclose 2 of the bills of Exch & bills of Lading

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p Lord Sidmouth pkt

H & O [Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

4 Sept 1826

Dr Sirs

The foregoing was intended to have been forwarded by the Dartmouth mw last but after being

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postponed from time to time she sailed without my being aware that the day had been fixed

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6 July conveying the unpleasant intelligence of the failure of Messrs Milligan Robertson & Co⁵⁵ notice of which was immediately given to Mr Laing⁵⁶ & Mr Williams neither of whom in their answers hold out a prospect of the bill being taken up by their Correspondents but hope that some arrangement may be made at the house for that purpose

As I am anxious to take advantage of the present lull of the funds to invest my small means I shall be glad to learn that you had enabled my Brother to accomplish my wish

I thank you for your recommendation to succeed Mr Higgin⁵⁷ as Mrs Weekes⁵⁸ representative but being the Master in the Cause to state the A/cs between the parties I could not with propriety act in the former capacity - Should however a power come to me I will nominate a substitute upon whose exertion I can depend - Mr Palmer⁵⁹ led me to expect that the Estates would make good Crops this year the next will I fear prove very indifferent from the late long spell of dry weather, it has however rained here for the last 20 hours without ceasing & I hope the other Parishes may have been equally fortunate

Enclosed I send you the 1 of W Miller and J MacDonald bills on J Waterhouse for £152.3.5 Sg in my favour & the 2 of W Baylys on A Stewart & Westmoreland for £300 Sg with Bill of Lading for 2hhd & 2trs sugar attached which I hope will be duly honoured

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

14 Octr [1826]

Dr Sirs

I am favd with your letter of the 9 August last and am glad to learn of the different investments you have kindly made for myself & Children - I now return the power to receive my Dividends executed - The information in respect to the affairs of Milligan Robertson & Co is satisfactory & is confirmed by letters to Several of their correspondents within Country it will be as well that you should be on the alert as I imagine they have Bills to a large amount unpaid & the drawer is the only solvent person & it may put him to some inconvenience to provide for the payment of what he has drawn for & the Contingencies of the present they can Crop Enclosed I send you the 2 of W Miller & J MacDonalds bills on Waterhouse for £152.3.5 Sg

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Jn Jackson⁶⁰ junr Esq

15 Decr 1826

My Dr sir

Not having any favourable intelligence to communicate I did not wish to put you to any unnecessary expence for Postage the rent has been regularly issued agt Mrs Wrays⁶¹ Estate but the negroes being mortgaged, the only prospect of a levy being made is upon the produce as it comes down for shipment or to market which I am looking sharp after, but in the event of a levy being made upon it the mortgagees if in possession of the mortgaged premises might replevin it or they might lodge their writs which no doubt are prior to yours & draw out all the proceeds, under these considerations I was induced to offer an extra fee to the Sheriffs Officer if he would by any means obtain a settlement of the amount but he has not hitherto been able to accomplish it you may rely upon my exertions to bring the business to a conclusion as early as possible

Johnson Portland removal

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

18 Decr [1826]

Dr Sirs

Your several favors of 7 Sept 4 Oct & 1 Nov have been duly received & I feel obliged by your attention to my Brothers directions on my behalf, it was very satisfactory also to learn that Mr Baylys bill on Stewart & Westmoreland has been paid by those gentlemen
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R Hawthorn Esq

Spa Town 18 Decr 1826

My D Fr

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 17 & 18th Oct last the former of which was accompanied by a power of Atty from Mrs Weekes to act in her affairs in respect to her claim upon Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates & I beg you will accept my best thanks for your kindness in obtaining this power for me since I formerly wrote to you on the subject of my appointment I have had an opportunity of conversing with Mr Palmers intimate friend & advisor & he is of opinion that it will be desirable to all parties that I should act this I will do so long as I find that I can render any service to Mrs Weekes in obtaining payment of & remitting the amount of her annuities but should it turn out to be incompatible with my situation as Master in the Cause I will immediately hand it over to my friend and relation W M Kerr who will do every justice to Mrs Weekes & upon whose integrity & exertions I can at all time confidently rely - Mr Palmer as Receiver is directed to account before me annually for his Transactions which he has omitted to do his A/C up to Dec 1824 being the last he has transmitted to me, the balance upon which I have not yet ascertained, but it will be done in a few days - in there he gives credit for the proceeds of the sugars consigned to Mr Ancrum⁶² & carried by that Gentleman to Mr Palmers private A/C I am promised his further A/Cs to the end of last year in a short time and I understood from his friend that he was prepared to pay one years Annuity immediately - he has been waiting until some person was authorized to receive it & give him a discharge - The Estates for one or 2 years have not done more than pay their Carting needs, the representatives of Messrs Mountagues⁶³ have been watching Mr Palmers management & had there been any just ground for Complaint were prepared to petition the Chancellor for his removal but the Opinions of Council were unfavourable to such a proceeding - I am acquainted with Mr Palmer but not intimately having only corresponded with him upon the subject of his A/Cs, he is connected by marriage but that shall not interfere with what I consider to be my duty towards my Constituent - I should prefer an amicable arrangement as the expence of further litigation must necessarily retard the payment of Mrs Weekes claims unless I should learn that his management is injudicious - his Consignments⁶⁴ are now made to Messrs Dobson & Baker⁶⁵ at the suggestion of his friend here but as they are Strangers to him I am in hopes that a part may in future go to your house as the Agents of Mrs Weekes to the extent of her Annuity at least & this I shall not fail to urge in the strongest manner possible.

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To Philip H James Esq

18 Decr 1826

My Dear Sir

It is with much pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 9th October last and I most cordially join with you in hoping that we shall no longer be strangers to each other but that the acquaintance which has now commenced may ere long ripen into friendship grounded upon the family connection which I am pleased to learn is acknowledged by you - to Mrs Weekes I have

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been long known but she had left the Country before my return to it - as a Master in Cha her affairs were put into my hands by Mr W Murray many years back and as the a/cs of the Recr are still passed in my office I am perfectly acquainted with every circumstance relating to Rose Hall and Palmyra Estates from whence her annuities are derived, so that even should I be obliged to substitute another person under the idea that it would be incompatible for me to act as her Atty at the same time that I am Master in the Cause, I can still attend to her interests on the passing of the Receivers a/cs and as for such information as may be useful in recovering her rights, in the latter event it is my intention to call upon my friend & relation W M Kerr of Trelawny & St James as I well know his integrity & exertions may be confidently relied on, and whose conduct will I have not the least doubt assure every satisfaction to Mrs Weekes - Mr Palmers A/cs as Recv to Dec 1824 are now in progress, but the balance is not yet correctly ascertained altho it will be in the course of a few days, the proceeds of the Sugars consigned to Mr Ancrum & alluded to by you have been credited by him altho the amount had been applied without his consent to the reduction of his private debt and I am in daily expectation of receiving his further a/cs to the end of last year his intimate friend & advisor who was in town about 10 days ago informed me that he was prepared for the payment of one yrs Annuity to Mrs Weekes so soon as power arrived but my application cannot be made before the departure of the post on Saturday next, in consequence of a long series of Drought the Estates for 2 or 3 years netted little or nothing after payment of the contingent Charges, this year the Crops were I understand much better and as the price of produce is somewhat improved I trust to make you a remittance very shortly which I shall forward to our mutual friend Mr Hawthorn, as it would cause some delay as well as risk were it to be sent direct to you. I shall endeavour to obtain a Consignment to him for the future if at all events a part of the Crops sufficient for the payment of the annuity agreeable to your wishes - the representative of Messrs Mountague has been very observant of Mr Palmers proceedings & consulted Counsell upon the propriety of petitioning for his removal from the receivership but the grounds for so doing were not considered sufficiently strong. I shall therefore urge an amicable arrangement unless upon inquiry I should discover that his management is injudicious or extravagant

I now beg leave to tender you & Mrs Weekes my sincere thanks for the Confidence reposed in me I trust that I may be fortunate enough to give satisfaction by my humble endeavours to promote her interests

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J R Palmer Esq Rose Hall Little River

S T 23 Decr 1826

Dr Sir

I mentioned to Mr Phillpotts⁶⁶ when he was in Town my expectation of receiving a power from Mrs Weekes to apply for payment of her Annuities & arrears - it had since come to hand & I shall be obliged by your informing me what funds you have at command to meet her Claims & when you will be prepared to pay the money It is her wish that part of the annual Crops of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates should be Consigned to Messrs Hawthorn & Ogilvie of London as her Agents to which I should hope there would not be any objection on your part I have to apologize for not having ascertained the exact balance of your A/cs but the protraction of the Sessions has prevented my attending to them lately

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[J R Palmer Esq]
Dr Sir

30 Decr 1826

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It affords me much satisfaction to learn from your favor of the 26th Instant that the present appointments of Mrs Weekes meets your approbation, and it shall be my endeavour so long as I act as her Attorney to avoid putting either party to further expense in vexatious law proceedings, if they are to be prosecuted I must hand over the power as I have informed her Son in law Mr Philip H James to W M Kerr, whose duty it will be to follow her instructions, & who I doubt not will do her justice, she wishes as I before mentioned to receive a "portion of the Crop with endorsed Bills of Lading towards the payment of her Annuities which produce is to be sent to Hawthorn & Ogilvie of London" a measure which I should rather have thought would have been desirable to you in as much as it would relieve you from repeated applications for payment and any anxiety as to the sale of the Bills you would be obliged to draw upon the net proceeds of the Consignments which may be taken or not as her representative may think proper - The payment of the mortgage if you recollect was the basis upon which your appointment was made & being now satisfied cannot be urged as a reason why you should make the Consignments to Strangers in preference to the persons nominated by the prior Claimants, & my intentions being amicable I must request your further consideration upon this point - I observe the shipments you have made this year & would recommend your directing your Correspondent in Liverpool to guarantee the payment by the purchasers of the Sugar consigned to that port

It is needless my entering upon the question as to the rights of Mrs Weekes & the Legatees to a sale of the properties for payment of their claims to the exclusion of your interest as Devised but would beg leave to remind you that sales for such purposes are decreed almost every Court - Bills are expected to be as a prem: of 20 p Ct this pkt, by the last some were sold at 22½ but they fell latterly & could be obtained at 20 - I should prefer an Order for £140 the amount of my Commn & a Bill for the balance, I shall be happy to see you in Town & should Mrs Palmer accompany you I beg to offer her the use of apartments & and accommodation my house can afford during her stay

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H & O [Hawthorn & Ogilvie]
Dear Sir

6 Janry 1827

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 15 Nov last with the protested Bill recd therein & which the parties here have promised to replace but the diffce in prem prevents my recg another bill in its Stead that having been purchased at 7½ p Ct the premium now asked is 22½ so that the protesting of this Bill is an absolute gain to some of the parties concerned notwithstanding they are chargeable with the re-exchge of 8PC

I now now [sic] beg leave to enclose the 1 of Mr Palmers bills on Dobson & Baker for £1582.17.2 Sg equal with prem at 20 p Ct stamps 15/10 to £2660 Cy & my Com @ 5PC recg & remt £2800 makes up the latter sum being 1 yr of her annuity since I last wrote to you I have struck the bal of the a/c of the Recvr for the years 1823 & 1824 upon which there is a balance due to him of £630.1.8.5 Cy - Mr Palmer is to be in town in a day or two & has promised to bring up his further A/Cs for 1825 with him but from the sketch which he has already furnished it would appear that in that year also as well as in 1823 & 1824 the Estates failed in paying their Contingencies owing to the long drought the Bill has been drawn in favour of Mrs Weekes as I omitted to mention to whom it should be made pble - You had better in the first instance get it accepted and then either forward the 1 or 2 to her for endorsation - I shall enclose a few lines to Mr P H James which you will be kind enough to forward to him, from what I have written you will perceive that I have undertaken to act as the Atty of Mrs Weekes this I wrote Mr Palmer I might be induced to do so long as the business was amicable but if the parties were disposed to hostile measures I should depute my friend Kerr who altho very peaceable himself would no doubt adopt such proceedings as he should

be directed or advised for the recovery of the rights of his Constituent I shall send an extract from Mr Palmers letter to me to Mr James which you can peruse but in my reply I avoided as much as possible entering into any argument & I have thought better of this [0X indicating further thoughts] [continuation] upon the merits of the case thinking that my differences in opinion might irritate when my object was to conciliate and had I even coincided with him my opinion would not have been binding on Mrs Weekes or the other parties interested, I strongly urged as a benefit to himself a Consignment of part of the Crops to you as Mrs W agreed he has objected upon grounds which I do not think tenable but still it is altogether at present optional with him he has however reserved the point until he comes up

It is somewhat strange that I should be MCC in both matters in which you are interested J Cockburn is a very old friend & acquaintance of mine and he has not forgotten his former acquaintance with Mr Hawthorn, & being upon terms of intimacy with him I was able when in Kingston yesterday to enter fully upon the subject of your communication without betraying your Confidences, he has frequently both as MCC & friend asked my advice upon different points connected with Recrship & soon after his appt informed me of the wish of some of the parties intended for Greenwich hospital⁶⁷ that the Consignments should be made to Mr Ogilvie of Fenchurch St & asked if I knew him I then mentd your house as being the one I supposed intended and he appd disposed to comply with their wish but unfortunately his CoRecr has objected & by that means the Consignments have been diverted & sent to Mess Mitchells the private Correspondents of H to whom I fancy he is under some obligations - there are other points to be explained - the properties placed in Recrship upon the Pet of Comm G in the first instance are indiff being Coffee Settmnts or Estates making indiff Sugars both of which he is of opinion will find a readier market it here than in Engd consequently he has been induced at the desire of Cap Willis⁶⁸ to try this market first if it does not answer J C told me yesterday that the produce of those properties would be consigd to your house upon the faith and understanding that you would do what Mitchells have always done that is accept all such bills as he may draw at any time upon the strength of such Consgmts - of course it is not expected that you will come under any permanent advance but if a Shipment is made to you you will not hesitate to honour his drafts on a/c of the same altho not at the time actually in funds, should he overdraw such sum to be replaced by a Consent or otherwise the fact is this coming into a concern of this description the Costs are heavy and other Claims are to be provided for and sanctioned by the [illegible] of Cy & he might anticipate higher prices or better net proceeds than may be in the end be realized & draw accordingly - his bills are now sought after at the higher prem offered but were I to be recr they would always be looked upon with suspicion hereafter there are other properties of more consequence of which JC obtd Receivership in an amicable way upon the former Recr Mr Tyrell⁶⁹ going off the Country & which answer included in the Gr [illegible] I saw - Mess Willis⁷⁰ & Waterhouse having only claims agt the proprietors to the Consignmnts of these going to your house as the Agents of the Hospital [illegible] to decidedly object & unless the Cmms send out positive instructions to their Atty in this Country to fix the Consent by an appln to the Cc for that purpose. I do not know how the opposition is to be got the better of I understand Mitchells are not friends of W & W but some of the latter are anxious that they should be named Consignees of the R Produce Pringle took home a letter from Cockburn to H & Og - if deld it does not appear to have been acknowledged some delay as well as risk were it to be sent direct to you. I shall endeavour to obtain a Consignment to him for the future if at all events a part of the Crops sufficient for the payment of the annuity agreeable to your wishes - the representative of Messrs Mountague has been very observant of Mr Palmers proceedings & consulted Counsell upon the propriety of petitioning for his removal from the receivership but the grounds for so doing were not considered sufficiently strong. I shall therefore urge an amicable arrangement unless upon inquiry I should discover that his management is injudicious or extravagant

I now beg leave to tender you & Mrs Weekes my sincere thanks for the Confidence reposed in me

I trust that I may be fortunate enough to give satisfaction by my humble endeavours to promote her interests

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[Philip H James]

6 Jan'y 1827

My Dear Sir

It is with much pleasure that I inform you of my having this day remitted to Messrs H & Ogilvie the first of J R Palmers bills of Ex on Messrs Dobson & Baker of London for £1582.17.2 St being for one years Annuity due to Mrs Weekes as p statement annexed, the expences of recording the power etc will be charged to her at a future day when the a/c is rendered - My report upon Mr Palmers a/cs to 31 Dec 24 is now complete by which it appears that there was there due to him a balance of £630.1.8h Cy the Estates not having netted sufficient to pay their Contingencies for 1823 or 1824 nor for 1825 by a sketch forwarded by him, last year they made about 20 X [continued] X hhd & "the prospects for this Crop are very promising", he appears satisfied that the power is in my hands & I have written to state that my intention of acting so long as the proceedings are amicable he cannot object to pay Mrs Weekes so long as he is in funds of which I shall at all times be able to judge - Mountagues have not lately taken any active measures but I have reason to believe that they will not remain quiet very long - I would therefore recommend Mrs W to avoid incurring further expense in litigation In respect Mr Palmer objects to the Consignments being made to her Agent as required by you & by the Order of Court it is altogether optional with him to ship the produce as he may think proper he is to be in town "in a few days when the matter will again come under discussion from the tenor of his letter it would appear that he has been advised that the Annuitants and Legatees have not the power of bringing the properties to a sale for the payment of their Claims, in my reply I merely stated that Decrees for such purposes were made almost every Court without entering into any argument upon the subject, as no good could result therefrom & it will no doubt be well contested one of these days should he not change his opinion

With my respectful Compliments to Mrs Weekes

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvy]

12 Feby 1827

Dr Sirs

I am favd with your letter of the 6th Dec last and thank you for the Copies of my Brothers letters to Mr Maurice⁷¹ which you were kind enough to forward the duplicate Protest came safe to hand I observed what you state in respect to the Trust deed of which I have heard a great deal from Mr Laing who has always a reason to give why it has not been carried into effect - I saw Mr Cockburn last week & learnt from him that he was about to make you a shipment. As it is left to the Receivers to consign as they think proper, yet the Commissioners to send out instructions to their Atty Mr Cockburn to apply to the Court for directions to Consign to your house Enclosed I send you the 2nd of J R Palmers bills on Dobson & Baker & Co in favour of Mrs Weekes for £1582.17.2 Sg equal with prem 20 p Ct to Curry £2660. as I have nothing particular to communicate to her by this opportunity I shall be obliged when you write to her to acquaint her with Mr Kerrs sentiments "I consider Mr Palmer has been managing the Estates with attention & economy & has done as much as can be expected with the very small means he has, he has not only to contend with dry weather but want of strength, the negroes being few & bad" It appears that Mr Higgin previous to his going off had engaged to obtain a power to a merchant in Kingston & may probably still use Mrs Weekes to send out one to him. I am in daily expectation of seeing Mr Palmer in town when the subject of the Consignment to your house will again come under discussion

Annexed is a list of a few books etc which I shall be particularly obliged by your forwarding by the first opportunity

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[J R Palmer Esq]

17 Feby [1827]

Dr Sir

I am sorry to learn that I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you in this Town as you led me to expect being particularly desirous of having some conversation with you in respect to Mrs Weekes proposition for the Consignment of part of the Receivership produce to her merchants in payment of her annuity I beg to refer you to what I have already urged on that point & shall be obliged by your favouring me with your determination & reasons that they may be transmitted to her

If the prices obtained in this Country are equal to what may be expected from shipments to Great Britain & the payment undoubted, there can be no objection in my opinion to your selling the Sugars here but not being sufficiently acquainted with the nature of the latter proposition submitted to me I am unable to give an opinion upon that point

HJJ

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[J R Palmer Esq]

3 March [1827]

Dr Sir

Anxious as I am to obtain a Consignment for Mess H & O I cannot consent to the terms upon which you offer it, whatever is customary I will agree to but not to fresh as would throw all the risk of loss upon Mrs Weekes upon settlement of doubtful debts they might be listened to - I am not aware who could object to the payment of the arrears of the Annuities accrued since 1819 as the Order under which you act there really provides for them out of the proceeds of the Receivership & besides there is no direction for liquidating those accrued previously indeed the latter form part of the subject matter of dispute in the present Suit if I am rightly informed at all events they cannot be allowed in your a/cs as Recr without the sanction of the Court - I should wish to know whether it is your intention to withhold the payment of what is now due to Mrs W for her Annuity from 1822 on the ground you mention should you have funds in you hands at any time unappropriated, as it is a step I never contemplated etc I must therefore acquaint her of it immediately

I am unwilling to recommend your accepting Mr Phillpotts proposal as I do not consider a Recr authorized to enter into any speculation with the Property intrusted to him and that may give rise to some demur at a future day as there is no preceding events

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H & O

12 March [1827]

Dr Sirs

The information contained in your favor of the 6th Jany last of the investment of the further sum of £400 in the 4 p Ct fund is particularly satisfactory and I much wish that I could remit the money now in my Chest for a similar purpose but 20 p Ct Premium is too great a sacrifice

Since I last wrote to you Mr Palmer has informed me that he has been obliged to defer his journey to town for the present & in reply to my letter urging a consignment to you in payment of Mrs Weekes Annty he writes me as follows X to X [not noted] 27 Feby to such conditions I immediately declined my assent but stated I was willing to comply with whatsoever was customary but would

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never consent to throw all the risk upon Mrs W - I have urged him to state decidedly whether it is his Intention to withhold the payment of the arrears accrued since 1819 should he be in funds at any time as the Order appointing him Recr in 1819 particularly directs the payment of her Annuity & his Bill seeks to satisfy some part if not the whole of what remained unpaid at that time, and were he disposed to liquidate the latter he could not do so without first obtaining the sanction of the Court, to this he has not replied Should you think any part of the foregoing worthy of Mrs Weekes's notice you can communicate the same to her as no doubt you frequently correspond with some of the family - Mr P has not yet Commenced Crop & is fearful that it will fall short of his expectations which is the case with his neighbours - I thank you for your very friendly wishes

I remain

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J R Palmer Esq

Spa Town 22 March 1827

Dr Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 20th Instant and will communicate to Mrs Weekes such parts of the contents as require her concurrence and determination

My friends Messrs Hawthorn & Ogilvie have in their letter of the 8th Feby last expressed a great desire of becoming your Consignees in which capacity I have no doubt they would do you every justice and must of course attend in that capacity solely to your directions as to the application of the proceeds of the produce and as you have no friend of your own to whom you now Consign I really think it would be a beneficial arrangement for all parties until something conclusive is determined upon I am the more induced to urge this step having understood that your present Correspondents are not in that line of business in which they could have obtained much information as to the mode of transacting such concerns as you have intrusted to them however by this time you must have had an opportunity of ascertaining how far I am correct in my supposition

a/c Sales red glad to receive promised payment of Bills

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Mr P[almer] Esq

Spa Town 31 March 1827

Dr Sir

In recommending my friend as well as those of Mrs Weekes I had no intention of urging anything unfavourable against any other persons & merely confined myself to such facts as had been detailed to me, the reasons you have assigned for Consigning to Messrs Dobson & Baker are such as must be approved of by all persons possessed of liberal feelings and [X] I have no hesitation in agreeing on behalf of Messrs Hawthorn & Ogilvie that they shall hold "one half of the Commes upon 100hhd of Sugar to be Consigned to them by your applicable to your order, the net proceeds to be applied in payment of the Annty to Mrs Weekes, or it might be better that at the proper period you drew a bill on them in her favor for the amount which I will remit and any surplus together with the ½ Comms to remain at your disposal [X], of this arrangement I shall send them the particulars by the present packet but I presume you will of course give them the necessary instructions for effecting Insurance etc I shall however at all times be glad to do anything that you may think requisite on my part

Yours &c

[X] to [X] sent to Hawthorn & Ogilvie 5th April 1827

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P H James Esq

Spa Town 5 April 1827

My Dr Sir

I beg leave to call Mrs Weekes attention to the foregoing (X) extract from a letter which I lately received from Mr Palmer & shall be obliged by her full & positive instructions how I am to act, in a previous letter he had informed me that he had reason to believe that objections would be raised to the payment of the Arrears of her Annuity accrued since his appointment, until the previous arrears were settled to which I replied that I was quite at a loss to conjecture who the party could be to whom he alluded as the order for his appointment expressly provided for the Annuity & I had understood that one of the objects of his bill had reference to the previous arrears, at all events as Master in the present Suit I could not allow any payments on a/c of the latter unless sanctioned by an Order of Court - I trust that I have at length secured a Consignment of 100hhds of Sugar to our friend Hawthorn under certain restrictions to which he cannot object but should they not be approved of I shall know how to act next year. Mr P is to give me a bill on them H & Co in settlm August next for the present years Annuity which I hope will prove satisfactory he has commenced Crop and is doing if anything better than his neighbours and the Sugars are much improved in quality Kerr going off his father⁷² coming out met him & HJ at Sod Hall⁷³ &c
X Extract from JRPs letter of 20 March 1822

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R Hawthorn Esq

Spa Town Jama. 5 April 1827

My D Sir

Your favor of the 8 Feby I have received & from the tenor of this you will perceive that I am still acting for Mrs Weekes, the fact is that I offered to depute Kerr but he is fearful that it may cause a dispute between him & Mr Palmer with whom his is at present on terms of friendly acquaintance, and as I have not yet selected another person or got the better of his scruples I am doing all I can for the satisfaction of all parties Kerr has been at deaths door etc. but is better etc.

Annexed I send you extracts from Mr Palmers letters to me & of my reply from which you will learn that I have consented to his terms for consigning 100hhhd of Sugar to you this year should you not approve of what I have done I shall be extremely sorry but you can make such arrangements with him as you think proper for a further consignment he appears disposed to avail himself of the condition proposed & as he will correspond with you in the course of the year on the subject of the present Crops it will afford you an opportunity of urging whatever you may think proper as an inducement for a continuance of his confidence, he is to draw upon you in August for Mrs Weekes annuity - I am assured that you will do him every justice and be most careful of the responsibility of the persons to whom his produce is disposed of I send enclosed a letter for Mr Philip James you can read such part as relates to this business & then Wafer & forward it to him

I thank you for paying the different sums on account of Mrs James and my Children's expenses and also for the tender of you friendly services which I shall avail myself of when I have occasion for your assistance & if there is anything that I can do for you I beg you will not hesitate in making me acquainted with your wishes

Prem Bills 22 ½ pCent cannot remit

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H & O [Hawthorn & Ogilvy]

2 May 1827

D Sirs

I am glad to learn from you favor of 10th March last that the Bill in favor of Mrs Weekes has

been accepted by Messrs Dobson & Baker. I have not recd any further communication from Mr Palmer since I last wrote to you

The particulars of the Greenwich Hospital Claim which you were kind enough to send me had previously been made known to me and I am extremely sorry to learn that my friend Cockburns conduct is called in question in respect to the claim of Mr Yates⁷⁴ as assignee of two judgments obtd Octr 1804 by Steele Parke & Thomson against Willis Molony & Griffith and vested in Yates by assignment dated 1 Jany 1807 on which I have under a Order of Ct reported the sum of £22,424.3.11 Cy to be due as of 14 August last, certainly the construction which has been put upon the conduct of the parties in this Country may appear at first to be correct but I trust that upon inquiry into all the circumstances, it will prove to be far from the true one, so far from its being a late matter, it was discussed & an offer was made by Mr Smart⁷⁵ when when he was acting as Mr Willis's Atty, it afterwards was brought before the C of Chy here in the Cause of Willis & Molony and the Order then made was appealed from, on the hearing of which in England Mr Willis was directed to give security for Mr Tyrell the then Atty in this Island asked me if I thought as Assignment of a Mortgage would be accepted as such/. no Security was I believe ever entd into and in consequence the Injunction was dissolved, something has since been done in the matter in the Grand Court to which Mr Tyrell was a party previous to his quitting the Country, but the particulars of which I am not much acquainted with, these circumstances are within my own recollection and can be more fully detailed by Mr Willis's Atties in this Island or his Solicitors in England. The Court might here on the application of Greenwich possibly remove their Agent Mr Cockburn from the receivership, but it is not probable that Mr Willis would be removed who was appointed as the representative of his fathers Estate, and who is as I before wrote to you the person who objected to the Crops being consigned to you where there are so many conflicting claims it is not likely that all the parties interested will ever act cordially together in the support of any measure or person Cockburn has instructed his Solicitors to push the Suit so as to bring the properties to a sale with as little delay as possible, It appears that I was mistaken when I wrote that a letter had been sent to Mr Ogilvie by Mr Pinniger it was I now understand addressed to Mr Bicknell I am extremely obliged by your friendly intentions towards me but being the Master in this business prevents my acting in any other capacity

My Brother has written that he has been drawing rather heavily on my funds in your hands, I have therefore thought it advisable to purchase a Bill and now enclose Yates & Cockburns on Messrs Mitchells for £200 Sg for which I paid 22½ pCent prem:, which is ruinous & so long as the Exchge continues so extravagantly high I must be content to remit from time to time such sums only as maybe absolutely necessary for my Childrens expences

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[Hawthorn & Ogilvy]

9 June [1827]

Dr Sirs

I thank you for the information conveyed to me in your favor of the 4 April last respecting Messrs Milligan & Co but I trust that I [co. have] am secure, the bill remitted on my a/c having been pd in Cash as the Prem had risen from 7½ to 22½ p Ct another remitted to Mrs Millward⁷⁶ has been renewed by Mr Laings bill on Davidson Barkly & Co⁷⁷ but I shall hold the original bill & protest which has given great offence to Mr Laing however I am not disposed to pay £5000Sg to please any person & I shall retain it until the other is accepted

With respect to the Interest on the Arrears of Mrs Weekes Annuity that is a point contested by Mr Palmer in his bill & therefore must be determined by the Chancellor I shall be glad to learn that you have commenced a correspondence with that Gentleman as it may lead to a more beneficial arrangement than I was able to effect he evidently is at a loss for a respectable Consignee in whom he can confide

I observe by Mr Cockburns a/c now before me that he has made a shipment to you & from the sale of Thetferd & Rest⁷⁸ produce it appears that your mode of keeping the a/c is such as he will approve of, at all events it corresponds with those I have mentd, the Coffee I perceive has all been sold in the Island. I have not seen Captn Willis lately to ascertain what his intentions are but I fear he has involved himself too deeply in his fathers affairs in England to venture to shew himself there for some time at least so I have heard but should he go off & some other person is required on the part of Greenwich to be appointed joint Receiver, either a fresh power in which his name is inserted should be sent out as positive instructions to that effect, I hardly think the latter would be sufficient without another power Where is Mr Penniger & is he not in Mr Bricknells office? if so he has an opportunity of becoming acquainted with everything that occurs. The properties in receivership in the suits instituted by Greenwich are Spring Valley a Sugar Estate in St Mary & made last year between 80 & 90 hhd of Sugar - Rose Hill a Coffee plantn in S Andrew Crop last year 11 trs Resource Coffee plantn in Port Royal Crop last year 135 trs & a Cattle pen from which they sell a little Logwood & pimento Deeside another Coffee plantn has lately been added but I do not know which Crop it makes In the old suits of Willis v Molony there is a Sugar Estate in S George called Hart Hill making about 60 to 100 Hhds annually in Willis v Buller Thetferd & Rest the former making about 200hhd & the latter 50hhd of Sugar & in Willis v Tonge⁷⁹ Cardiff Sugar estate of which I know nothing the a/c being with another Master

Being anxious to send to my Brother one of the easy Spanish Chairs now in demand in this Country I have addressed one to your care by the Simon Taylor Captn Meek together with a small box contg our likenesses when Children⁸⁰ the expenses of which you will charge to my a/c & apply for his instructions as to their future destination the Chair was made here and I have directed the man to make affidavit of the Country where the mahogany was grown, the pictures were painted in London but if there is any demur as to the latter let his Majesty have the benefit of anything they may Sell for as they are all torn I only sent to England to be repaired if practicable, but every thing coming from hence is looked upon with a suspicious eye

Enclosed I send the 2nd of Yates & Cockburns Bills in my favor for £200Sg

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PS When writing to Mrs Weekes or Mr James will you be kind enough to inform them that Mr Phillpotts is Mr Palmers security in the room of Mr Allen⁸¹ & that there are 3 yrs Annuity due to her amounting to £8400 Cy. I will write when I have occasion to make a further remittance

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Sir M B Clare⁸²

1827 3 July Spa Town

My Dr Sir

It was very unfortunate that your servant delivered me the message he did on the Saturday previous to your departure but not hearing from you in the morning I concluded that your papers were not ready and that I should see you on the Monday, I afterwards imagined that you preferred leaving written instructions to giving them verbally and was much mortified when I discovered the mistake as I now find myself left to act in a great measure without either - In the first place you have acted very incautiously in allowing your remarks as to the payment of the Bonds Notes & Judgmts to be made by another person instead of doing it yourself as advantage has been taken of it by its being told me that such were your directions as to a particular person whose name I do not now recollect your Clerk has also applied to me respecting some account which he stated to be incorrect, but I have more particularly to regret the want of information in respect to Miss Johnsons⁸³ affairs in which having to deal with a very troublesome and offensive character it is necessary to be very circumspect, a copy of her inventory I found amongst the papers endorsed with her name but no account how the negroes & property ret'd therein had been disposed of or

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accounted for by you which has hitherto prevented my administering upon her Estate, it is true I find in your account credits for divers sums of money recd for negroes furniture rent etc without the names of the former or the particulars of the latter, Turner⁸⁴ has been sick & out of Town & from him I have lately learnt that only one negro remains to be sold, no memorandum is to be found of the outstanding debts due to her Estate or where the houses are which she died possessed of - Mr Vidal on enquiry today for he has also been out of Town informed me that you had a Bond of his still unpaid for £700 Cy & upwards of which no notice is taken, the a/c Entd in your Book is incorrect Commn being twice charged on about £1300 the balance due on the first a/c transferred to the credit of the, second, the persons to whom the funds have been remitted should be charged with the same until they show how they have been invested and Mr Thomson⁸⁵ is very anxious to ascertain the latter point for the discovery of which he threatens to file a Bill, it also forms a point for his objecting to pay his wifes protected bill for the recovery of which Hylton⁸⁶ says a new action must be brought under the advice of Mr Atty Genl the protest now in this Island is only for non acceptance but payment of the Bill should be demanded when the Bill becomes due and a protest for non payment immediately sent out in time for the Cy Ct & unless some Security is given to purchasers that the Monies paid by them shall be invested according to the terms of the will, they will not feel disposed to come forward particularly as Mr Thomson cautions them as to the necessity of their looking to the appropriation thereof there does not appear to be much remaining to be done in her affairs except the sale of the houses & a negro (Duke) which I shall be glad to do as early as possible but which cannot be done until some satisfactory arrangement is made to secure the immediate investment of the funds arriving from such sales - From the payments made to you on many of your demands or immediately previous to your going off I have not thought it necessary to make application for further sums, I shall at all times be glad if you will favor me with your particular and full instructions which I will endeavour to follow to their extent. I have written to see rem the Atty Genl but I find he has gone to Manchester

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H & O [Hawthorn & Ogilvie]

Spa Town 9 July [1827]

Dr Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th May last accompanied by your A/C to 30 April which appears to be perfectly correct, but I regret very much to find that you have been obliged to come under an advance of £105.6.2 on my account, the balance due to you at that date, which is altogether owing to the high rate of Exchge for I would have remitted long ere this a considerable sum of money, in the meantime it is far from my intention to trespass upon your kindness and I had no idea that the balance would have been against me

As you will now have an opportunity of corresponding with Mr Palmer it is unnecessary for me at present to reply to your remarks but which I may do at some future opportunity

I had some conversation with Mr Cockburn in Kingston last week and there appears to be a disposition on his part to favor your firm this is of course confidential but you can if you think proper make a proposition to him to meet the suggestions thrown out by him, it strikes me that he is disappointed in Messrs Mitchells & that he stands no chance of getting anything from then in return for the Consignments shipped to them & he appears to be rather desirous of entering into some other arrangement, what he mentioned to me was that he could in good years ship about 1000 Casks of [sugar c.o.] Produce which instead of giving to strange vessels he would prefer loading a Ship on Commn - that requiring considerable supplies for the use of the different properties under the management of himself & partner a Consignment of such articles to them for sale or of anything else would be desirable, he said he had not yet mentioned the subject to his partner Mr Yates and I did not give him to understand that I would mention it to you possibly he may do it himself, if not

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and you think these hints may be turned to your benefit you can communicate with him upon the subject of them, negro Clothing, Ironmongery, pickled fish etc would be the sort of supplies most required and you can put your proposition either in the shape of a Consignment for sale on Commn or of a joint speculation should you think it worth your attention

I shall be obliged by your effecting Insurance on Wearing Apparel Books etc p Lavinia Capt Furlong which sails in a few days from Old Harbour for Bristol valuing them at £100 Sg

Your favor of 16 May has just come to hand I perfectly agree with you in opinion as to the propriety of receiving the full Commn paid to other merchants but I thought it worth while taking the Consignment for you on the terms proposed I will endeavour to procure the information respecting Mrs Weekes claims, I have not heard from Mr Palmer on the subject since I wrote you before

When in Kingston on friday I refused to give 20 p Ct Cy for Bills thinking I should obtain them in this Town but I cannot learn of any person drawing so that I am completely disappointed frequently they are plentiful enough here. I therefore trust that the dts upon you have not been so numerous lately & I shall endeavour to prevent your being overdrawn again but how to get the money home I know not

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H & O

Spa Town 6th August 1827

Dr Sirs

Having since I last addressed you been through the pleadings in the Cause of "Palmer Mountague", I shall now endeavour to comply with the wish expressed in you favor or the 16 May last - the priority of the Claims as decided by the Decree in Hibbert⁸⁷ v Palmer of 6 May 1816 are as follow

1st Mrs Weekes Annty of £1200 Cy - 2nd mortgage to Hibberts since paid by Compll J R Palmer & Satisfied 3rd annuity of £1600 to Mrs W Annty of £40 Sg to E Vaughan (since dead) Annty of £5 to Mary Kelly (since dead) & Annty of £5 to John Palmer (since dead) then the legacies on a footing. The Annty or marriage Settl't of 1200 Cy has been regularly paid to 1822 & it was also paid last year - On 20th Decr 1815 the Master reported the sum of £29444.7.5 Cy to be due for Arrears of the Annty of 1600 Cy to that date, it has since been paid by Messrs Mountagues to whom Mrs W has assigned her claims in respect of that sum, this Annty has since been paid up to 1822 as well as last year I shall now proceed to the Legacies & Annties reported to be due on 20 Decr 1815

	Cy
To Ralph Mountague ⁸⁸ the elder for Legacy & Int	1487.19.2½
John Palmer ⁸⁹ " "	5920.3.3¾
Ditto £40 Sg to E Vaughan ⁹⁰ assigned to him	1421.15.5
These 3 are vested in R Mountague	
Mary Partridge James ⁹¹ Legacy & Int	2975.18.5
Richard James ⁹² " "	531.10.4
Reb Weekes " " £2000	5783.16.9½
" " " £500	1033.17.7
" Value 10 new negroes & int	2065.13.2
Estate of James Palmer ⁹³ Legacy & Int /vested in RM	5920.3.3½
Mrs Samuels " "	531.18.4
M A Hodges " "	531.18.4
Edwd James ⁹⁴ " "	531.18.4
J R Palmer " "	{280

Mrs P mother of JRP " " {394
 These sums are incorrect the Legacies to J R Palmer & his family amount
 to upwards of £1800 Cy
 Mary Kelly } free Negroes 76.6.8
 John Palmer} 30
 no part of the foregoing have been paid & R Mountague in his answer states the following as the
 sums due in respect thereof 1 May 1820

	Cy
To RM for balce of the sum of £29444.7.5 assd to him by Mrs Weekes	4200
" Legacies to John & James Palmer	14500
" the Elder for Legacy	1800
" yr this appears to be a mistake	560
Mrs Weekes & the other Claimants	17500

Mrs Weekes's Annuities are now the prior lien then come the Legacies which are all upon an equality Mr Heath⁹⁵ wrote me last week that he was in possession of full instructions to enter into any arrangement on behalf of Mountagues but Mr Palmer has not renewed the subject since my former communication in the bill filed by him he charges Mrs W & Messrs M with collusion which is stoutly denied by both in their answers I wish for his own sake he had been better advised, as were he to obtain all he seeks for I very much doubt whether the properties would pay the balance of the outstanding claims he contends that they cannot be sold to liquidate them however that is a point to be decided by the Chancellor, should you require further information or any explanations I shall be happy to attend to your suggestions

Thank you for the books & pens which came safe to hand, It will indeed be a sad greeting to Kerr & Mr Baillie⁹⁶ on their arrival to learn the loss they have sustained, what inducement the latter had for coming out at such a time I know not and he will now I fear bitterly lament having done so - people generally, most probably on account of the publicity & disgrace attached to such circumstances, are loath to be declared Bankrupts altho in point of fact they are truly so and will rather go on under a Trust Deed or Letter of Licence for the remainder of their lives subject to the insults of all their Creditors whose favour they are solicitous of insuring doing no good for their families or themselves & little in general for their Creditors & when they die what they were so anxious to avoid themselves falls on their families, I know little of Milligan & Cos affairs or concerns in the Country but depend upon it they are not likely to improve and therefore they had better face the evil at once by which their minds will be relieved & they may look out for a more profitable line of business - I have again seen Cockburn & from what fell from him he appears anxious to form a connection with your house if you think it advisable Some of the books you lately sent out are not exactly what I anticipated, I wish you had sent the bill of parcels that I might dispose of them Enclosed I send you the first of the following bills of Exchge which please to place to my Credit

R Allwood⁹⁷ on Jas Greig⁹⁸ & A S Gordon of London for £200 & £100 Ster
 A Bayley on Timperon & Dobinson of London for £170 St all at 20 p Ct prem
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H & O 30 Augt 1827
 Dr Sirs
 Your favors of the 21st June & 4 July have been duly recd the Butt of Sherry⁹⁹ notified in the first has also arrived

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In my former communication on the subject of Mr Yates's Judgmt I stated the facts within my knowledge but at the same time referred you to other authorities who could confirm or explain what I had written, I would not willingly yield my consent to an improper act even on the part of my friend, much less attempt to vindicate him in the face of circumstances which are matters of record here, having been brought up in a Merchants Counting House in the City of London¹⁰⁰ I am as suspicious of peoples intentions as if I had never left that place of distrust, however I at the same time admit the necessity of much circumspection where you have to deal with so many strangers & pretended friends - Should any doubts still remain in your mind or in the minds of those concerned for Greenwich Copies of the proceedings in Chancery can be sent for the information of all parties at no very great expense - Whenever my communications can tend to the benefit of any individual you are at liberty to make use of them and also when they state matters of fact but my private opinions are transmitted solely for your information & guidance I shall at all times take a pleasure in procuring & forwarding such information as you may require on this or any other subject, The sale of the properties will not I imagine take place at the early period you seem to anticipate but this is to be attributed to the delay necessary in all Chy proceedings

Altho Mr Palmer had not at the time of your writing your first letter advised you to effect Insurance on the promised Shipment I trust that he has since confirmed his intentions and that the enclosed bill on yourselves for £1631.15.6 Sg will be duly honoured it is drawn in payment of Mrs Weekes's annuities & is equal with prems at 22½ p Ct & stps 30 Cy to £2799.19.9 or say £2800 Cy of which the sum of £1550.3.9 Sg is to be placed to her credit & the sum of £81.11.9 Sg to mine, I am happy to add that he informs me of his having little from the late storm I am happy to learn such favorable a/cs of my friend Kerr &c

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[H & O]

3 Sept. [1827]

Your favor of the 16 & 20 July reached me on Saturday Mr Palmer did not I know commence Crop so soon as many persons about him but he wrote me on 10th July "My Crops like those of my neighbours have fallen short of expectation I have however shipped to Messrs H & O 70 hhds and have 24 hhds &c Free ready to ship I have still a few acres of Canes to cut but fear they will only make Rum, if they should make (contrary to my expectations) any Sugar I shall ship it to them also" - I wrote Mr Miller by post on Saturday of my having recd a bill of exchge in payment of Mrs Weekes's Annuity

I now enclose the 2nd of R Allwoods bills on J Greig & A S Gordon of London for £200 & £100 Sg & the 2nd of A Bayleys on Timperon & Dobinson of London for £170 Sg I am &c

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P H James Esq

Spa Town 29th Sept 1827

My Dear Sir

By the last pkt I remitted to Messrs Hawthorn & Ogilvie Mr Palmers bill on them for £1631.15.6 Sg equal with prem @ 22½ p Ct & Stps to £2800 Cy which I recd from him in payment of Mrs Weekes's Annuity due last month of the above sum when paid £1550.3.9 was to be placed to her credit & £81.11.9 to mine, but having since found that the prem: then current altho it was confidently expected to have reached that rate, was only 21 p Ct, I have obtained from Mr Palmer an order for the difference, and shall request Messrs H & O to alter the entries above mentioned & to credit Mrs Weekes with the sum of £1569.7.3 & my account with only £62.8.3 I have understood from a friend of Mr Palmers that since the death of Mr R Mountague Senr he has every expectation that he will be enabled to arrange a compromise for which purpose Mr Heath informs

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me he is furnished with ample powers on the part of those now interested, I am anxious to obtain Mrs Weekes instructions

My Brother had for some time past led me to expect the return of your father¹⁰¹ to this Country but as I could not obtain any tidings of him further I concluded that he had altered his mind or might have landed on the north side, however at last I perceived his name as a passenger by the present Packet when I immediately dispatched a letter to Kingston to him which has since been returned with an intimation that he had only remained there 2 days & had proceeded to leeward, I am much annoyed to think that he should have passed through this town without my knowledge by which I have lost probably the only chance I may have of seeing him during his stay in this Country as I never before heard of his being in this town &c I am

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Robt Hawthorn Esq

S.T. 1 Oct 1827

My Dr Sir

I am glad to find that Mr Palmer had at last forwarded his order for insurance on the intended consignment to your house which has also I trust ere this come to your hands, so that you may be in funds to meet the bill drawn in payment of Mrs Weekes's annuity, the 2nd of which is enclosed, on going over to Kingston a few days after the sailing of the last pkt, I found that the prem. current had been only 21 instead of 22½ p Ct (Bills having been sold from 17 to 22½ p Ct) & I have since obtained from Mr Palmer an order for the difference but as it would be difficult to procure a bill for so small a sum I must beg of your altering the entries mentioned in my last & instead of those crediting Mrs Weekes with the sum of £1569.7.3 and my account with only £62.8.3. It would afford me much pleasure could I by any means within my power induce Mr Palmer to become a regular correspondent with your new firm or rather with you on your joining D Lyon & Co but I fancy he is much led by a friend on the north side to whom he is under some obligations & he will I fear persist in requiring the half of the Commns to be appropriated as at present, I shall bear in recollection your wishes in case of a vacancy in the receivership Have the goodness to forward the enclosed letter to Mr Philip James I regretted very much that I had not an opportunity of seeing his father on his way to the north side but he passed through this town almost before I was aware of his arrival

I beg to offer my sincere congratulations on the change you are about to make & if my concerns are not too insignificant for such a great house to notice or attend to I shall feel obliged by your taking me in your train

I am

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Honble W Miller¹⁰² Extract

Sp T 16 Novr 27

Dr Sir

"On looking over the correspondence of Mr Hawthorn on the subject of Mrs Weekes's affairs he mentions that in case of your obtaining the Receivership of Rose Hall & Palmyra the payment of her Annuity is still to pass through my hands & to which there will not I presume be any objection on your part

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Revd C Richards, Winchester

ST 1 Decr 1827

My dear Sir

It is very unpleasant at any time to communicate unwelcome intelligence but I know of no occasion when my regret has been exceeded by what I now feel, my last conveyed to you a bill of Exchge for £82 Sg equal with prem @ 22½ p Ct & to £140.17.6 Cy of which the 2 is now enclosed - Burke¹⁰³ had given me an order in Kingston for £106 which I promised not to present for payment before a certain period & he was to have paid me £40 Cash on presenting the order I was informed [that c.o.] by the person on whom it was drawn that he wished to see Mr B who was to return to Kingston the following week from whence he proceeded to Portland & then by the north side of the Island on his way to attend the Cornwall Assize Court which however he never reached for he died suddenly just as he had got into his Chaise one morning to resume his journey so that his order for £100 as well as the £40 remain unpaid, this I am sure will be a sad disappointment to you, as the Bill was altogether paid for out of my own funds on the faith of his promises & not doubting the payment of his order which I imagined was on a/c of his Salary as Recorder to 30 Sept last but I have since learned that he has deceived many others beside myself & that the bill of Exchange he formerly promised me was pledged to another person, such conduct is inexcusable & most reprehensible, but fearing that you may have already made use of the bill I sent to you & being unwilling to put you to any inconvenience on that acct I would propose that you deduct half from my Childrens Xmas a/c & the other half from the Midsr bill¹⁰⁴ in the meantime I will do all I can to obtain something from his Estate which is represented as being much involved & his Negroes under Mortgage he has left a wife & 4 Children destitute The person on whom the order is drawn has informed me that having advanced considerably more than was due to him for Salary he is also a loser by Burkes death - Annexed is a Copy of his order now in my possession & I trust that you will not Consider me to blame in the business as to have issued the writ would have been entirely useless

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The date of the bill you will receive is prior to that of the Order

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Mrs Millward

ST 3 Decr 1827

My Dr Madame

Since I last wrote to you Mr Heath has been to town & given up all the debts due to the late firm of Millward & Harrison¹⁰⁵ to be collected for your use & benefit, a list of which is preparing when I will inform you of the amt of the supposedly owed doubtful & bad the amt due from Mr Harrison was £2926.15.1½ & should his half of his debts given up not net that amt the difference is to be paid by his Exors, they have given me a Bond which I expected immediate payment of but it is putt off until the return of the person who granted it & who is daily expected in the Island

The negroes at the Mountain¹⁰⁶ are now behaving tolerably well, two of the hired people John Chymist & George Smith are still absent without a cause & when I lay hold of them they should be made an example of the pimento is all cured & will be sent to market as soon as a good price can be obtained for it, the Coffee is now picking & promises a fair Crop which will be shipped as heretofore

Dr Dawson¹⁰⁷ has not made any further payment on a/c of the rent of your daughters house & I think it will be better to get him out before the repairs are commenced
I beg to offer my regards

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Sir M B Clare
My Dear Sir

3 Decr. 1827

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of 1 Aug & 26 Sept last & am glad to learn that you have been enjoying yourself so much

I had heard that Mr Thompson¹⁰⁸ was threatening to file a Bill but I imagine it was only said to annoy you should he attempt to proceed I shall attend to your instructions, he has pd me £100 on a/c of his Bond & promises to take up his notes very shortly Mr Webb¹⁰⁹ has forwarded the protected Bills on which Judgmt was obtained last Court or rather entd upon his admission Judgmt has also been taken against Biggs¹¹⁰ Estate of which I expect payment very soon when it shall be immediately remitted - I showed Mr Webbs statement of the monies invested to Mr Thomson who appeared satisfied. In your said a/c with Miss Johnsons Estate any omission in the funds can be corrected, mine will relate entirely to my own receipts & payments - The tenants you notice had all quitted before I had any knowledge of the parties except Mr Waldron¹¹¹ the houses are however all occupied by other persons, Duke keeps out of my way but has I understand paid some money to Dr Turner, I shall endeavour to get him sold

I have made some applications for payments on your acct & have recd a few sums as well as some money out of the Pmts Office which shall be remitted as soon as I can obtain a bill Mrs Alexander¹¹² has applied to me for her will which I am about to carry to her, she wishes to manumize the family named therein which she finds is liable to Dr Lees¹¹³ judgment in your hands, she wished me to release them which I declined doing without your sanction

Burge¹¹⁴ has again promised a payment after the failing of the Pkt. What am I to do with Bullock¹¹⁵ & Hewitt¹¹⁶ should they hesitate paying anything? The latters debt is in Judgmt, Gordon¹¹⁷ has been prevented from paying anything Mr Lane not having been to town for sometime, he is now here & I am led to expect something from him

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

Sp T 3 Decr 1827

My Dear Sir

The duplicate of your letter of 6 Sept last came to hand with the original of 2 Oct. You will be surprised to learn of the death of Mr Palmer¹¹⁸ who has left a young widow but fortunately no Children - Mr Miller wrote to me immediately upon the subject & I have since executed a Power of Substitution to enable him & Mr Kerr to apply for the Receivership, if the former thinks proper to oppose Mess Mountagues representations who propose petitioning for the appointment & intend to offer to pay up all arrears due to Mrs Weekes as well as the Annuity as it becomes due, their object is I imagine to [c.o. obtain] save the Consignments - Mr Phillpotts the security of Mr Pallmer is in possession of the estates until a new Recr is appointed, of Messrs Mountague's proposals I was never able to obtain the particulars but I do not believe Mr Palmer would ever have entered into terms with them, I am glad to learn that the Sugars have arrived and are likely to pay the bill drawn for Mrs Weekes' annuity

In reply to my letter Mr C Campbell¹¹⁹ writes that as Mr Knowles's¹²⁰ Estate is in Chy it is out of his power to pay any demands against it "were anything due to Mrs Weekes which he doubts very much" the property is under a Decree for a sale so that there is now no chance of recovering anything

Mr Cockburn has never since renewed the subject of my former communication

Enclosed I sent the 1 of James Daly's¹²¹ bills on Messrs Jones & Cooke of Bristol @ 90ds for £59.5.2 Sg which please to place to my credit

In order to prevent my being again placed in the unpleasant situation in which I found myself on the making up of your a/c to 30 April last I have requested Mrs James to confine her dft to £300 Sg p annum & which I shall be obliged by your paying at such times as she may require it

I have to thank you for your very friendly attention to my trifling & I fear troublesome concerns and remain etc

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Wm Heath & W H Knott Esqs Extract

8 Dec 27

Dr Sirs

Upon the subject of the Receivership of R Hall & Palmyra Estates I must refer you to Mr Miller, but must observe with the respect to the arrears of Annty due to Mrs Weekes that she would have been extremely glad to have recd it regularly could she have obtained it but how was it to have been paid when those properties did not yield sufficient to pay their annual Contingencies? What relief could the Court have afforded her? Had the Recr misapplied the proceeds the case would have been very different but the want of funds was an evil that would have been increased than diminished by such an application as you allude to

I am etc

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ditto [Wm Heath & W H Knott]

15 Decr [1827]

Dr Sirs

I have recd your favor of 11 Inst & am not aware of any steps taken by Mrs Weekes's representatives than can be termed hostile against the Mountagues or any other person neither can I admit that those Gentlemen have suffered from any act of friendship towards her, As you are desirous that your offers should be communicated to Mr Miller by me I shall forward your letter to him by today's post but think it would have been as well & saved time had you written to him yourselves as he lives in your neighbourhood - of the lady you allude to I know nothing

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town Jama

22 Decr 1827

My Dr Sir

Messrs Heath & Knott the representatives of Messrs Mountagues have addressed two letters to me upon the subject of the Receivership of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates whereby they offer to pay up the arrears of Annty due to Mrs Weekes & to keep down the growing Annty in future which I forwarded to Mr Miller to whom I referred those Gentlemen but he had not received any communication from them on 18 Inst, I wish you would let Mr M understand that the annty & arrears are to be recd by me and that his services will only be requisite in the management of the Estates

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Sir M B Clare

22 Decr [1827]

My Dr Sir

Your favor of 11 Octr came to hand a few days ago & I observe what you state in respect to Miss Johnson's affairs Mr Felix¹²² states that he put up an aver which he might have removed but allowed to remain in consideration of not being called upon for the Qrs rent that was due the other sums

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appear to be still due, Saa¹²³ is building a large Methodist Chapel & as soon as it is completed I shall endeavour to persuade him to purchase the houses you were about to sell him, Annexed is a memorandum of sundry sums of money recd on your a/c & enclosed I send you the first of Yates & Cockburns bills on Messrs Mitchell in your favor for £300 Stg equal with prem: @ 22½ p Ct to £514.17.6 Cy. Millward¹²⁴ puts off the payment of his debts continually & now says that you consented to his paying it when it was quite convenient, I expect to get some money from Bernard & X3 also Biggs debt to Miss Johnson shortly when I will send a statement shewing the amt recd by me on a/c of the latters Estate & to be invested, the overplus which you have inserted can be deducted from Vidal's Bond

Dr Turner has been lately troubled with an intermittent, but is going about, Mr Laing died at the Villa this day week

Wishing you & Lady Clare¹²⁵ the Compl's of the Season & many happy returns of the same
I am &c.

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

22 Decr 1827

The Sessions are now over & I hope people will attend to their own business, the list of Debts is not yet made out, enclosed I send you the 1 of Yates & Cockburns Bills on Messrs Mitchells for £200 Sg equal with prem: @ 22.5 p Ct & Stamps to £343.7.6 Cy

The negroes at the Mountain are going on quietly the Coffee is nearly all picked & you may expect about 30 Trs, it is my intention to Ship the pimento also & to pay the Contingencies out of the funds I receive here, the supplies are arrived but are not yet sent up

Fanny Wordie¹²⁶ paid me a visit yesterday & said that you had advised her to call upon me for £5 but not having any written instructions from you I sent her off until the arrival of the Pkt when I hope to receive them, she had delivered to me 15 pots of preserves for which I beg to return my best thanks

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[R Hawthorn Esq]

24 Decr [1827]

Your favor of the 8 Novr has just come to hand & as you will have learnt from my last letter the management of my Brother is perfectly satisfactory - The Ships are coming in fast but I have not yet learnt of the arrival of the Castle Lachlan - Enclosed I send you the 2nd of J Daly's bills on Jones & Cooke of Bristol for £59.5.2 Stg. Wishing you the complts of the Season & many happy returns of the same

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[Mrs Millward]

24 Decr [1827]

Your favor of 8 Novr has just come to hand, as the Overseer now at the Mountain¹²⁷ appears to be a respectable person & things are going on quietly I shall not just now place the property in other hands, over whom I could have no control but shall pay an occasional visit & look after it myself, I certainly have been most grievously disappointed in Mr Reeve¹²⁸, I shall attend to your instructions respecting your son & have too much regard for my own head to make him acquainted with them, I hope the Sweetmeats & Cassava were in good order, Wishing you & your family the compliments of the Season & many happy returns of the same

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Mrs Millward
My Dear Madam

8 Jany [1828]

I am favd with your letter of 8 Nov last & am glad to learn that the Bills remitted to you had been duly honored, the Mount Pleasant as I beforementioned have arrived and are by this time most of them safely lodged at the Mountain, be assured that I will do all in my power to obtain a purchaser for it, one or two persons have lately made inquiry as to the price which I have stated to be £10,000 Cy, they have asked time to consider or rather said they would consider of it, the fact is that it is an improvable property but they want to get it merely for the value of the negroes according to the present low rate, by the time they have fully considered the matter the Crop will be shipped and they may then have it at the same price, I am sorry to say that today I have been informed of parts of the present Overseers conduct which has obliged me to send up another person to Supercede him, he was a stranger to me but strongly recommended & from his appearance and from the manner in which the negroes have since been going on I was induced to think he would do justice to the property but having been told of his sending away the provisions, Supplies & Clothing to his family & friends I immediately discharged him, I certainly from his very plausible way of speaking & writing became suspicious of him but did not imagine he would be guilty of such acts as are laid to his charge and I intended to have gone up unexpectedly tomorrow or the next day, his former employer mentioned today that he had done the same with him, there is only 1 negro now absent Buxton or John Chymist having been taken by one of the negroes belonging to the property just about holiday time in the pastures so that he must have been in the habit of going there, he has been lodged in the St Thos Vale workhouse for punishment, it is strange that a negro named Paul or Thos Millward was the person who took him but who at one time was lodged for 6 months in a Workhouse for his bad conduct but he has much improved as the former Overseer informed me he had no fault to find with him and I shall reward him for his present conduct which I hope will meet your approbation, my wish is to hold out rewards for good conduct in preference to punishment for bad - I really do not know how to act in respect of your Son, he came to me the Friday or Saturday before Xmas for his Qtrly allowance due 31 Dec which I paid him but on the friday following he came again for more money saying he had paid it all away I was truly annoyed at his behaviour & sent him away penniless - were I once to advance him a dollar I should never go to town without the honor of a visit from him, he has not as yet recd anything from Mr Pennoyres Estate¹²⁹ indeed I understand from Mr Bayley just before Xmas that no Will or Power had been sent out
Enclosed 2nd of Yates & Cockburns Bills on Mitchell for £200 pr p last Pkt
regards Daughter

R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town 14 Jany 1828

My Dr Sir

My last will have informed you how matters were likely to be in respect of Mr Palmers affairs - the representatives of Messrs Mountagues have since filed their petition for a Receiver which will be answered by Mrs Weekes's Atties Messrs Miller & Kerr both of whom have expressed some anxiety for the appointment, indeed no properties could be more conveniently situated for both of them, exclusive of which they are planters and their opponents not so, I could give another reason why they or one of them is likely to obtain the appointment but as the Chancellor has handled me rather roughly and undeservedly so it may be attributed to a bad feeling towards him, therefore let us await the issue of the contest, Had not the other Claimants better send out powers to assert their

rights or to accept of such propositions as may be made by Messrs Mountagues? they should not remain unrepresented and as you are in possession of the particulars of their several demands and the priority of them you can advise them as to the sum you think they ought to accept as I have no doubt Messrs M's representatives will be anxious to compromise & so put an end to the suit
Correspondence continue to old age - Watson D Lyon Neilson - Uncle & Kerr - fat, liver attack - self cannot get away

With my best wishes for your future success & prosperity I remain yours very faithfully

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Wm Heath Esq

25 Jany 1828

My Dr Sir

I had frequently thought of a late conversation with Mr Taws¹³⁰ has convinced me of the proferility (sic) of having the arrangement in respect to the outstanding debts of Millward & Harrison committed to writing as in case of accident or my being superseded no difficulty may hereafter arise in the final settlement of the Copartnership Claims and as the present plan originated with you I should like you to detail most fully your intentions and expectations that it may be distinctly understood by both parties

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Davidson Marshall

Colin Mackenzie Esq¹³¹

Sp Town 8th Feby 1828

Dear Sir

In reply to your note of this date I beg leave to state that I am joint admor with Mr Duncan¹³² on the estate of JG Millward deceased as well as co-attorney with him of Mrs Millward his executrix not that it can make any difference with respect to my application, as upon the settlement only would it be necessary to see that I was capable of giving all full discharge for the demand about to be paid to me the greater part of this claim however is due to the firm of Millward & Harrison for which the latter was the surviving partner consequently it is payable only to his representatives but as they have handed over to me the outstanding debts for the purpose of liquidating a balance due from the latter to the former, it is only through them that I am an able to give a proper discharge to your constituents, and which they will readily grant when applied for

If you wish it the bills shall be immediately made out but as they are costs in in Chy cause accrued from the year 1815 to 1820 Messrs Davidson Berkely and & Co will derive little information from then should you forward them to England. With respect to what you mentioned to me in conversation that there was an understanding or engagement in writing that these costs were not to be called for until the determination of the suit I have reason to doubt that any such agreement was entered into, exclusive of which from what I have been informed of the proceedings in the cause the property is not likely to sell for sufficient to pay the Receivers balance which is decreed to be paid prior and in preference to the costs, should you require any further information at any time I will endeavour to obtain I am &

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Sir M B Clare
My Dear Sir

9 Feb [1828]

I have now the pleasure to inform you that the Judgmt against the Estate of E Bigg¹³³ for rent due the Estate of E Johnson is fully paid Deleon Thomson¹³⁴ has also paid £100 a/c his Bond & Mr Bullock has paid the balce of his note without Int which I hope will meet your approbation as it was done with him by consent Gilyem¹³⁵ has also given me an order on Kingston in payment of his note - On lodging your asst of the Judgm J G Lewis on John Mitchell decd I was much surprized to find that it had been previously assigned by others in his lifetime to Thos Smith so that you cannot derive any benefit from it - Ross¹³⁶ & Tonge¹³⁷ have sent in their a/cs for last year your own is £272.2.1 Sum of loss £27.16.11 Admer J G Lewis £11.16.5½ - On applying to Robt Reid respecting his debt to you he said he had an a/c against you which I requested he would render in it amounts to £107.8.9 from 1822 to Jany last for 4 individuals TC LH JC & MC two of which are still with him let me have your instructions on both these points - Enclosed I send you the 1 of J Dalys bills of Richd Robinson jun & Co of Bristol for £200st @ 22½ p Ct prem which I recd from Mr Bullock, I expected to have forwarded another for the same amount but as I restricted the prem. to that rate it is probable that it could not be obtained - I am obliged to attend the Court of Chy but will keep this open in case it should come in time to be enclosed

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

9 Febr [1828]

I have been favored with your letter of 6 Dec. It is not my wish to cause you anxiety by retailing to you the situation & circumstances connected with Mt Pleast but I do not think it would be right to keep you in the dark respecting it I have again reason to believe it is doing well at all events every one of the negroes are on the property and Sydney said that they & the Overseer agreed well I sincerely hope they may continue on the same terms the Coffee is nearly ready to be shipped and I shall advise Messrs Innes Alves & Steele¹³⁸ of ship particulars at a future day that it may be insured but shall forward the bill of lading to you that you may transmit it to them, the negroes are fencing & dividing the pastures and the Carpenters are getting shingles &c to repair the works so that the expence will not be much, I must confess I was surprized on perceiving the cost of the Supplies sent from England but should my suggestions meet your approbation I would recommend the purchase of most of the supplies in this Country for several reasons Herrings soap Candles Butter & provisions can be purchased cheaper & fresh at the times they are wanted and as such is the case it will not be necessary to send for more at a time than is absolutely necessary for on many properties great quantities of the supplies are spoilt before they are used, this is matter for your consideration and I am noways interested personally in your determination, but the opinion of many planters coincides with mine so long as Mr Reeve was in the management of the property I could not interfere but had I the least reason to suspect the state in which it was I should have considered it my duty to have represented it to you but he always led me to believe it was doing well, but let any person visit it and I fancy their surprize will be fully equal to mine It is my intention to go up occasionally & when least expected as there are I fear few Overseers upon whom much confidence can be placed, the best will ere and altho my avocations are numerous they still lead to to (sic) the same point and are all in the way of business, my whole time from day light to bedtime is devoted to it, I have nothing to call me off & it is now my only pleasure, a trip to where I have spent so many happy days will be a kind of recreation to me, as I go up to breakfast & then to dinner should it require more attention than I can conveniently bestow upon it I shall depute a friend to act so that no blame shall attach for neglect most glad shall I be to effect your wishes by a sale £8000 Cy was

offered 2 days ago but I stick out for £10000, let me know if I am right as yet I have not hired another white person there being a Brown Carpenter on the property and it would be expensive feeding 2 people I have not however given up the idea

thanks Cheese & ham

Mrs A Dawson in arrear 6 months rent repairs not commenced - rent refused to be recd 2 months false F Wordie not pd Dub - preserves partly spoilt

Dandy fever¹³⁹ Son well

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R H[awthorn]

11 Feb [1828]

My dear Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of W M Kerrs Bills on Mr Thos Bartrum¹⁴⁰ for £137.5.2 Sg prem still keeps up I wish it would fall for a short time but I fear there is not likely to be a very material difference however I will wait a little longer, The Court of Chy is now sitting & probably the Receivership of Palmers Estates may be decided today but not in time to acquaint you by this opportunity, I was extremely sorry to learn from your favor of 6 Decr of the loss you have sustained

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Wm Heath Esq St James

21 Feby 1828

Dr Sir

I was prevented from replying to your favor of the 12 Instant sooner not having an opportunity of advising with my Co-Administrator until today. Since I last addressed you I have recd answers from the Representatives of Messrs Davidson, Barkly & Co & William McRobbie¹⁴¹ to my applications for payment of the Costs in Davidson vs Marshall [c.o. Ogilvie] Mr Mackenzie says he will mention the subject to Messrs DB&Co and Mr Forsyth¹⁴² informs me that "5 years back notice was inserted for 6 months in the County papers of Middlesex & Surrey for all demands to be rendered into him for payment but that Mr Harrison never even rendered an acct much less asked for payment" In conversation with those Gentn they have both stated that they understood an agreement had been entered into by the respective parties that these Costs were not to be called for until the sale, they talk of pleading the Statute of Limitations &c which clearly shews that these Costs can only be obtained at a distant period & most probably only in a due course of law, the only money paid to me since you were in town is about £400 on a/c of the Costs in Marshall & Ogilvie and I cannot in expectation of receiving any further considerable sum immediately, you have been in correspondence with the parties & know their intentions of which I am ignorant, Mr Ogilvy¹⁴³'s Bond is not paid but it is said & has been said for upwards of a year that he is speedily expected from a consideration of these circumstances I am led to believe that many of the debts which you set down as good will prove quite the reverse & then probably blame may be imputed to me for not using due diligence &c the trouble I would not object to but when I find 3 of the heaviest demands rendered most uncertain if ever attainable, it is right that I should give due notice to you of these circumstances and I really think it will be better for all parties that a proper division should be made at once of the outstanding claims & a payment of the balance due from Harrison's to Millwards Estate otherwise there is no knowing when the Copartnership a/cs will be settled, and remember I have never given up the claim for Interest on what Messrs Hs overdrew which as so little is coming in will increase considerably

There is one part of your letter or rather an expression in it which has suprizd me very much to suppose that I should for a moment consent to "indemnify you from all Costs" in recovering payment of the outstanding debts due to M&H, does this assertion correspond with my usual

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caution? had I agreed to take them in full satisfaction for the claims due to Mr M's Estate & to release Harrisons there would then hardly have been a question upon that point but you must be well aware that the word "Costs" was never mentioned in any conversation between us & it was in consequence of what Mr Taws said upon that subject that I deemed it proper to apply to you for your explanation of the terms upon which you expected the arrangement to stand, but as I never did consent neither will I now to any such arrangement

On Monday I was applied to by Mr Ross to know if it was my intention to remove Mrs M's business grounded upon information received by letter from you in which you stated the receipt of a letter from me "from which & from what you had heard" you believed such to be my intention, I fortunately had a copy of my letter which I read to Mr Tonge in which there is not a word or a statement at all relating to such a subject & I shall therefore be obliged by your candidly stating from what authority you derived such information & must request that in future you will not quote my letters as an authority unless they fully bear you out in your conclusions

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G W Hamilton¹⁴⁴ Esqre.

11 March 1828

Dr Sir I must request your attention to the balance of the Costs in Marshall v Ogilvie as well as my own bill & I regret that acting as I am [c.o. at present] under Messrs Heath & Taws it will be entirely out of my power to grant you any indulgence, my bill will I trust be paid at the same time - I must also request payment of the A/c against Tulloch Estate¹⁴⁵ for Cattle sold from Mount Pleasant with Intt from 1st August last as well as your note of hand to Sir M B Clare upon all which points I before wrote to you I am

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J R Ellard¹⁴⁶ }

T J Gray¹⁴⁷ } 13th March 1828

J L Hilton¹⁴⁸ }

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Messrs Innes Alves & Steele, London
Gentm

15 March 1828

By desire of Mrs Millward I beg leave to advise you of the shipment of 24 trs of Coffee IGM p the Hampton Captn Williams on which you will please to effect Insurance valuing them at £18 Sg p Cask

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

15. Do [March 1828]

I have recd you favor of the 1st Jany last and am at all times glad to receive your instructions which I would sooner follow than my own opinion, the Overseer is putting the Mountain in some

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sort of order & is about to plant another field of Coffee, the present Crop is not all come down 24 trs are shipped on board the Hampton Captn Williams & I have written to Messrs Innes Alves & Steele to Insure them valuing each Cask at £18 Stg 6 more trs are in town but will be too late for that ship, I should like to see those senders sale - The negroes are all at home & quiet. Your son I seldom meet altho I caught a glimpse of him at a distance one day last week. I expect a visit from him very shortly. I thank you for the Cheese and Ham which I recd safe & in very good order - Fanny Wordie called on me lately for the Dubloon which your Daughter had directed me to pay her, when I read that part of the letter complaining of her improper conduct & countermanding the order, she seemed much surprised & of course expressed a total ignorance of what was alluded to.

I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by leaving everything relating to Mt Pleasant to my discretion & be assured that I will do my best for your interest it is however very difficult to dispose of a property in these times people put an average value of £50 round on Negroes instead of £100 as formerly & they think everything else is to be given in for nothing, if Coffee brought anything like a fair price there would be something to go upon - if the negroes were willing to remove I would dispose of 1 or 2 parcels now & still leave sufficient to cultivate the Coffee &c as there are too many & yet nothing appears to have been done to the property - I will however try what can be done either in the improvement of it or by a sale of some part
Dr Dawson will neither pay or quit your Daughters house I am

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To Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

15 March 1828

The bill I mentioned in my last as expected from Kingston came to hand the morning the Pkt sailed, it is now enclosed, drawn by Yates & Cockburn on Messrs Hawthorn & Ogilvie in your favor for £200 Stg at 22½ p Ct prem - the 2nd of J Dalys on R Robinson & Co of Bristol for £200 Stg also accompanied this, annexed is an a/c of my receipts & payments for Miss Johnsons Estate shewing the sum to be invested - D Thomson¹⁴⁹ informed me yesterday that he had agreed to sell his Mountain & would shortly pay the balance due on his bond - Burge home - he has given Turner an order at 90 days for his open a/cs amounting to £300 & has also given me a similar one for £625 odd in payment of the principle & Int of his bond for £500 he proposes seeing & arranging with you the settlement of the order for £1000 & of course you will inform me of what takes place upon that point - Rennalls¹⁵⁰ does not return

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

15 March [1828]

I have recd your favor of the 1 Janry last unfortunately the Chancellor was not able to hear the Petn for a Recr of Palmers Estate last Court so that it remains over until May by which time the best part of the Crop will be made & shipped, Palmer did not have a Will & Phillpotts has lately entered a Caveat to obtain administration on his Estate. The former Solicitors for Mrs Weekes have handed to me a statement of Costs incurred in this suit by Mr Isaac Higgin her Atty of which I annex a copy & should the arrears of her Annty be paid they hope to be allowed to receive the amount therefrom - Enclosed is the 2nd of W M Kerrs Bills on T Bartrum of London for £137.5.2 Stg

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Wm Heath

1 April [1828]

On application to Mr Taws for Mr Forsyth's reply to your application for payment of Mr McRobbies Costs in Davidson vs Marshall, he informed me you were under a mistake in supposing it to be with him & which I fully expected he would have communicated to you but as he does not appear to have done so, I must request you will hand his letter over to me from those handed over by Mr Taws there is little prospect of receiving anything from the Writers. An Action shall be sent out against Ogilvy for next Court should he not previously arrive - Your letter was silent on the subject of Int which will be a bone of contention when a settlement takes place but which may be in some measure prevented by your paying up the balce due by Messrs Harrisons & dividing the outstanding debts

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Wm Heath Esq

17 [April 1828]

D Sir

The Contents of Mr Forsyth's letters are very far from satisfactory indeed I hardly think [with c.o.] it would be worth while [with c.o.] to sue the a/c with such evidence against the claim last in this I shall act under your directions which I beg to be favored with

The question of Int was never settled farther than you proposed & I agreed to its being left to arbitration by which I am still willing to abide but as little is forthcoming from the outstanding debts it will increase daily

As you are of opinion that Mrs Weekes's business can be easily arranged between you & Mr Miller I fancy you will find him fully prepared for that purpose

I am

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Wm Heath Esq

24 April 1828

Dr Sir

I have recd your letter of the 22 Inst & beg again to refer you to Mr Miller for the arrangement of the matters at present in agitation in respect to Mrs Weekes's claims upon Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates - I stated to Mr Phillpotts that her representative would be bound to object to the payment of any part of the Costs of the present suit until her heavy claims were liquidated as if one party was to be paid his Costs the other were equally entitled to theirs be paid them & thus the payment of her Claims would be postponed - Mr Miller has recd a copy of the correspondence between Mr Bernard & Mr Hawthorn & will determine who is to be appointed Recr for from what I have learnt the former is not disposed to advance what is due to Mrs W

It is strange that you should again wish to fix me with what I never said or admitted, the last conversation we had respecting the Int which I claimed on the part of Mr Millwards Estate was under the Buildings when you proposed to leave the question to Mr Finlayson¹⁵¹ to decide to whom I objected, when you admitted that you had previously obtained his sentiments which were favourable to your Testator

I am

Small letter-book

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24 April 1828

G Ogilvy Esq Falmouth - Dr Sir. Mr Miller has no doubt informed you of my application to him for a payment of your Bond to the late W J Harrison for £976.12.5 Cy with Int from 1 Nov 1825 which became due 1 Nov 1826, it was delivered to me by Messrs Heath & Taws his representatives to whom I am accountable for it & I therefore hope [c.o. that] you will immediately take it up I am

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J R Webb¹⁵² Esq Goshen

24 April

Dr Sir Upon referring to Mr Taws & the books of Messrs M & H I find the statement which I forwarded to you to be perfectly correct, the reason why that Gentleman did not apply to you for the payment of the full amot due by you was, that £94.19.2½ belongs to Mr Millwards individual Estate with which he has nothing to do & which is represented by Mr Duncan and myself, if you will refer to the circular forwarded to you in Feby 1826 & deduct the payments you have since made from the balance therein stated to be due, you will I fancy find my last statement to correspond -

I am furnished with Messrs Heath & Tawis receipt for	375.10.5½
& will give a discharge at Mr Millwards representative for	<u>94.19.2¼</u>
making together	470:9:7¾

for which you can lodge an order with Mr Wilson to whom they shall be delivered upon payment of the amount I am

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To the Trustees of Bogles & Co Kingston

25 April 1828

Gentn I beg leave to inform you on behalf of the Representatives of the late firm of Millward & Harrison that the amot due to them from Messrs. Bogles¹⁵³ & Co. is £2358;17;1 Cy

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp. Town

25 April 1828

My Dr Sir

I have recd your favor of 12 Feby & 5 March last from Mr Miller I have not heard lately, his solicitors called upon me on the subject of Mrs Weekes's affairs, to whom I mentioned what you had written me, Kerr informed that he has withdrawn from the nomination of Recr leaving it altogether to Mr Miller, from Mr Heath I recd a letter yesterday offering the money if I would consent to the appointment of Mr Knott & himself but I have referred him to Mr Miller - Messrs Mountagues have not had an opportunity of charging Int on the Arrears assigned to them but I believe they still consider themselves entitled to the claim I fancy there will be a balance due from Mr Palmer as Receiver but it depends upon the mode in which the a/cs are stated whether it will be pble by the former or the present Surety, from the former William Allen little will I fear be recovered - Mr Phillpotts has sailed for England - Annexed is a list of the Securities granted by Mr Palmer and R H & P Estates, there are one or 2 Deeds relating to the Baulk which he gave up in his lifetime & released all his rights in the same

If Mountagues proceed all the parties interested should be represented, otherwise it may not be necessary Copartnership prospects - Kerrs Uncle &c

Enclosed I send you H Hunters first Bill on G Reid & Co for £180 Stl which place to my credit - &c

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Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

26 April 1828

I have recd your favor of the 15 Feby last covering a power of Atty to Turner & myself from Miss Nancy Graham¹⁵⁴ which shall be recorded as soon as I learn from Colin Graham¹⁵⁵ the particulars with which you desired him to furnish me, I applied to him & he promised to let me have them but he has not yet done so I think I may get them as soon from you. I regret to state that very few of your Debtors to whom you granted deferments have made any payments to me Clements¹⁵⁶ has assured me that his own as well as Hansons¹⁵⁷ instalment shall be paid in a few days. I propose deducting £5 from each of Jn Miller¹⁵⁸ and quarterly payments if that is satisfactory to you I know not how he continues to make it out as I understand he has given up his seat in the Secr Office & I conclude the arrangement I have entered into for the Sale of his fathers Mountain his supply of provisions will be cut off & have to provide for himself entirely - I will take an opportunity of calling upon Mrs Alexander & explaining your intentions in respect to the negroes she wishes to manumize

Since I last wrote to you I have recd a few sums out of the prd of an a/c of A Moore's¹⁵⁹ Estate J Wintles¹⁶⁰ ditto C Douglas & E Archer¹⁶¹ I L Thomson¹⁶² has also paid the balance of his note & Bond on acct of 2 E Johnsons Estate & annexed is a memorandum of the amt to be invested on acct thereof & from Dr Coward¹⁶³ I have recd £900 in part of his final Bond to you, with which & other monies in my hands I have purchased the enclosed bill drawn by Chas Scott on Messrs Plummer & Wilson of London for £800Stg equal with prem @ 22½ p Ct pl Stmps to £1372.7.6 Cy I trust all that I have done will be approved of but if not you must place all the blame to the want of more full & explicit instructions, at the end of next month I will make acct & transmit my a/c to you & after the final Cy Ct I propose issuing a few Writs to bring the parties to a recollection of their promises - [illeg.]

2nd bill of Yates & Cockburn for £200 Sg on H & O - Hanson has just sent this £100

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Mrs Millward
My Dear Madam

26 April 1828

I am favd with your letters of 7 & 6 Feby but as the letter was written after my Brothers of 26th of that month I conclude it should have been March - with the respect to the money which I expected to have recd on a/c of the debts due to M & H I have been much disappointed but unless some payments are very shortly made I shall be obliged to sue one or two parties - I am sorry that you should have referred to the settlement of Joseph Gores Gores¹⁶⁴ [sic] business to me, he appears to drink & fancy I know he can be, and there is no convincing such an ignorant fellow of what is right, the land in dispute he says was given to him by Mr Millward in lieu of a piece which the latter had sold belonging to his Father & left to him, he says he can prove possession to have been given to him and as Mr M sold his land he has a right to take this - Duncan you know pays him an Annty on your a/c, but I will endeavour to enter into some arrangement with him

I observe what my Brother has written respecting the Coffee Crop of Mt Pleasant for last year & have written to the Overseer on the subject, but much doubt whether he shall be able to explain it - by this opportunity as the person then living on the property went to England before Mr Reeve died in Aug 1826 I put the question to you to know whether you had recd all the Coffee & sent you extracts from the Crop a/cs & on the 15 of last month should wish to see the Sales from the small pen stated to have been carried to your credit for the net produce you may depend upon my making strict inquiry into the matter & furnishing you with such information as I may be able to obtain - Of

this yrs Crop 24 Trs have been shipped p Hampton Capt Williams which sailed last month & 14 trs more (being the remainder) will be shipped next week on board the Nestor Capt Lyster with the pimento above 33 hls & a few tns of logwood if I can get the Capt to take it, if not I must sell it here, the necessary Insurance for which I shall direct Messrs Innes Alves & Steele to effect & shall send them the bills of lading. Annexed I send you my A/Cs commencing with the balance due to you on my last, you will perceive that I have made separate statements of the sums paid to your son, for Contingencies, of Mount Pleasant &c which I have deducted from the balance due on the a/c with the Estate of Mr Millward, in my last the payments to your son were charged to the Estate as I have no funds of yours out of which they are properly payable as the Annty is a gift from yourself & not under the will of his Father. Mr Duncan says he has made up his a/c & should he give it to me it shall accompany this

I have now to inform you that I have entered into an arrangement with Mr S P Mendes¹⁶⁵ (old Martines Nephew) for the sale of Mount Pleasant Plantation negroes & stock for the sum of £9400 Cy We had a long and hard battle to fix the sum, I wanted £10000 & he wished at first to give only £8000, then he stood out a long time for £9000 & once wrote to me to say he would not give more & was off altogether, I was obstinate & told him he might leave it for it should not go for less than £9400 to which sum he had by some means or other which I cannot now make our brought me down I know not what you will think of the price for certainly it is far below what you might once have reasonably expected to have recd for it, I have however done the best I could and I do assure you it is generally considered a most excellent sale, the Deeds are preparing £5000 Cy is to be paid down when Mr Jackson's bond pble with Int in Augt & the balance of £4400 in 2 3 4 & 5 yrs. Mrs Mendes to whom a great part of the £5000 belongs is to have a Title to the Mountain & 30 negroes & Mr Mendes is to grant 4 Bonds for £1000 Cy pble as above with Int & to be secured by mortgage on the remaining 88 negroes, which will I trust receive your sanction & approbation, as soon as the whole is completed I shall advertise for all demands against the property & make out One Genl a/c with it including the payments &c now forwarded which would not have been noticed but to shew how I had applied the monies recd by me & as I shall have to pay taxes & many a/cs for Contingencies up to the day of Sale I intend to reserve what I have in hand for that purpose, should anything occur to set aside the sale I said it will be necessary to get some person to overlook the Mountain & Overseer as the latter are not to be trusted out of sight, an anonymous letter was sent to me stating his keeping too much company up there, but upon speaking to him he promised that the like should not again occur he appears very anxious that the property should Do something & takes an interest in it, I therefore have not discharged him as the negroes appear to be satisfied and quiet

Your son promised to write to you, I understand that he does not now write in the Secr Off altho he told me he did, I know not what he does or what he will do if the Mountain should be sold any money remitted on his a/c shall be regularly paid to him & the instructions forwarded therewith attended to

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Messrs Innes Alves & Steele London
Gents

28 Apl. [1828]

Enclosed I beg leave to forward a bill of Lading for 24 trs of Coffee Shipped p Hampton the net proceeds whereof are to be credited to Mrs Millward

I have to request that you will Insure £500 or 14 trs of Coffee valued £15 p 33 brls pimento @ £8 p & 6 tns of Logwood @ £4 p Tn p the Nestor Capt Lyster to sail about 15 next month on a/c of Mrs Millward, these will be shipped in Kingston but the vessel goes to O Harbour to fill up

HJ

Jas Shedden¹⁶⁶ Esq Trelawny Sir 8 May [1828]

Having understood from Mr G Ogilvy that he has delivered up to you as Agent of Mr J R Mitchell¹⁶⁷ & Mr J P Warburton¹⁶⁸ as Admor of Peter Warburton¹⁶⁹ deced the negroes conveyed to him in Trust for the payment of the debts due by the latter I beg to forward herewith the Dkt of a Judgmt which I hold against him and as it appears that all the others with the exception of Mr Mitchell have been paid I should hope that I may shortly expect paymt I am &c

Harrison admor vs Peter Warburton Judgmt obtd Octr 1824 Dam: 227.0.4

Int from 4 Octr: 1824

Cost of Suit 5.5.1

Delay 2.8.9

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Sir M B Clare

10th May 1828

My Dr Sir

Since I last wrote to you I have seen Mrs Alexander who is satisfied with what you have written, H J Ross goes home p Pkt - C Graham has not yet furnished me with the particulars of your Wards claims to enable me to do anything for her, he sent a negro woman with 3 children with a paper for sale which I understand are part of the property left for payment of Miss Grahams legacy but purchasers are difficult to be met with and it may be some time before they are disposed of - 2nd bill for £800 Stg enclosed

I am &c

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Mrs Millward

10th May 1828

My Dear Madam

I have been endeavouring to find out how the Coffee Crop of Mount Pleasant for last year was disposed of, but as yet have not obtained any information beyond the 15 trs shipped p Hampton, the weight of which are only equal to 9181 lbs out of 16000 recd in the Crop a/c recorded in the Secretary's Office, by the Plantation 15 Trs are stated to be the whole Crop, I have now applied to Reeve's Admin for an explanation of the difference.

From the present very low price of Coffee it is likely that the Insurance I have directed to be effected may be too high but as the premiums are low, it is as well to be on the safe side in case of a loss

Enclosed I send you the first of Ogilvy & Millers Bills on D Lyon & Co of London for £500 Stg equal with a Prem @ 22½ p Ct & Stps to £858.5.10 recd on a/c of Millward & Harrison & I have promises & an Order for nearly as much more, with the latter when paid another bill shall be purchased, Mr Duncan did not furnish his a/c as he promised

From what Mr Mendes's son stated a few days ago I am fearful his father will endeavour to avoid fulfilling his engagement for the purchase of Mount Pleasant as his friends have persuaded him that the price is too high, on Monday he is to come to town when it will be decided, the Deeds are all prepared & ready for signature

12 Mr Mendes is just gone to consult his wife as it appears that the purchaser is bound to feel[?] the investment of the money & a Bond of Indemnity will be necessary - I much fear he will sneak out that way

I am

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[inserted at top] referred to WRJ 8th May [illegible] Order

R Hawthorn Esq

12 May 1828

My Dear Sir

Not having heard from Mr Miller lately I am unable to give you any information respecting Mrs Weekes affairs

Enclosed I send you the first of W M Kerrs Bills on T R Bartrum for £50 Stg in my favor & the 2 of H Hunters for G Reid & Co for £180 Sg to be placed to my credit and I shall be obliged by you attention in having the articles mentioned in the annexed list shipped by an early opportunity to Kingston

I am

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Jonathan Samuda¹⁷⁰ Esq May Hill

20 May 1828

Sir

I was duly favd with your letter on the subject of the Bill remitted to your Father on acct. of Capt Hy Tuming & as a great length of time has elapsed since then and no further tidings of him having reached me, I thought it prudent to take the opinion of my legal advisers, it appears too probable that Capt Tuming is dead as I wrote to him from hence subsequent to the receipt of the acknowledgement of the Bill by your father, and it is suggested that I should enter a Caveat on his Estate for the purpose of obtaining administration thereon which will enable me to endorse the 3rd bill now in my possession & by remitting the same to your house authorize them to receive the amount & Int which I propose investing in the public funds for the benefit of whoever may hereafter prove entitled to the same. I am much obliged by your attention to this matter or I should not otherwise have interfered in it, previous to remitting the 3 bill I shall [probably c.o.] address you again in order to acquaint you fully with what has been done

I am

Small letter-book

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Mr J P Warburton St James Sir

24 May 1828

Herewith I beg leave to forward a dkt of a Judgmt which I hold against the late Peter Warburton on whose Estate I understand you have administered & shall be shall be obliged by you informing me when I may expect payment of the amt due thereon I am see above Dkt¹⁷¹

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Sir M B Clare W Webb Esq London

14 June [1828]

My Dr Sir

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 26 March last - Rowland Williams¹⁷² was obliged to quit the Country to regain his strength after a dangerous illness - E Saa is dead but I expect something out of Office this Court on the writs I have issued, Rodon¹⁷³ has been disappointed but promised to pay his instalment in a few days & not one of the persons you mention has paid me a fraction some called soon after you went off to inform me of your indulgence, my A/c will accompany this from which you will ascertain all such as have made me any payment, my further a/c with Miss Johnsons Estate is also ready & the balance you will perceive is credited in your a/c with me, having made the remittances generally without any distinction I do not know how much you may have invested but that balance deducting the prem: of 22½ p Ct is what you should invest on a/c of my transactions as Admon I have added a statement of the amount from which you will deduct whatever has been invested under my previous instructions, there is still a sum due from G R Lyon for rent of the Bakers Shop now let to Mr Miffrand who is to pay in advance Miss Jacksons will¹⁷⁴ does not appear to have been recorded altho her Exec R Laing¹⁷⁵ says it has been formerly he stated there would be about £400 coming to your Ward but now nothing he has not answered my letter, I have therefore directed a Caveat to be Entd on the Estate that he may be Cited to produce the will I fear whatever this man gets into his hands will be lost to Miss Nancy Graham but as yet I am unable to do anything for her

Enclosed I send you the 1 of my bills on A E Fuller & Co of London¹⁷⁶ for £500 Stg equal with prem @ 22½ p Ct & stps to £857.17.6 Cy
I am

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

14 June 1828

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3 April last & am sorry that you should have had any trouble respecting the Insurance of Mr Pleasant produce having written to Messrs Innes Alves & Steele on the subject myself and to whom I have just sent a bill of lading for 14 Trs of Coffee & 33 brls of Pimento Consigned to them by the Nestor being the remainder of the Crop of Coffee this year & the whole of the pimento, the Logwood I am sorry could not be got to the Whf in time but it is ready for the first vessel that can take it, On inquiry I learnt that the Herrings had been landed at Port Henderson but no bill of lading or Invoice has come to my hands & had it not been for your letter they might have remained there long enough - the Jew Mendes is raising a host of objections to the completion of the purchase of Mount Pleasant which has obliged me to threaten him with a bill in Chancery to compel him to the performance of his agreement he now wants it Surveyed altho the lines next to Mr Usher¹⁷⁷ & Mr Howel¹⁷⁸ were opened by old Mr Harrison, the fellow is a fool & leaves as he says everything to his Attornies who as soon as one objection is got the better of raise another, the Opinion of Council is in favor of your being able to put a good title but in order to remove all doubts I have engaged to procure a Title executed by your daughters to which of course they cannot object Mr Usher Mr Reeve's Admor had written to me stating that both at Mt Pleasant & Healthful Hill the Coffee did not sell last year and consequently produced very little from the Mill where a quantity was ground to powder, the Crop a/c contains only the estimated quantity taken from the number of bushels picked & he can easily conceive that 1600 bushels might only yield 9181 lbs weight, but he cannot account for the manner in which Mr Reeve wrote to you afterwards, I am still endeavouring to obtain some more satisfactory information but should you determine upon suing Mr Reeve's Estate his letters will be required to be sent out & given in evidence - Enclosed I send you the first of my bills on A E Fuller & Co of London in your favor for £400 Stg equal with pm @ 22½ p Ct & thus to £686.7.6 Cy on a/c M & H debts also 2nd of Ogilvy & Millers bills for £500 Stg - 1st p last Pkt

Messrs Innes Alves & Steele Merchants in London

Spa Town. 16 June 1828

Gentm.

Enclosed I beg leave to forward bills of lading for 14 Trs of Coffee & 33 brls of pimento shipped p Nestor Capt Lister on a/c of Mrs Millward, the Logwood I regret was not sent to the Wrf in time but it will shortly be shipped, from the weights endorsed on the bill of lading I find that I have over valued the pimento but as Insurance is low it cannot be of much consequence

Mrs Millward in her last letter mentioned your intention of shipping some Herrings p the Tulloch Castle & last week on enquiry I learnt that they had been landed at Port Henderson but I have never received any Invoice bill of lading or information from your house on the subject neither do I yet know the quantity

The Logwood will I believe be shipped on board the Enterpe Captn Donkin
I am

R Hawthorn Esq

16 June [1828]

My D Sir

I am favord with your letter of the 2 April last and am now happy to inform you that Messrs Miller & Heath have been appointed the Receivers of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates with directions to Consign one moiety of the annual Crops of Sugar to you & the other to C E Bernard of Bristol Mr Heath until the last moment was anxious to Settle Mrs Weekes's arrears & obtain the Receivership for himself & Mr Knott but Mr Miller knowing that he had no authority to enter into such an arrangement declined acceding to his proposition

The pattern plate of my dinner Set I have forwarded by the Duke of Bronte Captn Harris, herewith is a memorandum of a few articles omitted in my last - I am
Enclosed 2nd bill of W M Kerr on J R Bartrum for £50 Sg

Messrs A E Fuller & Co London

S T 16 June [1828]

Dr Sirs

I beg leave to advise you of having drawn the undermentioned bills amounting to 1299.26 Stg on a/c of my Brother W R James Esq which I hope will be duly honored

I am

1828 May 21. Favor of James Grant @ 90 days sight 199.2.6 Stg

June 14	Sir M B Clare	"	500
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	Mrs A M Millward	"	400
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	John Tait Jun	"	200
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Dup July pkt

Honble Wm Miller Trelawny

ST 15 July 1828

Dr Sir

As I have not heard from you since your appointment as Recr of R Hall & Palmyra Estates I shall be obliged by your informing me whether any part of the Crops came to your hands out of which Mrs Weekes Annuities may be paid as no direction was inserted in the Order for the parties in

possession since Mr Palmers death to account for their transactions we must wait until next Court before it can be ascertained what balance remains in their hands & probably until the following before it can be paid over

I am

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Messrs Innes Alves & Steele London
Gents

15 July 1828

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of 7 & 20 May & 4 June last, preceding the 1 is a duplicate of a letter of the 2 Apl the original of which I have never seen - I am glad to learn of Captn William's arrival & have no doubt you will do the best you can for Mrs Millwards Interest with the Coffee IGM

P.S. 4 tn Cwt 6 Logwood shipped p Walbrooke Capt Smith

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Mrs Millward
[in pencil - F Wordie dead]
My Dear Madam

15 July 1828

I am sorry that I have little satisfactory intelligence to communicate, the Jew I understand is off the purchase of Mount Pleasant altho' no notice has been given to me, but he has written to Mr W Jackson of Old Harbour¹⁷⁹ to that effect, thus after wavering for nearly 4 months going up there & staying with his son & friend giving orders having the house painted & squabbling for every trifle he could think of, without informing me of his determination or of any reason for not concluding the arrangement he is off, but I will give him a little Law for his shuffling conduct & he will probably then think he might have laid out his money to greater advantage than in fees to Council &c I am still endeavouring to procure the requisite information in respect to last years crop which I hope to forward by this opportunity & shall be obliged by your early instructions as well as by your sending me all Mr Reeve's letters to you & Messrs Innes Alves & Steele on the subject Enclosed I send you the 2 of my bills on Messrs A E Fuller & Co of London for £400 Stg 1 p last pkt regards to Daughter F Wordie dead

(17) The Overseer has not sent me the information I wrote to him for - Logwood p Walbrooke Sundries for daughter P Prss Charlotte for Bristol

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To Sir M B Clare W Webb London
My Dr Sir

July 1828

Your favor of 15 May from Hague I duly recd - The Votes of the last year are not yet published, but a set will be sent for you, another volume of the journals is now printing but I fear you will be out of the Council before it is completed, let me know if in that case I shall purchase it - On inquiry of Mr Nunes¹⁸⁰ I find that Mr Bullock has recd your letter but he says instructions were sent from England that all applications for extension of leave should be made in time so that an answer may be recd before the leave of absence already granted shall have expired which cannot be done in your case as in fact your leave had expired before you applied for further time, on Sir John Keanes¹⁸¹ return from a Cruize, the letter will be submitted to him & should he decline acceding to your wish Mr B will tender your resignation under the letter from you now in his possession, I have written to a relation in the Country who makes Arrowroot to ship the qty you have ordered & have no doubt of the qlty being approved of by his Royal Highness in which case I must beg of you to

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obtain from him some sort of a Commission or appointment to save me from further duty in the Militia, I am now out but the malice of some pretended friend may one of these days be exerted to bring me back into the Service

As yet nothing has been done for Miss Nancy Graham, altho I long since gave directions for a Caveat to be entd on her Mothers Estate to oblige Mr Laing¹⁸² to produce the Will & were it worth while I would have it proved in Solemn form, as it is strange that she should have left her property to other persons in preference to her only child - Your Debtors continue very backward & I shall at all times be obliged by your particularizing any from whom you insist upon a payment, their promises can in very few instances be depended upon E A Valentine¹⁸³ has pd me £33.6.8 E Valentine¹⁸⁴ has given me an acceptce for £30 F Ferraras¹⁸⁵ has paid me by a horse I bought from him £27 on his own a/c & £21 on a/c of Milborough Hutchison Jane Pearse £16 the balce of her note & I have recd from the Provost Marshals Office £35.2.3 a/c Jn Mitchell £35.12.3 full vs Rosse' the note being useless, she is dead there is no representative of her Estate & all her negroes are now sold at £174.11.3 a/c Edw Saa

Messrs Lynch Myers H&B¹⁸⁶ have rendered their Common Law a/c agst Miss Johnston's Estate for last year £94.10.4 from which is to be deducted £21.6.8 which I advanced for Cash fees there is also a further bill of £11.18.9 agst you as a Defdt in Brodbelt¹⁸⁷ vs Clare the former I propose settling by means of Huttons note Enclosed I send you the 2 of my bills on Messrs A E Fuller & Co of London for £500 Stg the last Pkt Turner & most of your friends here are at present well I am

(18) Kingston Enclosed I send 1 of Yates & Cockburns bills on Mitchells for £200 Stg prem 22½ p Ct & stps to £343.7.6

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12 Steel Nibbed pens

Robert Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

July 1828

Your favor of 6th May & 5 June last I have duly recd accompanied by my a/c to 30 Aprl, which appears to be perfectly correct & I approve of the balance being transferred to my credit in new a/c with you, having already requested that you would continue to transact such little business as I might have

The arrangement which Mr Higgin made with Mrs Weekes's Solrs has not been forgotten but it was necessary on the late occasion to employ another house to assert her rights which were in opposition to the claims set up by Messrs Mountagues they then considered themselves entitled to call for payment of their former Costs, If you are of opinion that they can act for both parties as they have done for some years, they no doubt will go on upon the original agreement, but if the Interests of Mrs Weekes & Messrs M's are likely to clash they will be entitled under a rule of Court to be pd before any other Solr can go upon record

As my brother has never acknowledged the receipt of the pictures or Chair which I sent to him last year, I shall be obliged by your informing me how they were disposed of - wishing you every success in your new situation I remain &c
Send me 12 Steel nibbed pens

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Colin McKenzie Esq Dr Sir

22 July 1828

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Sufficient time having I think elapsed [c.o.] for you to have obtained Messrs Davidsons instructions in respect to my application for payment of the Costs due by them to Messrs Millward & Harrison as Complts in the Cause of Davidson v Marshall I shall be obliged by you favouring me with their determination

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To Honble W Miller
Dr Sir

ST 24 July 1828

PS - I should wish to obtain payment of Mrs Weekes' Annty early next month when it becomes due as Bills are likely to be lower then that at any other period of the year - Let me know if you are disposed to draw on your shipment & to what extent that I may write to Mr Heath for his proportion

Small letter-book

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25 July 1828

Mr H A Hull¹⁸⁸ St Ann Sir - I am favd with your letter of the 23rd Instant & if you will give me any additional Security for the performance of your proposals I may be disposed to attend to them but situated as I am in respect to the collection of the debts due to Millward & Harrison I cannot do more I am

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ST 2 Aug 1828

Mr H A Hull St Anns Bay Sir I am placed in a peculiar situation in respect to the collection of the outstanding debts due to Messrs Millward & Harrison & altho I have been frequently disappointed in the performance of promises made to me by persons at different times I am yet disposed to grant you the indulgence requited & hope that you will not fail in the payments at the stipulated periods I am

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Messrs Innes Alves & Steele London
Gentm

S T 4 Aug 1828

Enclosed I beg leave to forward a bill of lading for the Logwood shipped p Walbrook on a/c of Mrs Millward it is filled up for 4 Tns 5 Cwt it weighed 4 Tns 11 Cwt but may have lost the diffec while laying at the Whf - I am

P.S. I repeat that the bills of lading did not reach me in time to forward one by the vessel which is reported to have sailed from O Harbour on the 1 Jun

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To Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

S T 4 Aug [1828]

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It is some time since I heard from you & little has occurred here for me to communicate to you, the Jew is now off the purchase of Mount Pleasant altogether and from the character given of him by his Brethren I begin to think it may be as well, for they describe him as a little better than a Child or fool, he has paid the law expenses & that is all, he has nothing of his own it appears, the money to be invested in the purchase was his wives & I was informed that it was doubtful whether the Trustee could be compelled to apply it as it was wished, it was therefore considered most prudent not to throw away any money in law upon such an uncertainty, tomorrow or next day I am going up to the Mountain to give out the Clothing to the negroes, they are all at home & very busy picking pimento of which I am led to expect a large Crop, but I will not mislead you by stating the quantity now as it generally falls far short of the Overseers calculations, all my endeavours to ascertain the deficiency in last Crop have as yet proved pointless by the plantrs book it is stated to be 15 trs, so that all you can go [c.o.] upon is Mr Reeve's letters

By the Prss Charlotte which sailed from O Harbour for Bristol on 1 Jun I have shipped the undermentioned articles for your daughter as well as a few sweetmeats for yourself of which I beg your acceptance the friend who shipped them has omitted to send me the bill of Lading - &c &c

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Sir M B Clare - W Webb

4 Aug [1828]

My Dr Sir

I should not have put you to the expence of postage by this opportunity had it not been necessary to transmit to you the enclosed 2nd bill of Yates & Cockburn on Messrs Mitchell for £200 Stg the first of which was forwarded by last pkt

I have sent out upwards of 70 applications on your behalf & am sorry that few of them are likely to meet with a proper return. Pinnock¹⁸⁹ has paid his acceptce for £13 & Int F McCullough¹⁹⁰ cannot pay anything before 20 Febry next. Witter will endeavour to pay balce of Judgmt W Rowe¹⁹¹ will pay in Sessions G Omeally¹⁹² is not now in funds Mrs R Williams of Russell Hall¹⁹³ will pay on 28th Mr Bowerbank¹⁹⁴ will pay in a few weeks although he did not expect to be called upon for anything more than the Int of his note as you told him it was as good to you as the money, Miss Coakley¹⁹⁵ sincerely hopes she may be able to pay her note about the end of Novr Mr Taws has it not in his power to pay his Judgmt M A Eberall¹⁹⁶ has nothing at present but will make a payment out of the next qrs rent she is to receive M N Eberalls¹⁹⁷ note is included in her Judgmt. Miss Graham cannot pay P Redwood¹⁹⁸ will try shortly to make a payment R Reid¹⁹⁹ about Oct. W Wilmot²⁰⁰ has nothing

Coward²⁰¹ fever Mrs Lane poison J S Lane²⁰² dying

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Jonathan Samuda Esq London

25 Augt. 1828.

Sir

Having now obtained administration on the Estate of Captn Tuming I have endorsed the 3rd bill of J Black²⁰³ on Messrs Stirling Gordon & Co for £300 Stg in that capacity & remitted to my Brother who will address your house as well as those Gentm upon the subject, he has also my instructions for investing the balce after payment of all expenses I am sorry to differ from you in opinion as to the payment of Int as I fully expect it will be allowed - I am²⁰⁴

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Sir M B Clare care of W Webb London

25 ditto [August 1828]

My Dr Sir

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I have not recd any letter from you since I last wrote today I was furnished with the accompanying Dkt of Miss Jacksons Will which you will perceive was entered in the Secretary's Office in May. I had only a few minutes previous been talking to Colin Graham upon the subject of his sisters situation & learnt from him that Mr Laing is now in Kingston Gaol for the purpose of taking the benefit the 2nd time & where he supposes he will die, a few days previous to his being taken he wrote to C Graham to say he would sell the woman²⁰⁵ and her Children for anything he could get but the woman had been previously cautioned by C G to keep out of Mr Laings way, so that she is still unsold, I am anxious to save the young woman as much expence as I can and shall not charge any Commission for my services & I wish I could avoid expending anything in Law, but as I require advice how to proceed for her benefit, it is better to go regularly to work than to trust to my own opinion, from what C Graham told me I rather think that Elizabeth Williams & her daughter Rebecca Durrant have been sold but as the net proceeds of these people as well as of Eliza Sinclair & her 3 Children are directed to be paid to her daughter I am of opinion that the purchaser was bound to see to the proper application of the purchase money under the terms of the Will & that by instituting proper proceedings the amount may be recovered, I am not aware what funds were applicable to the payment of the debts which Mr Laing stated at about £150 Cy, but in case of there being any deficiency of other assetts whether the other Devisees would not be bound to contribute equally with Miss N Graham out of their Legacies towards the payment of them, I should contend that hers is as much a specific legacy as theirs, You may depend upon my not incurring any unnecessary expense or proceeding in any expensive measures without your sanction unless driven to do so Mr Laings intention evidently has been to sell these people belonging to Miss N Graham & to apply the proceeds either to the payment of the debts if there were any or to his own purposes, but I trust that he will be disappointed as however I have hitherto found fault with the Law for directing a purchaser to see to a proper application of the money he pays in this instance I must admit it to be most salutary & beneficial as soon as I obtain Councils opinion I will send you a Copy of it & of the Case - I am sorry to inform you that as yet my numerous applications to your Debtors have only produced £5. You shall have their messages or promises as I have recd them those who have not noticed them can hardly expect further indulgence, Page²⁰⁶ has paid me £228.9.0 on a/c of his note including Int to 31 Inst - Your friend T B Smith²⁰⁷ erased his name from Back Alphabet dismissed his Office & 10 Candidates have started for his Situation as Serjeant at Arms which it is expected he must resign -

(30) Mrs Thomson has applied by letter as your Atty to ascertain the amount invested in the funds under E G Johnsons Will & her 3rd of the Interest accrued thereon which she wishes to be applied to the credit of Mr Thomsons debt to that Estate, If you will send me the particulars by an early opportunity I will endeavour to effect a settlement, indeed I hope he is now [c.o.] disposed to be peaceable

1 En. 1 Sept Enclosed I send your first of Banks Hitchens & Smiths bills on J & T Dawson for £140 Stg equal with prem @ 20 p Ct & Stps to £235.9.0

Small letter-book

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G W Hamilton

28 Augt [1828]

Tulloch Cattle £122:10: [above: pd], 1 yrs Int 6.15.6 [above: pd] £119:5:0: [above: pd] Marshall Ogilvie - 351.1.8

M & H £934.3.11 less pd £814.15.5 - £119.8.6. [above: pd] Note to Clare sent May 1828 150 pd Ball 1826 106/8 - pd

Colin MacKenzie Esq

28 Aug 1828

Dr Sir The order of the King in Council allowing the Appeal in "Davidson vs Marshall" to be withdrawn having been sent out to this Country, an order will be obtained next Court of Chy to proceed with the sale directed by the final Decree on reference to which I find two large sums of money are to be paid prior to any part of the Costs & which appear to me to be more than is likely to be obtained from the Sale if you are therefore not now prepared to settle the amot due to Messrs M & Harrison for Costs I trust you will lose no time in raising a fund for that purpose. I am

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Mrs Millward

29 Augt 1828

My Dr Madam

I have to acknowledge the receipt of you favor of the 3 July last expressing your satisfaction with my a/cs being just & proper, Messrs Innes Alves & Steele have informed me of the sale of the Coffee p Hampton at 45/Stg &c & low as it is, it is a better price than would have been obtained in Kingston, next year however I will try the market there as it is early, if it is bad it can even then be shipped, some of the pimento is now ready for sale & if I can obtain 1/ in Kingston I propose selling it at once as the double Insurance has commenced but should I ship it I will advise your merchants to effect the necessary Insurance in due time: As this is the first time that you have noticed the arrangement I had made with Mr Mendes for the sale of Mount Pleasant I am fearful that some of your letters may have miscarried, indeed I was afraid that you did not altogether approve of what I had done not that your sanction could have strengthened the bargain, but I own I should have better satisfied & might have been induced to frighten him a little longer, Duncan and I went up there the day the last Pkt sailed & saw the Clothing shared out, we had no complaints & I hope that the negroes will go on more steadily, otherwise I have told them that I will stop the indulgences they now receive, the property looks well, the fences have been put in order & new walls built, the Cattle are out of order and require a change 23 head have been picked out for sale, some being old & others stinted, and I propose supplying their place by an equal number of young Cows so as to keep up the number as Mr Reeve was constantly selling off without purchasing any in their room & as Coffee is now so bad an article, some other inducement must be held out to a purchaser, there is plenty of Grass & no want of Water or Seasons. J Millward not doing anything. Any arrangement that you may make with your daughter or instructions that you may send out in respect to the allowance which you direct to be paid to him will be satisfactory to me, not that in my view of the matter it can make the slightest difference whether you pay her the amount I have paid to him or add it to the amount to be invested, if the produce of Mount Pleasant were sold in the Island, it might be paid out of the proceeds to which you are entitled for life

I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

29 Aug: [1828]

My Dr Sir

I am favd with your letter of the 2 July & perfectly coincide in your opinion of the Security given in this Country & yet what is to be done when a Surety Swears "that he is worth the sum" for which he enters into Recognizance "after all his just debts are paid and satisfied" his conscience is satisfied by the value he puts on his property & outstanding debts, if one person is objected to, the

next may be even worse off, there are very few people now in the Country who are worth anything & those few are too prudent to put their Signature to such engagements, numbers have been called upon to make good deficiencies when they had lost all recollection of the transaction and have even denied that they were parties to such an instrument, there is another circumstance very common here of persons who were as long as they lived considered to be rich & possessed of ample property but who have died leaving in few instances sufficient to pay their engagements, it is said that we can take nothing out of this world with us, still in this Country very little is ever found to have been left behind and that by mismanagement &c soon disappears also

I was sorry to learn from Mr Miller's letter of the 12th Inst in answer to my application of the 24th Ult to that the produce of R Hall & Palmyra Estates remaining unshipped when he entd into possession with Mr Heath as Recvrs is only sufficient to pay the amount of the Contingencies incurred & Supplies written for by them, so that Mrs Weekes must now wait until Mr Phillpotts has accounted and paid up the balances due from the late J R Palmer as well as himself

Enclosed I send you 1 of Williams's bills on [c.o. Wed] Colville Wedderburn & Co for £200 st.
 2bills p Eclipse Pkt# 1 R Boucher²⁰⁸ E F Green²⁰⁹ 240" o.b
 11 Oct 1820 1 R Allwood J Greig 150
 1 Fray & Watson²¹⁰ John Watson 300

Which please to credit to my a/c with

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Messrs Innes Alves & Steele London
 Dr Sirs

Sp Town 11 Octr. 1828

I am favd with your letters of 6th & 21 Augt & observe the Sales effected by you of Mt Pleasant Produce Observing in the newspapers of last week amongst the list of unclaimed letters about to be returned to England the name of - James I was induced to apply at the Post Office in Kingston for a sight of them when I immediately recognized the handwriting of your house and have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 29 Feb with Invoice & bill of lading for 10 brls herrings 7 Mar 18 Mar & 2 Aprl the contents of which is unnecessary now to notice

I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
 My Dr Sir

Sp Town 11 Octr [1828]

I have to thank you for your favors of the 7 Augt last & am extremely obliged to you for your kind attention to my children the separation of children from their parents is one of the greatest miseries to which we who reside in the Colonies are subject and most deeply do I regret the impossibility of joining mine & superintending their education, well knowing the great inconvenience to which my Brother & friends submit on their account

At the Court of Chy held last week an order was obtained for Mr Phillpotts to account for his transactions with Rose Hall and Palmyra Estates but some delay will be occasioned from the want of sales of the produce shipped by him, the production of his Vouchers will however enable me to ascertain the balance due from Mr Palmers Estate

We have little doing here in Kingston there is no sale for Produce & no Ships about to sail
 Enclosed I send the second of the 4 undermentioned bills#

Enclosed I send you 1 of Williams's bills on [c.o. Wed] Colville Wedderburn & co for £200 st.
 2bills p Eclipse Pkt# 1 R Boucher E F Green 240" o.b
 11 Oct 1820 1 R Allwood J Greig 150

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Which please to credit to my a/c with

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Sir M B Clare W Webb Angel Court Throgmorton St London

Sp Town 13 Oct 1828

My Dr Sir

I have been expecting to receive your acknowledgement of the bills lately transmitted to you but have not heard from you [lately c.o.] for some time

Since Hart wrote to you a few payments have been made to me £20 pd p Rd Williams £20 p Rebecca Williams²¹¹ £52.10 by Mr Bowerbank £156 p G W Hamilton²¹² £40 p G S Ricketts²¹³ £106/8 p E Bayley 40/ p P Taylor £23 in full p T Pitter²¹⁴ £32 p J Martin an acceptce for £25 p E Martins²¹⁵ £5 p J Millward & £235 p Mrs Brookes out of which I have pd Ross & Tonge's Law A/cs amounting to £311. as they could not effect any arrangement with Mr Hewitt in consequence of his not having anything to do with the A/cs of the Secys Off, Clements has not yet made his promised payment, J Hanson has got Simon Taylor of Kingston²¹⁶ to take him up & Clement applied to me to know if I was authorized to make any deduction which I declined doing but told him I would submit any written proposition he might send me to you, Gordon has not made any payment but proposed writing to you on the subject - Having now applied by letter to all your Debtors & acquainted you with the sums I have from time to time received, it remains for you to determine whether any & what Steps should be adopted to enforce them to come forward

G W Hamilton is unable to afford me any assistance in bringing Mr Laing to a Settlement in respect to Miss Jackson's affairs

I regret to learn that my friend had disposed of all her Arrow root but as she will commence making it again in January I will take care to send what you require by an early opportunity

Enclosed I send you the 1 of R Cargills²¹⁷ bills on Bainbridge & Brown of London for £100.3.4 Stg equal with prem @ 21 p Ct & Stamps 5/ to £169.18.9 Cy also 2 of Banks Hitchen & Smiths on J & T Dawson for £140 Sg

I am

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To Mrs Millward

Sp Town 22 Nov 1828

My Dr Madam

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd Oct last, several persons would gladly purchase Mt Pleasant if they had funds to pay for it and the price was lower, I still however adhere to my former sum of £9000 Cy Cash, the Jew is still hankering after it - his wife went up unknown to me on Monday last & the Overseer says was much pleased with it _ You may depend upon my selling it as soon as a good purchaser offers & any further instructions you may think proper to send me shall be strictly attended to. As I before wrote to you it is not my intention to send to England for any supplies, the last Invoice being so heavy & the produce selling for such a trifle, & I beg you will when you have occasion, to write to Messrs Innes Alves & Steele intimate this much to them if it meets your approbation as they have expressed a hope that the order for the supplies will shortly arrive they will not be much pleased at my determination but I am consulting your interest not theirs whenever it may be necessary to obtain the assistance of those Gent in effecting Insurance &c I will give them the necessary instructions without troubling you on the subject further than to inform you what I have done

Mr Vidal the Atty to the Heir of the late Mr Reeve spoke to me a few weeks ago on the subject of the defy in the Crop alluded to when I proposed to him as I had done to Mr Usher to leave it to Arbitration to which he consented there can be no harm in this & no expense will be incurred

I am indeed obliged to your daughter and yourself for your remembrance of me in the promised presents by the Kingston, I only regret that I am unable to do more for you who have during the whole period of my sojourn in this my native land Shewn yourselves such kind friends to me & my family . The conduct of Dr Dawson is ungentlemanly in the extreme & I shall be obliged to resort to unpleasant measures to compel his payment of the rent due from him £181 to 30 Sept last, on 31 Dec next he is to give up the premises & Mr Bowerbank has bespoken the preference of them which I have promised him

It is far from my wishes to hurt your feelings as a parent but as you have noticed your sons silence I must inform you that he has apparently given himself up, he never goes out, neither does he attempt in any way to do anything for himself, he now only sends for his quarterly allowance as I did all in my power to make him feel his situation & to make him ashamed of his conduct _ Should you favor me with any instruction respecting him they shall be immediately attended to - Has any arrangement been made in respect to the payment of the Annty under the will of the Late Mr Pennoyre?

Enclosed I send you the first of W M Kerrs bills on J H Deffell & Co London for £496.9.2 Stg equal with prem 20 p Ct & Stps 7/6 to Cy £834.8.6.

I beg to offer my Kind regards to your daughter and the Children

I am

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Sir M B Clare

Sp Town Jam 24 Nov 1828

My Dr Sir

I am happy to learn from your favor of the 1st Oct of your safe return to England and hope your next will Contain a more full acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted & of my A/Ct

A few payments have lately been made to me £40 p J T Bell²¹⁸ £45 p J Ford £50 a/c J Dalhouse²¹⁹ £33.18.4 full J D Thomsons note & I have credited your A/C with Mt Pleasant medical a/c 1827 £53.14.2 & my own £77.3.4 which Turner has receipted

In consequence of the incorrectness of the Statements in the books left with me I had nearly got into a scrape in issuing the Writs against the Estate of Ann Moore, which from a Statement rendered to me by Mr Clarke²²⁰ appear to have been overpaid, the sums of £100 & £80 not having been noticed by you, but for which I have seen your receipts in his possession

Enclosed I send you the 1 of W M Kerr & J Macdonalds Bills on J Deffell²²¹ & Son for £150Stg prem @ 20 p Ct & Stmps 5/ Cy £252.5 the 1st of W Millers on D Stephenson for £127.5 pr 20 & Stps 5/ is £214.0.7. also the 2 of R Cargills Bills on Bainbridge & Brown for £100.3.4 Stg the first of which was sent p last Pkt

I am

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Sir M B Clare

15 Decr 1828

My Dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15 Oct last and am glad to learn that you approve of the correctness of my Accts Current with yourself p the Estate of Miss Johnson

I think you have acted prudently in effecting a Settlement with the Brodbelts, it is reported that one is coming out²²². Myers²²³ arrived last week & is to come up to this town tomorrow when I expect to receive the papers you proposed sending by him & shall comply with your instructions

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nothing has been done in Miss Grahams affairs X as you advise I shall not incur any further expense. J R Bernal²²⁴ has paid me £50 Le Roy de la Clartais²²⁵ £30 Ranger²²⁶ £22.0.11 in full of his judgment & I have recd £77.5.9 a/c J Mitchells judgment through the PM Office Enclosed I send you the 2 of W M Kerrs & J McDonalds bills on J Deffell & Son & W Miller on D Stephenson for £127.5/. the first of which were forwarded by last Pkt _ You must excuse my replying more fully to your last as this is a busy time with me and I have been disappointed in my expectation & fear the Pkt would be postponed

I am

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

[Not dated - 15 Decr. 1828]

I have nothing new to communicate & should not now have addressed you but for the purpose of forwarding the enclosed 2 bill of W M Kerr on J H Deffell & Co for £496.9.2 Sg

I have directed the Overseer to send to town the pimento that it may be [ready c.o.] shipped early in the year I am fearful that I shall be obliged to remove him as I understand he has been purchasing land adjoining Mount Pleasant which would facilitate any scheme he may be disposed to try either in making away with the Provisions Corn &c or he may employ the Negroes in the cultivation of it exclusive of its occupying part of the time he should devote to his present employment

I beg to offer my kind regards to your daughter & the children

I am

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R Hawthorn

15 Decr. 1828

Enclosing bill £169.7.10 Stg a/c S Dare²²⁷ to be placed to separate a/c

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To Innes Alves & Steele
Dr Sirs

4 Jany 1829

Not having anything particular to communicate I have not noticed the receipt of your late favors In consequence of Mrs Millwards complaining of the heavy sum she was indebted to you for the Supplies for Mt Pleasant for the 2 last years & being aware that many articles were sent for which were not required & probably never would be made use of, I determined with her consent & approbation to purchase in Kingston from time to time such articles as are absolutely and immediately necessary which is the reason why the usual list has not be sent to you. The pimento is now coming down & I hope to make you as shipment shortly of which I shall give you early information that the Insurance may be effected in proper time

If you will furnish me with the particular period during which the European Magazine²²⁸ is stated to have been furnished I will endeavour to ascertain the correct a/c of the charge now made, as I recd very few numbers & those very irregularly which was the cause of my discontinuing them, some have been also already charged by Messrs Spencer & Co

I am

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P H James Esq
My Dr Sir

4 Jany 1829

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I am fav with your letter of 31 Oct last & shall proceed to give you the information requested In consequence as Mr Palmer wrote me of his Clerk having gone upon a cruise for the benefit of his health he was prevented making up his a/cs with R Hall & Palmyra Estates for 1826, and they were not handed to me until after his death, by the Statement then furnished by Mr Phillpotts there appeared to be a balance due from Mr Palmer of £2980 Cy but when I came to State them, by introducing some Invoices of supplies shipped that year I reduced it to £1679 Cy to this Mr Phillpotts objects as having become the Surety of Mr Palmer early in 1827 he wishes to make as large a balance as possible due previous to that period, in the expectation that the parties interested should look to his former Surety W Allen whose Estate is insolvent, and by bringing the amt of those Invoices against the Crop of 1827 out of which he contends they were paid for to leave as small a deficiency as possible to be made up by him, he is determined to try the question, but I cannot think he will succeed, as the word of the Recognizance are that "he shall a/c for the rents & profits that now are in or may hereafter come to his hands". The A/cs for 1827 are not completed but from the sketch sent me by Mr Phillpotts, wherein he has introduced the Invoices before alluded to amounting to £1470 Cy there appears to be a balance of only about £173 Cy [which c.o.] due from Mr Palmer which is exclusive of any balance that may be due on his previous a/cs to 31 Dec 26, the a/cs for 28 have not yet reached me, but they have been [proms c.o.] applied for & were to have been forwarded by an early opportunity, the a/c Sales of the produce shipped by Mr Phillpotts have not I imagine been yet sent out which may be the cause of the delay - On Mr Millers appointment I applied for a payment on a/c of Mrs W's Annuities & was informed that the small part of the Crop which he got would only be sufficient to pay the expenses he was likely to incur this year

The Decree appealed from by Messrs Mountagues was pronounced by the Duke of Manchester on the hearing of Mr Palmers Bill & does not affect Mrs W's claims herewith I send an extract from the Order made by Sir J Keane as well as a memorandum relating to the Costs on which I applied to Mr Hawthorn & which cannot be paid by the Accssr as formerly or at all events not until the Arrears of her Annty are fully paid, the Solrs of Mr Palmer are extremely anxious now to obtain an order of Court for the payment of their Costs which amot to 4 or £5000 Cy I have heard & would no doubt readily consent to the payment of Mrs Weekes provided they were paid also, there is a large sum due to the Solrs for the Cost of the late Mr Knowles which must be put in the same footing & would keep Mrs W out of the accruing as well as the Arrears of her Anties Having fully answered your inquiries

Season &c

I am

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To Sir M B Clare W Webb
My Dr Sir

5 Jan'y 1829

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4 Novr last in consequence of what you previously wrote in respect to Miss Nancy Grahams affairs no further expense has been or will be incurred without your positive directions. C Graham stated to me that Mr Laing had only paid one instalment to Mr Graham's creditors & promised to give me the date & amot which he has not done neither have I seen him lately to remind him of his promise several actions are to be tried in the Kingston Court during the ensuing Assizes between the factors & the proprietors of Estates under Laings management, From the foregoing paper you will perceive that I have complied with your instructions & have handed over to Dr Brodbelt²²⁹ the several papers of which you forwarded me a list & have also pd to him £236.4.2 the amount of payments previously recd on a/c of the same which I believe was your intention the Release had better be sent out & recorded, it can be returned by the same Pkt if you desire it, in this business Tonge has been the advisor of Dr Brodbelt which obliged me to take advice of Lynch Myers &c, should your interest clash with any other of their

Clients I shall not hesitate in removing your business entirely unless otherwise directed by you. As I before informed you I have written to every person owing you money on Bond Note or Judgmt for a payment, Gordon has promised to give me attested a/cs which I will take, the Speaker has put me off Garel²³⁰ asked Turner for time Bernal has made a payment of £50 through Marshall by writing for me. Turner wishes to take Saas note to pay for some work done for him, of M Smith²³¹ A Bell²³² Mrs Hocker²³³ I have not heard anything, Mr Mais²³⁴ says Mrs Clarke has declined purchasing your Mountain but I will advertise it as well as the other pieces of land you wish to dispose of. T Smith²³⁵ gone Clarendon The a/c of Divds due to Mrs Thomson on the monies invested by you as Exor of E G Johnson I have sent to her husband but have not heard from him since

Session _ Charge _ Voyage &c

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

5 Jan'y 1829

I am favd with your letter of 4 Nov last and have little to communicate in reply _ the pimento is now coming down from Mt Pleasant to be in readiness for shipment by the first favorable opportunity after the 12 Inst of which I shall advise Messrs Innes Alves & Steele in time to effect the requisite Insurance, it is estimated at 150 brls the Coffee is also preparing for market but I have not determined how to dispose of it

Ham Cheese & presents recd only 18 jars butter instead of 24 as p direction . thanks Sons Ham bad

Enclosed I send you the first of W M Kerrs bills on Messrs J H Deffell & Co for £155.9.10 Stg equal with pm @ 22½p Ct & Stps to £266.18.4 Cy - Season

I am

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Mrs Allen²³⁶

[not dated 5 Jan'y 1829]

I am happy to learn from your favor of 2 Novr that you had recd the diff't articles forwarded by your direction & that they were all good, recommend Mt Pleasant Coffee now Dr Dawson has at length quitted your house & is to give me possession tomorrow _ £174.0.9 is now due from him for rent part of which he promised to give me in time to forward by this opportunity & the remainder in the course of this week but no dependence can be placed in his promises, the repairs I hope to commence next week and shall hasten the Tradesmen with their work that Mr Bowerbank may get in at an early period

thanks Beer Season Children

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

5 Jan [1829]

The Session is over reply to late favors to 5 Nov

I thank you for the shipment of the diff't articles p St Vincents Planter which have arrived safe & are satisfactory 6 Pkt of red tape only were sent instead of 12 as charged, the payment to Mr

Wrie[unclear] is correct

Enclosed I send a letter to be forwarded to P H James agree in your remarks as to solrs bills - glad bills remitted are accepted I hope will be paid

The arrangement with Stirling Gordon & Co is perfectly satisfactory & obliged my Commn omitted on Int & pm can be deducted from Divds when recd

Enclosed 2nd bill Sterl Elin²³⁷ on Stewart & Westmoreland £169.7.10 Stg to be placed separate a/c for friend - also W Kerrs first on J H Deffell & Co for £519.3.8 Stg my a/c, the former bills Intended to meet the exps of my family as I cannot afford to remit at such an enormous loss as 20 p Ct & to receive such a small return as the funds now yield I may therefore draw upon you for such part as I think will not be required & must look out for some other mode of remitting what is to be invested

I am

Season return

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Messrs Fuller & Co London, p pkt
Dr Sirs

19th Jany. 1829

I beg leave to advise you of my having drawn on you in favor of W Duncan at 90 ds st for £233.4.8 Stg on a/c of my Brother Mr W R James which I trust will be duly honored. I am &c

Small letter-book

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C Mackenzie Esq Dr Sir

4 Feby 1829

Sufficient time having elapsed for you to have received an answer from Messrs Davidson Barkly & Co. to your communication respecting the Sale & Costs in the Cause of "Burrow vs Hodgson &c" I beg leave to renew my request for payment of the amount of the latter due to the firm of Millward & Harrison -

I am

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Innes Alves & Steele London p Pkt
Dr Sirs

16th Feby. 1829

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3 Decr last & to advise you of a shipment of [blank] brls pimento on board the Brig Dawson Captn Pearce to sail the day after tomorrow which you will please to Insure on a/c of Mrs Millward valuing the same at £4 Stg p brl & - [blank] brls p brig Star Captn Gates to sail the beginning of next week both vessels of the first class

I am

P.S. Probably you had better Insure the 150 brls p Dawson & Star as I have just learnt that it is uncertain whether the former has taken the 100 brls intended for her

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Do [Innes Alves & Steele]
Dr Sirs

16 Feby 1829

Enclosed I beg leave to forward a bill of lading for [blank] brls of pimento IOM shipped p Dawson Captn Pearce & Consigned to you on a/c of Mrs Millward which I hope will arrive to a

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good market
I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

16 Feby 1829

The Pkt brought me your favor of the 3 Decr last & I much fear that no plan can be suggested for preventing the Parties [app c.o.] from applying to the Court whenever they may think proper but the Court may direct them to pay the Costs on such applications

My friend Mr Dare wishes the Bill I remitted to you for £169.7.10 Stg to be invested in the new 4 p Ct or such funds as will yield the best Int, in his name, deducting all expenses of postages &c and as he is flattering himself with the hope of paying an early visit to England, he thinks it unnecessary to have a power to receive the Dividends sent out for him to execute, he would however wish the document of transfer forwarded should this sort of Commission be out of your way or occasion you any unpleasant trouble I beg you will intimate the same to me as well as whether you have any objection to act for Mr Dare should he wish to open an a/c with a merchant in London he is a partner in the present firm of Duncan Dare & Stevenson my brothers successor in business

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of W M Kerrs bills on J H Deffell & Co for £519.3.8 Stg
I am

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Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

16 Feby 1829

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 29 Decr last and shall attend to your instructions Miss Duany²³⁸ has proposed to Convey a house in trust for the payment of all her Medical accts due to Lee's²³⁹ Estate yourself & Turner & I have directed Tonge to take her instructions & prepare the necessary Deed. Upon renewing my application to Hewitt for a payment he requested a Statement of your demand which I furnished writing off £200 pd on a/c of the Judgmt May 1827 but he told Mitchell he had paid £400 - I desired [Mitch c.o.] him to say that the other £200 was for a note you held, probably you had better send out an affidavit to that effect - Palmer the Sadler has sent out an Action against you for the amount of his acct for work done a copy of which I will endeavour to send by this opportunity, and put off the action until I hear from you E A French²⁴⁰ has paid me £50 M W Duff²⁴¹ £65 I D Thomson a/c Judgmt E G Johnson £98 R Soares²⁴² £8 & A Forrest²⁴³ £73/4. Miss Duff complains of poverty & wishes to know what you will take in full Johanna Wilson also states her inability to pay. Enclosed I send you the first of W Millers bills on Stewart & Westmoreland of London for £135.0.10 Stg & on J Waterhouse for £61.19.5 Stg equal with prem: @ 22.5 p Ct to Cy £338.7.6

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My Dr Mrs Allen

16 Feby 1829

Having at length succeeded in getting Dr Dawson out of your house I have commenced upon the repairs and painting which I hope will be completed early next month, the Estimate I regret to state is upwards of £200 & I much fear Mr Bowerbank will [l c.o.] relinquish the preference he had obtained, as I have refused to new Ceil the front Piazza & Drawing Room paint the Walls of the latter (the paper having come down with the plastering) repair the Tanks in the Garden railing &c which would have cost upwards of £100 more without being of any substantial benefit to the house as when the Ceilings are painted, the decay in the wood will not be observed, & they will answer

very well I am informed by the Carpenter until the house is again painted, but it must not remain [so long c.o.] unpainted again for so many years as what little paint remains is obliged to be scraped off to make the whole smooth. Dr Dawson has not paid me. the amt due from him is about £130 _ £80 of which is to be paid by Mr Stewart (now an MCC but formerly a Clerk of J Smithe) out of his Grant under the poll Tax Law, for the Security of the balance as Dawson has given me a bill of [Exch c.o.] travels for a horse. I took out a Warrant to distrain & sent the Constable with directions to mark the furniture but not to remove it which compelled him to come to the foregoing settlement which I hope will be satisfactory I shall not fail to urge an early payment from the parties & shall be extremely glad when it is settled that I may make you a remittance

I am

P.S. The parson has given up the house

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

16th Feby 1829

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 4 Decr with Dup: of 4 Nov last which I also duly recd. The Overseer of Mount Pleasant informs me that Mr Mendes has been up there again & from what he said, is of opinion that he will shortly close with me, I have replied that I have no expectation of his seriously intending to become the purchaser & therefore must forbid his being again entertained or allowed to visit the property without my permission in writing, the Overseer is too fond of company and the Jew of a days pleasure, & if permitted they will keep up the farce as long as possible but he has had frequent opportunities of inspecting every part of the Property & it is time to put a stop to his visits I have just written to Messrs Innes Alves & Steele to effect Insce on 150 brls of pimento shipped p Dawson Captn Pearse & Star Captn Gater to sail the day after tomorrow valuing them at £4 Stg p Ct which may be something more than they will net but as the prem: is low it is as well to be on the safe side, the Coffee is preparing for shipment but the Crop will be small, I have not yet determined whether to ship or sell the latter in the Country, the Supplies I shall purchase in Kingston when wanted

I beg you will be candid in you description of the Sweetmeats sent you as I can at any time change to another shop should they turn out indifferent, those you sent me were all spoilt but I am equally obliged to you for your attention

Enclosed I sent you the 2nd of W M Kerr's bills on J H Deffell & Co for £155.9.10 Stg On Saturday I recd a letter from Dr Bealey²⁴⁴ enclosing the receipts to be signed by your son for his Annuities under the will of Dr Pennoyre

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To W Webb Esq
dup - p Cygnet March 17th
Sir

16 Feby 1829

By direction of Dr Bealey conveyed to me in a letter dated 14 Nov last I transmit enclosed Mr John Millwards receipts for £29.16.6 & £14.18.3 Sg being the amt of his Annties under the will of the late F R S Penoyre & have to advise you of a Bill of Exchge having been drawn by Mr Millward on you for £44.18.9 the amt of such receipts at 30 ds st [days sight] in favr of Sir M B Clare which I trust will be duly honored,

I am

Be pleased to inform Dr Bealy of the receipts of the enclosed

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Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

16th Feby 1829

Since writing you this morning I have obtained the enclosed bill drawn by J Millward on Mr Webb of London for £44.18.9 Stg equal with prem @ 22h p Ct to £76.14.4

I am

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Dr Bealey 3 Oxford Building Bath
Sir

13 March [1829]

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14 Novr last which arrived on the day of making up the mail for the last Pkt, By that opportunity Mr John Millward drew a Bill of Exchg on Mr Webb agreeable to your instructions @ 30 ds st for £44.14.9 Sg the amt of his Annties after deducting the enormous duty chargeable on the same of which I advised Mr Web at the same time that I forwarded to him the forms & receipts signed requesting that he would advise you of all that had been done

I am &

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Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

13 March [1829]

By the middle Pkt I have recd you favor of the 17 Jany last, When Mr Bernard pays his acceptce of Clarke's Order on him for £100 your judgmt agt Ann Moore will be overpaid about £20 the balce now due being about £80 Charlton²⁴⁵ called on me lately & shewed me a receipt & defeazance [c.o. of] to V A Hurst²⁴⁶ but she has not made any payment yet Mrs James shall [have c.o.] not be called upon until the period you mention, for Miss Graham nothing can be done but through the Court of Chancery & as Mr Laing is not worth one shilling, it is needless incurring any expence. I will however ask Myers' opinion as the fellow is now about this town, the Almanac shall be forwarded as soon as published, the Journals are not yet completed & Turner does not propose forwarding his Papers until after May. I hope by next Pkt to be able to inform you of the shipment of the Arrow root

Governor

Enclosed I sent you the 2nd of W Millers bills on Stewart & Westmoreland for £135.0.10 Sg & on Waterhouse for £61.19.5. & also J Millward on W Webb for £44.18.9 Sg.

I have recd £75 in full of Miss Swarbricks²⁴⁷ note, £50 a/c J Williams junr²⁴⁸ & £40 a/c J Dalhouse judgmt - & have pd Dr Brodbelt £33.16.8 being the amot of payments recd by you on the Judgmts vs Netherwood & P Parker assigned & £10.13.4 to Tonge for Cash fees on the replevins for the negroes levied on belonging to Langley's Estate²⁴⁹ [being c.o.] as that is all that remains of his property. I have advertised a notice to your Drs that unless they do immediately come forward & fulfil their engagements made with you that your several Securities will be strictly enforced without further delay

I am &

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To Messrs Innes Alves & Steele London
Dr Sirs

14 March [1829]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6 & 10 Jany last the latter conveying to me

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the intelligence of the death of your Mr Innes which I do not imagine will cause any alteration in Mrs Millwards consignments of Mount Pleasant produce when sent to London for sale

By the last Pkt Messrs Yates & Cockburn forwarded to you by my directions a bill of Lading for 100 brls of pimento p the brig Dawson Captn Pearce & I have now the pleasure of forwarding a bill of lading for 50 brls more by the Star Captn Gater of which 3 brls are stated to be in dispute, but the shipment being sworn to by the Wharfinger²⁵⁰ will I trust set the matter at rest, is had been sent to the Consignees of the vessel in Kingston In my letter of 16 feb I requested that they might be insured at £4 p brl, the Coffee Crop is very small only 13 Trs

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

S T 16 March 1829

Enclosed I forward the 1 of E Owens²⁵¹ bills on Messrs Mitchells @ 10 ds st for £147.14.8 Sg & T Smith on same @ 90 ds st for £294.10 Stg, it is the only way in which payments are made but as I cannot invest at such a heavy loss I must draw on you when an opportunity offers for disposing of bills

I shall be obliged by your directing the x Atlas Weekly paper to be forwarded regularly twice a month by the Pkts directed to me in this town

I am

Changed for Spectator

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

8 April 1829

In this Country you are well aware how suddenly our friends & acquaintances are taken from us, in the course of a few days & frequently in a few hours the strongest & most healthy are picked out from amongst us & we see them no more, so short a Step is it here from this world to the next it is now my painful duty to convey to you the afflicting intelligence of such an instance which occurred only the day before yesterday, Monday - before any of your friends were aware of your sons being unwell or even complaining & before the Dr could be called to his assistance he breathed his last & his remains were yesterday followed to the grave by the young men residing within town & deposited in the family vault, which Duncan & myself saw closed up afterwards.²⁵² I have from time to time called your attention to the idle life he has long been living which is sure to pave the way to other bad habits & I would willingly keep from your knowledge the cause of his sudden death were I not fearful that that [sic] it reach you from other quarters in an aggravated form, & you might blame me for not informing you in the first instance & preventing your mind from being harrassed a second time at a distant period. he had long ceased to call upon me for his quarterly allowance, but sent a negro for it, he however called the day the Pkt sailed in February when I paid him £76 odd for his bill of Exchg drawn agreeable to Dr Bealeys directions in payment of his first years Annties under the will of Dr Pennoyre; on Thursday last he sent for & recd his allowce pble on 31 March & commenced as was I have been informed his custom when he had any money drinking spirits to excess, and continued doing so until Monday morning when he complained of a heat in his stomach like fire, he then drank 7 or 8 jars of water and about 3 oclock in the evening the people about him became alarmed & Sent for Dr Turner who found him laying at length on the Sofa unable to speak but with a catching or movement of his mouth on one side, he thought him in an apoplectic fit & was about to bleed him but it was too late, his respiration became difficult his pulse ceased, his eye gradually sank & your unfortunate son was alas! a Corpse - Duncan was

immediately sent to as I was at the Mountain & Miss Cole²⁵³ who was then with him undertook to do everything that was requisite & I found her & Miss Martin²⁵⁴ making the necessary preparations when I went to the house yesterday McKey Smith was also there assisting, the funeral was conducted with economy under their directions _ on opening his Iron Chest I found a £10 Check part of what he had recd on Thursday & a Will made sometime ago & a Codicil written shortly after he had assigned his Legacy to Dr Clare to whom he left his Gold watch Chain &c & appointed him Exor I am not aware of his having left any property besides a little furniture and some old books there are a few debts owing but not on Judgmt I believe some house rent & negro hire Clares debt is heavy should any applications be made to me for payment I shall take a list for your information I am in daily expectation of receiving the papers for his 2nd years Annty which became due last January, he has left a boy and 3 girls by a Miss Frankson a Sambo woman the former and two of the latter nearly grown up to whom he had in his will left all he possessed. I shall be glad to pay attention to any instructions you may send & I will act as you may direct the expence of administering being upon his Estate will be about £17 to £20 & the only sum to be recd is for the Annties under Dr Brodbelts will & I really think the Exors might pay it without insisting upon any persons qualifying to enable them to obtain a proper discharge, I have taken charge of his furniture & books & shall pay his rent and negro wages and propose giving something to his Children to put them in mourning which I hope you will approve of

I am sorry to inform you that the Coffee Crop of Mount Pleasant is only 13 Trs which I have shipped on board the Tulloch Castle to sail the day after the present Pkt. Messrs Innes Alves & Steele have been advised to effect the necessary Insurance, if we do not get rain soon I much fear next years Crop will not be much more

I am

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Innes Alves & Steele
Dr Sirs

S.T. 13 April 1829

I have now to advise you of the shipment of 13 Trs of Coffee I G M p Tulloch Castle Capt Pearse which vessel is expected to sail tomorrow, you will please to insure the same valuing at £15 Sg p Trs enclosed I forward bill of Lading &c
2 p Tulloch Castle same date

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S T Allen²⁵⁵ esq
My Dr Sir

Sp. Town 13 April 1829

It is my painful duty to communicate to Mrs Millward & her family intelligence that will be truly distressing to them, & for that purpose I had written the enclosed letter to her but fearing that at her time of life the shock may prove too great for her I must request of your breaking to her and Mrs Allen the melancholy fate of Mr John Millward who died suddenly on Monday the 6 Inst, the particulars I have fully detailed & wish Mrs Allen first to peruse them & should she be of opinion that it would be best to keep her mother in ignorance of them I beg that she will destroy the enclosed & relate only such part as may seem to her to be proper, with the exception of the debt to Sir M B Clare, his debts are including the expenses of his funeral under £100 which I should hope his family will direct payment of & any instructions that they may send out in that respect shall be faithfully attended to his funeral expenses I have already paid

I regret to state that altho the house in this town is now repaired and painted, no tenant is yet in possession many persons have engaged the preference but owing to the falling off in business & the scarcity of money have declined taking it

When Mr Bayley comes to town I will speak to him about the land in possession of Mr Sancher & beg to offer my regards to Mrs Millward & Mrs Allen
I am

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To R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

S.T. 13 Apl 29

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 4 & 23 Feb last and am obliged by your attention to my interest with investment of my money with funds the prem: on Bills still keeps up, although there is little sale for them from the scarcity of money. I was sorry to find that one of the bills I had put to you had been protested for non payment it has been paid here with all expences & will I understand be returned to compel Mr Watson the acceptor to take it up

I have made up my Report upon Mr Palmer also as Recer of R H & P Estates to the day of his death & find the sum of £6110.1.0½ Cy due from him, to this Mr Phillpotts as his Surety is prepared to Object as he does not consider himself liable for any part of that sum which came to Mr Palmers hands previous to his becoming his Surety at the Recogn: expressly mentions "any sum that may now be in hand as well as what may hereafter be recd by him" - I hope that the Objections will be argued in the Kings Court - Of the Crop of 1828 shipped by Mr Phillpotts there will not I imagine be much to account for by him as he paid some of the Contingencies which Mr Palmer left unsettled - You may depend upon it that upon any appln to the Court in that suit the Court shall be urged to make the party applying pay the costs incurred but there is no rule laid down in that respect & it altogether rests in the discretion of the Chancellor to award them or not - the Decree made in Hibbert Palmer directed Int to be allowed in the case reported due to Mrs W for Arrears of her Annty & that was one of Mr Palmers inducements for filing his bill to set aside that Decree I am fearful that she is not entitled to Int altho it is a very hard care upon her when she is kept so long out of her money - The Estates on the Northside are I understand generally making good Crops & I should hope than in August the Recers will be able to make a tolerable payment to Mrs Weekes

I am

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

18 May 1829

Nothing much to communicate I do not wish to put you to any expence that can be avoided & shall therefore make my remarks on this paper, on the other other side are the funeral expences which I paid for your Son amounting to £37.11.3, [on the c.o.] above is what I paid for his Childrens Mourning &c & opposite are the debts which have been notified to me, there are a few articles of furniture some books &c which I have removed to your daughters house (which is still untenanted) & I shall await your instructions how they are to be disposed of. It is some time since I have been able to make you a remittance, there is a large sum due by Davidsons & Co of London and I am in hopes they will shortly instruct their Atty here to settle it or I must put it in suit, I have written to a friend in the Country who prepares Arrow root to Ship the quantity you require & I had hoped to have given you the Ships name by this opportunity the Ham & the Cheese you were kind enough to send me were both very good the direction and labels on the jars of Sweetmeats appeared like Mrs Dolmages handwriting - with my best regards to all your family

I am

PS My nephew Haughton²⁵⁶ arrived on the 7th & is articled to Duncan & Dare

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To Robt Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

18 May [1829]

The pens p Beaufort I have duly recd as well as your favor of 7 March p Thames the Tape appears to have been put up as Mr Ackerman stated but how was I to understand his mode of charging without an explanation? 12 pkts are charged in his a/c & only 6 are to be found the proper mode would be to charge 6 dble pkts I am sorry to have given you such unnecessary trouble

My Rept in Palmer vs Mountague is closed making £6000 Cy due from Mr Palmer the Recrs Mr Phillpotts (p Atty) his Surety has objected to my mode of stating the a/cs - his objns are disallowed & the matter now awaits the decision of the Chancellor

Enclosed I send you the 1 of J A Vaughans²⁵⁷ Bills Exchge on W Vaughan²⁵⁸ London for £53.13.8 Stg which place to my credit

I am &c

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To R.H. [Hawthorn] Esq
My Dr Sir

4 June [1829]

I am favored with your latter of the 15 April & postscript of 18th. Mr Dare has requested me to thank you for your promised attention to his affairs & to forward the enclosed bill drawn by A M Rae on Messrs Mitchells of London for £260.16.5 Sg to be placed to his credit he will himself address you by an early opportunity

Enclosed I send you the 2 of J A Vaughans bills on W Vaughan of London for £53.13.8 Stg in my favor

The Exceptions to my Report in Palmer v Mountague were not heard at the last Court

I am

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Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

4 June [1829]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 28 Feby & 11 April last & return you many thanks for your kind advice & good wishes for my health, since my visit to Manchester I have not been troubled with any unpleasant [symptoms c.o.] sensations about my liver until last week when from the symptoms which then shewed themselves I was induced to apply to Dr Turner for some assistance and am now taking medicine every other night which will I hope put me to rights shortly, unfortunately I cannot get a saddle horse to please me which prevents my enjoying that exercise every animal I have tried either trips or starts which makes me quite nervous, I am however looking out for another - It would afford me much pleasure were I able to close Miss Johnsons affairs but money is so very scarce that no sale of property can be effected, your directions in respect to Ross & Tonge shall be attended to, I wish you would send out a list of the Judgmts on which you think should be issued to those on which the priority should be kept up by lodging Writs once a year - Hewitt paid me £200 last week, Mitchell who is now Turners clerk recollects the settlement with him previous to your going off and I have requested him to give me the particulars in writing. I delivered your message to Mr Bayley & he has promised to give me the book you allude to - The Arrow root has at length been shipped from Blk River p Volusia Captn Russell addressed to Messrs Davidson & Co as Cannisters could not be procured it has been put up in a large jar contg 25lbs, the vessel is by this time far advanced on her voyage, the Captn would not give a receipt but is I understand a very correct man. You will doubtless ere this have heard of the sudden death of John Millward, by his will he has left you his Excr and also his Gold watch

chain & seal, but as he has not left any property of course it will not be proved, I have sent a list of such debts as have been made known to me to his Mother, with the exception of yours they are very trifling, he has a large family who are quite destitute, to them he had bequeathed everything, as soon as his Mother informs me of her intentions I will let you know what you may expect in the mean time you can favor me with such instructions as you may deem proper Dr Brodbelt returns to England. I regret that nothing can be done for Miss Graham but through the Court of Chy to make the Children of S Laing contribute from the Legacies bequeathed to them towards the payment of Miss Jacksons debts. Ross & Tonge have sent in their a/cs for last year £6.6.8 for Miss Graham and £112.9.10½ [against c.o.] for business done for you which I must look into - Dr Coward has paid me the balance of his 1 bond £124:16. R Vaz²⁵⁹ £10 E A Valentine £16.13.4 E Burke²⁶⁰ £10.13.4 D Saa²⁶¹ full note & Int £80.3/4 M McDermott²⁶² full note & Int £37.6.8
9th I now enclose the 1 of my bills on Fuller & Co of London for £350 Sg pm. 2.5 & stps 5/. Cy 600.10 : respects to Lady C

I am

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Fuller & Co London
Dr Sirs

9 June [1829]

I have now to advise you that I have this day drawn a bill of Exchg on you on a/c of my Brother for £350 Sg which will I trust be duly honoured

I am

dup 6 July p Leveret

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W Bayly Esq Weston Hall near Ixworth Suffolk

4 July [1829]

Mr Hill read to me that part of your letter to him which related to the balance of my Bills for stating your a/cs as Recr in Stewart vs Bayly and at his suggestion I have drawn a Bill on you at 90ds st in favor of R Hawthorn Esq for £27.19.1 Stg equal with the current prem: of 20 p Ct to £46.19.3 Cy as p annexed statement & which I trust will be duly honoured & close this long pending matter

Hope your health is improved by the change of climate & that Mrs Bayly & your family enjoy that happiness also

I am

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Messrs Innes Alves & Steele
Dr Sirs

6 July [1829]

I am glad to learn from your favor of the 6th May that the Star had arrived and have no doubt but the full qty of pimento will be found on board, it certainly is matter of surprize to me that the buyers of that article should prefer it being shipped in bags instead of barrels as I am convinced the flavour must be better preserved in the latter than in the former, had you pointed out the cause of the inferiority in the quality it would have enabled me to urge the attention of the Overseer to it in future & thereby prevent any depreciation in price

By this opportunity I have written to my friend Mr R Hawthorn to settle with you for the European Magazine paid for by Messrs T Spencer & Co that the sum charged was paid by them I never doubted, but never having been favored with any particulars of the a/c I am unable to ascertain whether I ever received all the numbers, they were very irregularly sent & once I had to

pay 20/0sd Cy for the postage of one from Morant Bay, Your application first conveyed to me the knowledge of such a claim, I never heard from Messrs T Spencer & Co on the subject neither did they ever drop me a line in reply to my letter authorizing them to close my a/c with my Brother I do not therefore think that I ought now to be called upon to pay Int on what would long since have been paid had I been aware of such a demand being in existence against me, as some were charged in a previous a/c

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq

6 July [1829]

My Dr Sir

I have duly recd your favor of the 4 May last annexed to your a/cs Ct with as admor of H N Tuming decd & myself individually both of which appear to be perfectly correct

Messrs Innes Alves & Steele have applied to me for payment of £4.12.6 due to the former firm of Thomas Spencer & Co as undermentioned, of which I had no knowledge until the receipt of their letter of 5 Nov 1828, the magazines were sent so irregularly that I was obliged to discontinue them & I imagined that the sum already charged to me had included the whole number that I recd, had such a claim however been sooner notified to me it would have been immediately settled & I therefore do object to the charge of Int for so many years as Messrs T Spencer & Co never replied to my last letter authorizing my Brother to close my a/c with them

I have sent two small parcels p Shands for my Brother addressed to you, let them remain at your Counting house until he comes to town

Enclosed I send you the first of my Bills on W Bayly Esq for £27.19.1 sg to be placed to my credit when paid also 2 of A M Raes on Messrs Mitchells for £260.16.5 Sg on a/c of Dare

I am

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Mrs Millward

6 July [1829]

My Dr Madam

After being so much deceived by Mr Mendes last year I am almost afraid

£9000 Cy Deeds penning sign 2 o Clock Deed of Confirmation Bond of Indemnity

p Avon Cap Maplin Blk River Jar 22 lbs Arrow root shipped p Miss Bacon for Mrs Tomlinson

I am

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Sir M B Clare

[Not dated 6 July 1829]

Jud Ct Miss Brammer²⁶³ benefit 2 orders to prevent you participating on judgments ord Levy &

Davy p affdvt J March²⁶⁴ E B A Levy²⁶⁵ a/c not charged by you hope to draw on Wades - J S

Geoghyan²⁶⁶ answers Afid to sue for monies recd from payable, Mrs Hocker enclosed Bill £5 Stg

Duany House in Trust to pay. Brodbelt Vidal & yourself - Bayley recd a/c book Taws Land

Enclosed 2 bills Exchge on S B Harrison £17.10.0 Stg pm 20 p Ct 29/8 - 2nd on Fullers £350 Stg

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Mrs Millward

3 Aug [1829]

My Dr Madam

Although some weeks have elapsed since I last wrote to you the proposed Sale of Mount Pleasant

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is not yet completed, the delay is shameful & I am particularly annoyed at it, Mr Mendes appears to be as anxious as I am for its completion but we cannot get the Deeds from the Lawyers, It is now discovered that you as Exix cannot convey by Atty, the Title must therefore be sent to England to be executed by yourself & daughters, had your power been a General one to act for you in every other respect as well as the representative of Mr Millward that delay & expense might have been avoided your daughters have been made parties in order to prevent the necessity of the purchaser seeing to the investment of the purchase money under the terms of the Will - When the Deeds are sent I shall point out to you more fully the nature of them but until they are approved of by all parties, it is useless my looking at them, I need hardly urge the propriety of their being immediately attended to & returned as early as possible, indeed by the very first opportunity as I shall not consider myself authorized to remit any part of the money until I am enabled to give a proper title I beg you will thank Mr Allen for his favor by the last Pkt, the house I am sorry to add is still without a Tenant & Dr Dawson has not yet paid any part of the balance stated to be due from him, I have drawn out my a/c which I had intended to have forwarded by this opportunity but wish to settle finally with the Tradesmen for the late repairs first it will shew that I have no funds to remit but that I have appropriated everything that I have said &c

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

8 Aug [1829]

Your observations in respect to the Int on the Arrears due Mrs Weekes as stated in your favor of 3 June are perfectly just in my humble opinion but I much fear are not agreeable to Law or the practice established on that point it would however be worthwhile to take the opinion of the Court at home upon a full statement of the different circumstances you have mentioned, although it was decided in the Cause of Anglin v Blacke on Appeal at the Cockpit²⁶⁷ that an annuity in lieu of Dower could not bear Int, it is one of the grounds urged by Mr Palmer for instituting his new suit to rescind the order entd up here allowing Mrs Weekes Int on her arrears the Master J Gayleard²⁶⁸ did not allow any in his report, Mr Palmer being dead it strikes me that all parties will be anxious to come to an amicable arrangement & it may be as well to ascertain the expectations of Mrs Weekes & her family in case of any proposition being made here Enclosrs I send the 2 first of W Millers bills of Exchge on you in favr of Mrs Weekes for £600 Stg @ of which I will thank you to advise her as I have not got her present address I also forward the 2 - 2nd of W Heaths bills on C E Bernard jun of Bristol for £600 Sg @ the first of which were forwarded to you by Mr Miller by last Pkt as he recd them too late to hand over to me in time for that opportunity - 20 p Ct prem: has been allowed on both & I have granted receipts for £2017.11.8 Cy to each of those Gents on a/c of the arrears of these Bills £2280 Sg should be placed to Mrs Weekes credit & £120 to mine

I now enclose the 2 of my bills on W Bayly Esq for £27.19.1 Sg & the 1 of W Millers on yourself for £295.7.11 Sg to be placed to my credit

Kerr & Jarrett

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

7 Sept [1829]

I am in the receipt of your favor of 2 & 18 July last. The Atty of Mr Phillpotts is preparing a petn. for the next Court in respect of the balance reported to be due from Mr Palmer, the heads of which I will forward as soon as it is filed

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Enclosed you will receive the 2nd of W Millers 3 Sets of Exchge on you for £600 & £600 in favor of Mrs Weekes & £295.7.11 in my favor

I am

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Mrs Millward

Sp. Town 18 Aug 1829

My Dear Madam

I am favd with your letter of 2 July last & shall not fail to communicate to Miss Cole and Miss Martin your message to them, Mr Allen was kind enough to convey to me your request that I would settle the outstanding a/cs against your son which I had alluded to but I shall await your reply to my letter detailing the particulars of them before I do so

I have now the satisfaction of informing you of the conclusion of the arrangement with Mr Mendes for the purchase of Mount Pleasant Plantat Lands Slaves Cattle Stock & premises for the sum of £9000 Cy and that on the 14 Inst I went up & put him in possession of the same, the price formerly fixed upon was £9400 but I was to make him an allowance for 3 Negroes belonging to your daughter & for some horse kind which had been sold subsequently to his taking a list of them so that it would have been reduced to much the same sum as I have now sold it for, of this £5000 was to be pd down in Cash & the balance secured by Bonds of £1000 Cy each payable 14 Aug 1831 1832 1833 & 1834, the latter he has executed & they are now in my possession, he had given me £1050 in Cash and I hold W Jacksons (of Old Harbour) Notes for £3950 pble on demand with Int, as the money was in his hands I thought it best to let it remain there until the Deeds are returned & the whole matter concluded as I am not authorized to part with it until then

7 Sept. I have now to call your attention to the accompanying papers. No 1 is an Abstract of the Agreement entd into & executed by the several parties in this Country & is sent for your information that yourself & family may be fully acquainted with every particular _ no 2 is the draft of the Conveyance of Mount Pleasant &c to be engrossed on the proper stamps & executed by yourself, Daughters, & husband of the latter they are made parties to prevent the necessity of the purchaser seeing that the purchase money is invested under the terms of your husbands Will _ no 3 is the dft of a General power of Atty from you to authorize my granting a defeazance for payment of the balce of the purchase money & to execute Titles for any of the Negroes Mr Mendes may wish to dispose of, these have all been perused & approved of by the Solrs of Mr Mendes & should not be altered without their consent - you will of course consult your professional Advisers and urge them to be as expeditious as possible that the money may be remitted without delay, I should have been glad to have saved you this trouble but it was only lately discovered that your Atties could not grant a Title as your Power was only in the capacity of Exex On making out the triennial returns of the Negroes on Mount Pleasant &c & comparing them with the list of those sold I find the names of Joan & Wm Aldred²⁶⁹ in the latter which were given in as belonging to your 2 daughters, this cannot make any difference & I only mention it now that they may be aware of the Sale of these negroes _ If the parties claiming after your decease with the money to be remitted or invested in any particular way so as to preserve their rights I beg you will obtain their directions to me in writing, I am not aware of any other point to which it is necessary to call your attention, as the papers will speak for themselves. Until last week I had imagined that Duncan had been looking after your negroes about this town, but it appears he has not, I therefore sent for them Sue & Bathsheba²⁷⁰ came & I desired them to pay wages until I could ascertain from you what sum was expected for their purchase which I will thank you to name as well as for each of the others which I shall look after, these two had of course been long very ill and almost dead, they had not seen Jack or Tom & could not give any account of Constantia²⁷¹ or her children

Mr Williams has arranged the a/cs of Mr Reeve & made a balce of £37.15.8 due from him, as there was no proof of any more Coffee having been actually made he did not charge him for any,

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the Crop a/c being sworn to before the weights were correctly ascertained & the Book Keeper having stated in the plantn. book that 15 trs were the whole Crop

I have at length effected a settlement of the amot due by Davidson & Co to the firm of Millward & Harrison for Costs in Davidson vs Marshall & enclosed forward Colin Mackenzies bill of Exchg in my favor on Davidson Barkly & Co for £880.14.4 Stg equal with prem: @ 21 p Ct & Stps 15/ to £1492.13.9 Cy, the remaining debts due to that firm are not very large and mostly very doubtful, something may be expected from some of them I am now settling the Contingent a/cs agt M Pleasant & when completed will transmit my a/cs to the latest period

Herewith I beg leave to forward my a/c with your Daughter Mrs Allen made up to this date on which there is a balce. of £3.9.10½ due to me Dr Dawson promises a payment by next Pkt, the amt due from him is £134.0.9 Cy there is something due for Kitty's wages also, she is again in the family way & unwilling to do anything even to look after the house which is still empty I fear I shall be obliged to lower the rent Billy & Anna²⁷² (with her son George) are now in town hiring out but I much fear they will be very troublesome Frances is with Duncan her wages unpaid I sent an extract from your letter to Miss Cole and to Miss Martin the reply of the same as enclosed the latter was to have called upon me

Having gone through the several points of business I shall be most anxious to learn your opinion upon the measures I have adopted - I have done the best I could and the sale of Mt Pleasant is generally considered here to be a very good one and will I trust be so viewed by your family I beg to add my kind regards to Mrs Allen and her Children

I am &c

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Mrs Millward

12 Octr 1829

My Dr Madam

By the last Pkt I forwarded the several papers relating to the sale of Mount Pleasant which I hope you received safe, I have since been applied to to [sic] join in the sale for Manumission of an elderly woman named Becky alias Louisa Brodbelt for £45 Cy which I have agreed to & that sum is now deposited in my house until a power comes out to enable me to execute the proper papers, it is at the instance of John Brodbelt - the head driver formerly who purchased his manumission, this & the £1050 recd in Cash from Mr Mendes I am now about to remit in Bills at 20 p Ct Prem: to await your determination- they go to my friend R. Hawthorn of London,

As I do not know the names of your negroes working about the town I shall be obliged by your sending me a list of them with the sum you require set opposite to their names _ Jack & Tom have since made their appearance & recd papers from me to hire out Mrs Allen should do the same but I have no power to execute any deed from her

Dr Dawson paid me on Saturday £54 Cy on a/c of the rent due by him

Enclosed I send the 2nd of C Mackenzie's bills on Davidson Barkly & Co. of London for £880.14.4 Stg in full of an a/c due by the latter to Millward & Harrison -

&c

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To Sir M B Clare

S. Tow. 12 Octr 1829

My Dr Sir

Your favor of the 1 July last I duly received, Mrs Alexander sent for me some weeks back to prepare her return under the Registry Act when she put into my hands the memorandum of a/cs due by her to Clare & Turner & Coward which she thinks ought to be arranged by you as you promised to leave her clear, they are 1826 £47.19.2 & 1827 £26.10 = £74.9.2 _ I have sold the piece of Land

at the back of your house to Deleon Thompson for £100 & he offers £200 for the land & Houses in the Street leading to Old Harbour, money's so scarce that a sale can hardly be effected of anything _ Let me know what I am to do with the Watch Chain & Seal bequeathed to you by John Millward you are aware that nothing is to be expected from his Estate I applied to Mr Lunan²⁷³ for a copy of the last Volume of the Journals for you but he informed me that the Members of the Council are not entitled to them, it may be purchased for £7 I think - J Hanson & his wife have executed a Conveyce in Trust of Saltpond Pen & Slaves to Mr Blair²⁷⁴ of St John & S B Hylton in which most of his Credits have joined & granted him 10 yrs to pay their several demands that is they are for the first 3 years to receive their annual interest & every year after the Surplus net proceeds are to be divided amongst them pare passu without noticing priority, during the said term £500 Cy p an: is to be paid to himself & family, I hope you will approve of my signing it on your behalf _ Ireland Lady C

Enclosed I send you the first of E Ecuyers²⁷⁵ bills on S B Harrison for £17.10 Stg at 20 p Ct prem = Cy - £29.8

16th. I came over to Kingston this morning & was in hopes of being able to procure a bill for the balance in my hands but the Merchants had mostly closed their letters the Pkt having been expected to sail last Tuesday, I have however procured the enclosed bill of Hatch n Scott on C Lawrence²⁷⁶ & Sons of Lpool pble in London for £233.10 Stg equal with prem @ 21 p Ct & stps to £395.18.5 Cy - Enclosed I send you my a/c with the Estate of E G Johnson & yourself to the present time which I hope you will find correct & acknowledge when examined balc due to you £131.9.1 Cy which I will remit next Pkt with any monies I may receive in the mean time

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp T Octr. 1829

My Dr Sir

Annexed I send you a copy of the prayer of Mr Phillpotts petition In Palmers vs Mountague _ Mr Miller having been absent from Trelawny was not served in time to answer it for the last Court it therefore stands over until January which will enable his Solicitors to prepare a more correct & particular answer than they could in the short time usually allowed for such purpose, Mr Heath was prevented returning his affidavit in consequence of severe illness

Enclosed I sent you the first of D Finlayson & Marshalls two sets of Exchge on Sir W Curtis²⁷⁷ Robarts & Curtis of London in favor of D Finlayson junr²⁷⁸ for £500 & £150 Stg which I must request of you to get accepted and to retain them or the amount when paid until I am enabled to point out what is to be done in respect of them, they are part of a Sale I lately effected of a property in this Country but as the Deeds are obliged to be sent home to be executed I am prevented from remitting them to the parties until the Title is returned completed by Mrs Millward & her daughters

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R Hawthorn Esq

16 Nov 1829

My Dr Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of 2 & 17 Sept last and am obliged by your friendly hint - had I applied to Mr Heath for the bills he sent to Mr Miller I have no doubt but he would have replied that Mrs Weekes Annuity was not then due & that it was too early to draw as not having ascertained the amount he might have to pay for Contingencies he could not form any judgment of the balance that would be applicable to her claim, he has since written to me that it was his intention to have drawn for a further sum, but that in consequence of the price of Sugars having fallen he was afraid to do so until he recd the a/c Sale, I certainly intended to have addressed both

Recers previous to the sailing of the following Pkt: I shall be glad to learn that Mrs Weekes has consented to your crediting me with the amount of my Commn, if not I must deduct it from any subsequent payment I may receive on her a/c

I do not believe that you are in any way interested in any business under the management of Mr Heath, but should you be so I would wish to give you a private hint that his conduct excites much surprise amongst those who have transactions with him

Enclosed I send you the 2 of D Finlayson & J Marshalls²⁷⁹ two sets Exchge on Sir W Curtis Robarts & Co for £500 V 160 Stg

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

21 Decr. 1829

I am favord with your letters of 19 Oct & 5 Novr last & thank you for the several articles shipped on my a/c p Sarah which have arrived in very good order but much later than I could have wished, which I put to the account of my lazy brother one Keg is not yet come to hand

The Deed you sent has been recorded & herewith is a memorandum of the expense of stamping &c by Mr Herbert Jarrett²⁸⁰ who goes to England in this pkt I have recd the original as you requested and by him I have sent a Watch & Seal for my son Rhodes and some of my hair for my daughter Eliza addressed to you as it is uncertain when my Brother may go up to town, I have to request that you will take off the seal & send the Watch to be thoroughly repaired when you can send it with the seal taken to my son wherever he may be & the hair to be put into a neat broach & forwarded to my daughter wherever she may be

The will of Mrs James²⁸¹ is on record by which her son John Haughton James & Simon H. Clarke were appointed Exors but it does not appear that either of them ever qualified as Thos Reid returned an Inventory of her personal Estate 13 Nov 1800 as Admor your suggestion shall be attended to, indeed I am a stranger to all the family & therefore not likely to have any communication with them

I thank you for obtaining Mrs Weekes consent to the transfer of the amt of my Commn to the credit of my a/c with you

You will doubtless have heard of Mr Phillpotts's departure from England he arrived here in the last Pkt, & has proposed an amicable arrangement of the balance reputed to be due from Palmers Estate & pble by him as his surety. Mr Myers²⁸² Mrs Weekes's Solicitor will look into the Proceedings and advise what he may consider most for her interest Mr P is fearful that the decision here will be against him in which case he will not only appeal on this point but will carry on the Appeal now pending which seeks to reverse the Decree allowing an Int on her Annty, the assignment from her to Mountagues must be looked into to see what Covenants it contains on her part & how far she may be a sufferer in case it should be reversed which on that point it most probably will be, the proposition was made too late last week to allow of the matter being properly attended to in time for this opportunity but I shall urge Myers to look into it at once if the holiday folks do not prevent him attending to business for they make a most hideous noise & clamour

Mr Jarrett's intention of returning to England in this pkt has been formed in consequence of a melancholy & fatal accident which has lately befallen his much respected & ever to be lamented father²⁸³ whose death on the 8 Inst was occasioned by the rope of his hammock giving way by which he fell heavily on the ground & injured his spine, for a day or two no injury was expected as he appeared to be tolerably well but it brought on Diarrhrea which carried him off rapidly Kerr is laid up with Dysentery which is prevalent in Trelawny

Wishing yourself & family many happy returns of the Season

I am &c

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less 20 p Ct prem	10.10.5

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

S.T. 4 Jany 1830

Prefixed I beg leave to forward a copy of Mr Phillpotts proposition to Mr Miller & of the latters letter to me accompanying it as I am not certain whether he will acquaint you with the particulars himself I have replied that having already overruled Mr Phillpotts objections to my Report upon the several points submitted by him in that Statement I could not interfere further but that Mr Myers Mrs Weekes Solicitor would overlook his Petn. as well as his proposition & a direction how to act _ My opinion is against Mr Phillpotts upon the grand point, as the other hinges upon it; that he is liable for any balce that remained or was in Mr Palmers hands at the time of his becoming his Surety, for such are the words of his Recognizance, the only point to be considered is the policy of submitting to a Compromise & accepting of the terms offered by [c.o. him] Mr Phillpotts, Mr Myers has not yet been able to overlook the papers & give his opinion but in case the matter should be brought before the Court here Mr Heath Mountagues Atty is favourable to Mr Phillpotts so that Mrs Weekes would be the only party to contest it & prosecute or Defend the Appeal at home as the case may be decided here and Mr Phillpotts thrown out that should it be determined against him he will not only Appeal on this question but also Defend Mountagues Appeal from the Decree pronounced by the Duke of Manchester on the Hearing of Mr Palmers Bill in respect to the Int allowed on the Arrears of Mrs Weekes' Annty & the other points brought before the Court & Myers is decidedly of opinion that it will go against the allowance of Int. I think there is now a favourable opportunity of bringing the whole of this business to a close by the offer of a sum of money to the heir of J R Palmer who cannot expect much for his rights and sell the properties I am surprised that Messrs Mountagues representative does not endeavour to arrange such a settlement & then get rid of a business which every day is getting worse

Enclosed I send you the 1 of E Ecuyers bills on S B Harrison of the Secy Off Customs London in my favor for £17.10 Stg

I am

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Messrs Fuller & Co
Dr Sirs

8 Feby [1830]

I beg leave to advise you of my having drawn as of this date 2 bills of Exchange on you on a/c of my Brother Mr W R James one in favor of Mrs A G Allen for £80 Stg & the other in favor of Mrs A M Millward for £1007.16.9 Sg which I hope will be duly hond.
dup: 15 March

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Mrs Allen

8 Feby 1830

Letter 2 Decr red a/c & balce acknowledged. balce of rent pd by Dawson recd amt. Mrs Galbraith Judgmt TJB share of Office pt to be expended in further repairs to house which leaks in many places - new shingle upstairs refused. only patched, boarded Ceilings of 2 Drawing rooms rotten - now plastered - Stevenson²⁸⁴ tenant from 1 Jany at £180 p ann - high enough now has laid out

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money himself, negro rooms & Out Offices require shingling shortly - houses bad property - 2 Dals to be pd to F Wordies representatives when discovered Kitty²⁸⁵ & Children 6/8 p Wk allowce Hannah²⁸⁶ son about to be sold price not fixed - Hector²⁸⁷ pd 39/7 since May last Colin not paid anything & now in Workhouse until Wages pd. Frances with Duncan no Wages paid, Billy hired to Tommy - Wages paid for sale £53.6.8 8 Dals only offered & Drinks & has a bad leg - different articles written for shall be sent p Kingston to Bristol

Obliged kindness to daughter

Enclosed first of my bills on Fuller & Co for £80 Stg equal pm 22.5 p Ct & stps 5/ to £137.9.6 Cy

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R Hawthorn Er.

8 Feby 1830

My Dr Sir

Your favor of 17 Dec I have duly recd. The sale of the property being now completed on a/c of which I remitted D Finlayson & Marshalls bills for £500 & £150 Stg I have to request that you will hand them or the amount if they should have been paid over to Mrs Millward or her agent on production of my order deducting any expenses or Commissions you may be entitled to. Bills are now very high & if I can meet with a purchaser and discover any safe mode of investment here I may be induced to draw for a part of the balance in your hands, I shall request my brother to advise with you as to the disposal of the sum I have in the 4 per cents

I should think it would be better to sell out at once, as they are above par, rather than take in £100 Cash for the 100 Stock however I leave it to your better judgment to act as you may think proper Mrs Weekes's solicitors are decidedly of opinion that Mr Phillpotts cannot succeed in his application but as he holds out the prospect of bringing the Suit to an immediate & amicable termination, they are disposed to recommend the acceptance of his offer, nothing has however been determined upon Mr Heath waits Mountagues instructions

Enclosed I send you the second of E Ecuyers bills on S B Harrison for £17.10 Stg & I shall be obliged by your forwarding a list of the different articles prepared by Gamble with his prices I have just read an extract from a late London paper wherein it is stated that only $\frac{1}{3}$ of 4 p Cts is to be reduced therefore let my money remain in that fund until another time, annexed I send you a copy of an order I have sent to Mrs Millward to receive the bills remitted on her a/c

I am

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Robt Hawthorn Esq London

Copy

Sp Town 8 Feb 1830

Please to deliver to the order of Mrs A M Millward Messrs D Finlayson & Marshalls 2 bills of Exch on Sir Wm Curtis & Co of London for £500 & £150 Stg remitted to you 12 Oct last or in the event of the same having been paid to you please pay the amount to their order [c.o. of] deducting any Expences or Commn you may have pd or are entitled to & oblige &c

Dup - 15 March 1830

9 Feby

P.S. The accompanying copy of an agreement between Mr Phillpotts, Mr Heath, & Mr Knott the representatives of R Mountague Junr & Mr Miller as Mrs Weekes's Atty was shown to me today & I have no doubt Mr M will fully Explain the matter to you, but I send it merely for your information

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The suit cannot be dismissed without providing for the Costs which amt to a very considerable sum & they would be made payable prior to the Arrears of Mrs Weekes's Annties

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Mrs A M Millward

8th Feby 1830

My Dear Madam

Your late favors to the 3 Decr last have all been duly recd as well as the Title to Mount Pleasant and the power of Atty & I am glad to learn that you approve of the sale I have effected, the papers (mortgage &c) are not completed here but Mr Jackson has paid the amount of his note & Int which I shall remit by this opportunity

Mr Penoyres Servant Emily Thomas²⁸⁸ has arrived and called on me last week, she was to see Mr Bayley & let me know whether she required my assistance in obtaining possession of the land left her by her Master, I have settled the different a/cs against your son as you requested and the little furniture he left has been sold for £19.7.1 his books will be sold next week as I have been endeavouring to collect some that he had lent out, but my applications have proved unsuccessful to Miss Martin²⁸⁹ I have paid the 2 Duls as you desired, she is getting very infirm & must be very poorly off, I shall endeavour to sell your negroes but money is very scarce & the inhabitants of this town wretchedly poor, some of them I cannot find out, Jack found his way into Clarendon just before Xmas when he was taken up and put into the Workhouse which saved me the trouble of doing so here as I had intended, the confinement will be of service to him, Tom was nearly going to a similar place but he contrived to raise part of his wages & escaped for a time -

Ham & Cheese good receipt should be taken Captains forgetful - Haughton good health

Enclosed I send you the first of the following Bills of Exchge viz Charles Scott²⁹⁰ & G W Hamiltons²⁹¹ in my favor on the Assees of Keithley & Co of London for £361.7.5. W M Kerr & W Tharps²⁹² on G W S Hibbert & Co in favor of W M Kerr for £638.5.11½ & mine on Fuller & Co in your favor for £1007.16.9. all at 90 ds st at 22½ p Ct prem & annexed is an order on my friend Mr Hawthorn to hand you over the 2 Bills remitted to him in Oct being the monies then pd to me, they were at 20 p Ct

Herewith I also beg leave to forward my several a/cs nos @ 5 which I believe do not require any particular explanation but I shall be happy to forward such as you may deem necessary & will print out the foregoing Bills you will perceive are for the full amt that remained in my hands & I shall be happy to learn that you approve of the correctness of the a/cs

I am

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Rob Hawthorn Esq

13 March [1830]

My Dr Sir

I have recd you favor of 6 Jany last & consider that Mr Miller was right in the objection he made to the introduction into your a/c with him as Recev of the balce due to you by the late Mr Palmer to whose estate you must look for that claim & sue his representative if it should be deemed worth while to do so, and your a/c proved under the City Seal will be sufficient evidence to enable you to recover or establish a Judgmt for the amount, you were then simply the Agent & Correspondent of Mr Palmer individually who had power to Consign the Crops of the Recrship permits to whoever he pleased, you are now the Consignee appd by the Court & although that will not sanction your coming under an advance to the Receivers still there can be no doubt but that you would be indemnified for any trifling sum they might overdraw beyond the actual proceeds of the produce you receive, there is no necessity for your coming under an advance & you would be wrong in doing so with any property in Receivership, the Recr sometimes to put a stop to vexatious proceedings will pay a claim of his own funds when it is sanctioned by an Order of Court but he cannot be compelled to pay beyond what the Estate nets & if it should not net sufficient the Parties must wait until it does or until a sale takes place

Mr Myers is gone to attend the Cornwall Assizes and promised to speak to Mr Miller on the subject of the agreement he entered into with Mr Phillpotts who is also in that quarter, he has laid

before me his a/cs from the period of Mr Palmers death to the appointment of the present Recers by which there appears to be a balance due to him of £569.18 Cy this is altogether distinct from Mr Palmers a/cs or transactions -

Annexed is a duplicate copy of my order to deliver over to Mrs Millward the two Bills for £500 & £150 Stg remitted to you 12 Oct last. I thank you for your kind wishes

I am

PS. Send me by the earliest opportunity The British Almanac for 1830} Knight Pallmall

The Companion to ditto for 1828.29 & 30}

Bickerstath on the Sacrament bound blk or blue morocco

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Mrs Millward

15 March [1830]

My dear Madam

By the last Pkt I forwarded my several a/cs ct & the 1 of the following bills in payment of the balance then in my hands viz C Scott & G W Hamiltons bill on the Assees of Keithley & Co for £361.7.5 Stg W M Kerr & W Tharps on G W S Hibbert & Co for £638.5.11½ & my own on Fuller & Co for £1007.16.9 Stg all at 22½ p Ct the 2nd of which accompany this as well as a Short Deed of Confirmation to be Executed & proved my Mr & Mrs Allen before the Mayor of any City near which they may be residing Mrs A having omitted to acknowledge the Conveyance sent out as by Law required also a Duplicate order on Mr Hawthorn to hand you over the Bills remitted on your a/c in Oct last, I shall be glad to learn that the Bills have been duly honored & that my a/cs are to be correct, the mortgage from Mr Mendes is not completed, I have agreed to sell the whole of the books belonging to your son for £25 as I have only succeeded in obtaining a few of those that were missing

Be kind enough to thank your daughter for the power of Atty she has sent to me to dispose of her negroes, a Deed of Confirmation will however still be required from her being a married woman, hand her the enclosed 2nd bill for £80 Stg drawn by me on Fuller & Co & mention to her that I have been obliged to consent to new shingle the upstairs part of her house which every time they patched it leaked in a fresh place in consequence it is supposed of the old shingles being so rotten that they broke by the treading on them by the Carpenters

It may be possible one of these days to pass away the Bonds of Mrs Mendes let me know if I may consider myself authorized to do so on receiving the amount before they become due

I return thanks for kind wishes

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R Hawthorn Esq

S.T. 19 April 1830

My Dr Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 19 Jany 20 Feby/2/. 25 Feb & 4 March last. The Telescope and Epaulets I have recd safe and am much obliged to you for your attention to these trifling last at the same time troublesome matters, in future I shall avail myself of your friendly offer instead of troubling my Brother who is getting more indolent & inattentive than is pleasant or agreeable

The Accts brought by the last Packet of the state of my 2 son Herberts²⁹³ health leave no ground for hope or expectation of his recovery and as he may require additional attendance & comforts I must request of you at your convenience to remit to Mrs James at Dawlish £30 to meet such expenses, I am also indebted to my Mother for a negro belonging to her which I lately sold & shall be obliged by your remitting to her £50 Stg. I shall attend to your hint respecting the purchase of Bills

A copy of your letter of 20 feby & an extract from your last of 4 March have been given to Mess Lynch Myers &c Mrs Weekes's Solicitors who have forwarded the same to Mr Miller for his information and guidance together with Mr Myers's opinion on the subject, which is against the arrangement, however I am almost afraid that Mr Miller has gone too far to retract, he is now in St Mary & has not replied to Mr Myers's communication Mr Phillpotts cannot be compelled to give Security for the Costs of an Appeal or other proceeding, the Lords in Council frequently fix a sum to be paid by the party against whom they decide. A Copy of the Deed of Assignment from Mrs Weekes to Mountague I have forwarded by my friend Mr Dare who sailed from Kingston on Saturday in the Tulloch Castle for London. J R Palmers Will is not recorded neither do I believe it to have been sent out to this Country, the Marriage Settlement executed Since has been found and Mr Phillpotts told me when he was last in town that he was then going to record it which however he has not yet done _ I will send you a copy as soon as I can obtain a sight of it
I am

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Messrs Alves & Steele London
Dr Sirs

10 May 1830

I have been duly favord with your letters of 8th Jany & 18 March last & observe the sales you have effected of the Mount Pleasant Coffee and as that article is now of so little value I think it fortunate that I have been enabled to dispose of that property for £9000 Cy which is considered a good sale, notwithstanding Mr Millward in his lifetime refused to take less than £20,000 for it
I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

10 May 1830

Your favors of the 18 March last came to hand on the 6 Inst & agreeable to your request I now forward enclosed copies of Mr Suttons²⁹⁴ and Mrs Minots wills - when in Kingston on Friday I heard read a part of Counsels opinion taken in this Country on the former from which it would appear that your nieces have no interest in Passley Garden²⁹⁵ until the death of Mrs Cargill²⁹⁶ - how far that construction may be correct I will not take upon myself to say, no person has as yet Administered upon Mr J S Minots²⁹⁷ Estate neither do I believe [c.o. that] any person will come forward of his own accord, his brother George Minot is at present in possession of his property

You do not appear to be aware that by Deed of 26 Sept 1800 Mr Minot agreed to give Mrs Cargill £450 Cy p annum in lieu of her moiety of the rents and profits of Passley Garden Estate with this arrangement he did not comply, when she filed a bill & petn in the Court of Chancery & under the latter Mr J S Minot was appointed Recr of that Estate & continued in that capacity until his death on the 11 Nov 1828 I reported that there was then due to Mrs Cargill for arrears of such Annty £6905 &c Cy which Mr M being totally unable to pay Conveyed in trust to be sold at the expiration of 2 years, a house &c at Titchfield²⁹⁸ for the purpose of liquidating a part of her claim & promised to make an annual shipment of the produce for the same purpose, the original agreement had terminated by the death of Mr Minot & Mrs Cargill can only now claim a moiety of the rents and profits as originally intended the other moiety is pble, ½ hlf to Mr Minots personal representative to be applied in payment of his debts according to priority including the above sum to Mrs Cargill, & the other half to Mrs Richards representative during the life of Mrs C - this last Conveyce of the house at Titchfield not having been signed by your sister she will be entitled to her Dower or ⅓ of the purchase money when the property is sold, 2 yrs are fixed on the period at which it might be sold as it would now fetch £300 Cy but as it joins the Barracks at Port Antonio it was expected that

Government might purchase it in which event £2000 would be required for it. I have had some conversation with Mr Robert Cargill²⁹⁹ on this subject he informed me that a Petn for a new Recer is filed for the approaching Court & the son of Mr Jn Cargill is to be appd, this I shall not oppose as it will dispose of Mr G Minot & keep at bay any of the Credrs of Mr J S Minot who may feel disposed to harrass his Estate Mr R C is aware [c.o. of] that there are other negroes on Passley Garden besides those belonging to Mr J S Minot but did not know of the [c.o. Cattle] stock belonging [c.o. to Mrs Minot &] your nieces, in the receivership order provision will be made for the hire of the negroes and an inquiry directed as to the Stock, he thinks that your plan of throwing it up as a Sugar Estate will be approved of

J R Pallmers marriage Settlement has been found on record of which I sent you a docket - the Legacies which Mr Phillpott as his Admor undertook to assign have many years since been assigned to Mountagues to secure a sum of money they had advanced to him previous to his coming out to this Country so that he cannot now fulfill his part of the agreement, of this Mr Miller was informed only by last post he has not noticed the contents of your letters but I imagine that you will hear from him on the subject
I am

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Mr W Webb Angel Court Throgmorton Street London S Town 9 June 1830
Sir

I beg leave to advise you that by direction of Mrs Penoyre I have drawn a bill of Exchange on you at 30 ds st in favor of Mr Herbert J James for £36 Stg that is half yrs Annty under the will of Mr Penoyre to 20 April last lest deducted for duty - say:

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half yrs allowce to same date from Mrs Penoyre	<u>20</u>
Sterg	36

any difference there may be in the duty on my Annty can be rectified in my next draft upon your informing me of the particulars of which I am totally ignorant,

The amount I have recd from Mr James is Jama Cuncy 50.8

& the Current Prem of 22½ p Ct sent on bills	<u>11.6.9½</u>
paid to one in Cash	£ 61.14.9½

I am with great respect &c

Signed Emily Thomas

PS I have enclosed a receipt for the 6 monthly annty under the will of Mr Penoyre, as you may require a Voucher/separate/for that amount

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J Tait junr Abercromby Place Edinburgh Sp Town 12 June 1830
Dr Sir

Altho' I have been for some time silent yet I have not been inattentive to the concerns of the late A Edgar, Finding that there was no prospect of Mr Rose being taken under the attachment against him in the Court of Chy I applied for & obtained the appointment of Assee of his Insolvent Estate in the room of his deceased son, & requested my friend Mr W M Kerr of Trelawny to obtain possession of the negroes returned in his Schedule, but Mr Rose preferred delivering them up to the D M on a writ issued on a Judgmt against him at the suit of his son & who refused to deliver them up unless I pay for their maintenance which I object to as Mr Rose was well aware of my appointment Mr Kerr having previously made his application to him for them under my authority, the question will be determined in the course of a few days by the Grand Court which is now sitting, Mr Kerr has seen the negroes & sent me a list & valuation Viz

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Cuffee old 20 } 3 are dead - Cupid Simon & Susan
 Jupiter old 20 } Mr Kerr considers them unsaleable
 Rodney old 20 }
 Sally old 10 }
 Total £70

John old 20
 William able 120 said to be occasionally deranged}
 Thomas boy 40 } In these Mr Rose has only a
 Louisa old 20 } life Estate
 Nancy old 30 troubled with pains }
 Bess old 30 } a woman named Clara has been
 Rosaline young 100 } sold for Taxes
 Cliona Blind 0
 Eliza Mulatto Child 20
 £380

Thus after pursuing this matter for so many years it turns out that the Negroes are almost useless & had I been aware of it I would not certainly have taken so much trouble for nothing in Sept 1826 Mr Rose wrote to me that they had been sold by his Assee/ his son/ for £800 the purchasers name was not mentioned but I imagine he was as himself the purchaser, no title appears to have been executed & therefore he was afraid to urge such a fraudulent transaction on my demanding the possession of them I shall direct a sale of the Survrs of the first parcel as early as possible after they are delivered up, the others must I fancy be hired out as Mr Rose being an old man, his life Estate is not worth much

On application I learn that the only debt due to Mr Greens³⁰⁰ Estate from which anything is to be expected is a demand against the Estate of the late Mr Stogdon,³⁰¹ the principle of which is

Cy 27723 &c
 Int - 26614 &c
 54337
 Costs 4000
 58337

It is disputed and is I believe now before the Lords of Appeal in England another claimant against Stogdons Estate in order to get rid of this claim which interferes with him has offered £10000 Cy for an assignment of it & proposes to pay the Costs as well as the Commn due to the Admor of Mr Green's Estate but whether this proposition will be acceded to or not I have been unable to ascertain

I have now given you all the information I am possessed of & hope it may prove satisfactory under all the circumstances I have detailed

I am

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Mrs Millward
 My Dr Madam

Sp. Town 14 June 1830

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 4 Febr & 5 May last, I sent for Bathsheba & Susannah the latter came & I told her the price you had fixed, the former I have not seen for some time - Thomas Browns³⁰² Manumission cannot be found but I do not think any person would trouble him if he returned to this Country

I am happy to learn that the several bills of Exchg which I forwarded to you in payment of Mt Pleasant have all been accepted and that you have recd from Mr Hawthorn the amount of the 2 Bills which I had previously remitted to him, it is also very satisfactory to learn that my a/cs are

approved of as being correct, should an opportunity offer of turning Mr Mendes's Bonds into Cash it shall be taken advantage of as you direct & the amount remitted

Emily Thomas shewed me a letter from her Mistress Mrs Penoyre³⁰³ advising her to apply to me for assistance in drawing for her Annuity &c under Mr Penoyre's will & her allowance of £40 p annum and I gave her Cash for 6 months to 20 April last and Enclosed I beg leave to forward her Bill on Mr Webb for £36 Sg equal with prem @ 22.5 p Ct to £61.14.9h Cy with the particulars of which I have furnished Mr Webb & advise him of the Bill which I hope will be duly honored - Enclosed I also send a bill of lading for 2 brls of Sugar 1 brl Coffee 1 brl Shaddocks³⁰⁴ & 1 case if Sweetmeats for your daughter also 1 Case Cashew nuts from Miss Cole³⁰⁵ & 1 Case sweetmeats of which I beg your acceptance, shipped p Prss Charlotte Captn Pike for Bristol a small box of Sweetmeats for my Children is also included which I shall be obliged by your requesting your friend to send to my Mother Chapel Row Hotwells - I hope they will arrive safe. I much fear the shaddocks will not keep so long altho' I took ever precaution that was recommended for their preservation

Ex _ Mrs Allen sickness - letters Grand Children to Aunt Brown Mrs Dickson unfortunate expired child _ thanks for wishes for health - regards Mr & Mrs A - remembrances Children - &c

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

Sp. Town 14 June 1830

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 8th & 20 & 22 April & 5 May last and am extremely sorry to learn of your family loss as I was not before aware of the bad state of your sisters health³⁰⁶

Mrs Millward has acknowledged the receipt of the bills lodged in your hands & I am obliged by your attention to my request

The question of Costs in the Suit of Palmer vs Mountague "has never been brought before the Court, but the Solicitors are now very anxious to obtain orders on the Recers for the payment of their several bills, these you had better instruct Mr Miller to resist should they apply to the Court, annexed I send you a copy of the Order entered up last week on the arrangement entered into between Mr Phillpotts Mr Heath Mr Knott & Mr Miller it was altogether disapproved of by Mr Myers. Mr Phillpotts informs me that Mr Jenkins of Pembroke is the heir of J R Palmer, there is a person [c.o. here] in this Country who lately came out with the intention of urging his claims as heir but he was advised to keep himself quiet or he would be made a party to the suit now pending and he has since turned Book Keeper_ Mr Phillpotts returns to England in the present packet

I feel much gratified by the confidence you are disposed to place in me & would cheerfully accede to your wishes of administering upon your sisters Estate were I not the Master in the Cause relating to Passley Garden in which capacity I shall have to inquire what negroes are upon the property and to whom they belong, it is some distance from this town and in a parish to which I have never yet been, I would therefore recommend it as most beneficial to the interests of your nieces to nominate some respectable planter residing in the immediate neighbourhood of the property who would take out letters of administration on your Sisters Estate and letters of Guardianship of you nieces Mr J S Minot not having left a Will or made any appointment of Guardian of his Children³⁰⁷ The negroes cannot be sold until they come of age but may be leased out as you suggest until they attain 21, there will be some difficulty I fear in establishing their claim to the Stock but it shall not be lost sight of, the furniture books &c claimed by your Sister belong to her husbands Estate and as such will be taken by his Creditors - As Passley Garden will most probably in a very short time fall to your nieces would it not be adviseable to allow the negroes & stock to remain there particularly the latter as it is your wish & intention to turn it into a pen? but your instructions shall be strictly attended to. The Petition for a Receiver was not heard last Court as the Chancellor did not get so

low down in the list

Dare's bill for £500 Sg was handed to his Atties Messrs Duncan & Stevenson & I have since informed them of the arranged payment of it

I much fear that the balance due to you from Palmer must be carried to profit & Loss, a similar point has more than once be decided here and if I mistake not affirmed on appeal

I thank you for my A/C to 30 April last the balance of £1151.10.4 Sg in my favor appears to be perfectly correct and I must find out some mode of investing it. What are the prices of the different American funds in England, their rates of Interest & expences of investing? at your convenience I shall be obliged by your forwarding these particulars to me, it is not my present intention to take the 3½ in lieu of my 4 p Ct Stock therefore a power may as well be sent by a private opportunity, although upon consideration I fancy I must accept the 3½ which I perceive by the papers is above 100 and I suppose that I shall only get £100 Cash for £100 stock but I shall take the time allowed for my determination

As Mr Allens Estate is likely to turn out better than was expected it is proposed to put in suit his Recognizances as surety for J R Palmer for that part of the balance due from the latter for which he is made liable under the present arrangement with Mr Phillpotts

I beg you will accept my thanks for your attention to my different requests if I have time today I shall annex an order for a few articles which I wish to have shipped by the first opportunity for Kingston

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

25 June [1830]

I should not have written by this opportunity had it not been necessary to forward the enclosed 2nd bill of E Thomas on your Correspondent Mr Webb for £36 Stg

It will give me great satisfaction to receive the Deed sent to your Daughter to execute as it will enable me to close this long protracted business of the sale of Mount Pleasant

I shall hope [c.o. to] by the next Pkt to learn of your Daughters restoration to health and my respects to her & to Mr Allen & remembrances to the Children

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Rob Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

28 June [1830]

I have nothing today in addition to my letter of the 14 Inst except that as Mr John Cargill is daily expected in this Island & as you will most probably have arranged with him in respect to you plans about Passley Garden I shall delay adopting any steps until I see him or hear again from you on the subject, upon consulting my legal friends, it does not appear to be necessary to administer on your Sisters Estate but merely to take out letters of Gdnship here of your nieces property, it will only be requisite for you to do so in England in order to indemnify the Guardian for the remittances he may from time to time make - Since commencing this I have recd your favor of the 18 May accompanied by Mr Rennalls Opinion on Mr Suttons will which agrees with that given here, unless Passley Garden is placed in Recrship or rather continued the parties in the possession & management of that property would be continually hassled & annoyed by the Creditors of Mr Minot & no arrangement can consequently be entered into, the Recv might be authorized to let the whole to a responsible Tenant, but I would recommend that the negroes should be suffered to remain on hire to be pd annually previous to Mrs Cargills claim, the Stock to be sold & the amount

remitted, however I will converse with Mr Cargill on his arrival & do what may be considered most for the interest of your nieces as no arrangement with Mrs Cargill can do away with the rights of Mrs Richards's representative or Mr Minots Credrs

I have applied to Messrs Heath & Miller for payments on a/c of the arrears of Mrs Weekes' annties but they write that the Crops are not yet shipped or the Contingencies ascertained they are not due until August when I shall renew my request

Affixed is a memorandum of a few articles in addition to my former list

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Rob Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town Sept 1830

My Dear Sir

I am in the receipt of your several favors of 2 June 7 & 22 July last Mr Kerr has informed me that 2 of the Falmouth Water Compy³⁰⁸ Shares no 119 & 120 are in the name of your Sister Susan Hawthorn³⁰⁹, he was to have sent me the name of the person who recd the annual dividends that I might have ascertained in whose possession they now are - As I before wrote you, the taking out letters of Grdnship of your nieces in this Country will answer every purpose whereas the Administration on your Sister's Estate will not enable me to take possession of their property & what did belong to her is now theirs and as she has not left any debts the Admn would be an unnecessary expence - I have therefore been advised to apply for the former & as soon as I am duly qualified shall endeavour to bring the parties to some proper understanding in respect to the negroes & stock upon Passley Garden belonging to your nieces Mr G Minot³¹⁰ has been most dangerously ill & was last week at Bath for the benefit of his health, he has proposed a Mr Andrew Watson³¹¹ who resides on the next Estate as Recer in the room of Mr Jasper Cargill who he says is too young & inexperienced but I am unacquainted with him, it appears that the Taxes for the two last years have not been paid but must be provided for out of the Estates means - If the hire of the negroes can be properly secured I would not recommend their removal as they have neither houses or ground except those they now occupy belonging to the Estate & which they would not be allowed to use if removed. I should be unwilling to consent to any alteration in the cultivation of Passley Garden during the life of Mrs Cargill and the Recer would not be justified in doing so without having first obtained the sanction of the Court, indeed I think it much for your nieces advantage that the Receivership should continue, the person in possession being obliged to account for his transactions, any mismanagement or improper conduct can easily be detected and brought to light. The Tenant for Life would not attempt to pull down any of the buildings on a property without the consent of those who are to succeed her & which would only be granted upon the terms you mention, my best attention shall be devoted to the protection of the rights and interest of your nieces

I thank you for your promised early shipment of the few articles I sent for as well as for the list of the prices of the Stocks & the 2 numbers of the Paulpry³¹² which I have duly recd I have lately been informed that the Chaise Umbrellas made by Southall & Fossick of Gracechurch Street with a flat joint are the best and in the case the one you have ordered is of a different description I will thank you to Send me another with the flat joint

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R Hawthorn Esq

S T 13 Oct [1830]

My Dr Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of 5 Aug 2 Sept & Dup of 28 Aug last Mr Jasper Cargill has been appointed the Recer of Passley Garden, but there is some difference

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between Mr J Gargill & Mr Geo: Minot in respect to some points in which your Nieces are not interested, In compliance with your wishes I have now entered into Security in the Sum of £2000 Cy as the Guardian of those young Ladies and am now in a situation to assert their rights and when the petition for a Receiver was called on last Court, it was agreed by Mr Cargill that their negroes should be allowed to remain on the property on hire at so much p Cent (10 or 12½) on their valuation, but whether the Cattle will be sold or hired is not yet determined. I will however do my best and so act as if possible to avoid litigation & expence - my wish is to keep the property together until your Nieces become entitled to it outright which I trust may be shortly

I observe what you state in respect to the public Funds and have been under an impression that my letter of 14 June would have conveyed to you my wish for a power to be sent out authorizing the Sale of my 4 p Ct Stock it may still be sent as should I dissent from the proposed Scheme to whom will the amount be paid? if my signature to the paper sent me will enable you to receive it the power will be unnecessary, but if that will not answer my money will remain in the Bank I presume without Interest until an authority is presented for demanding it

I am aware that there is a very great difference in the quality of Glass and am perfectly satisfied that you have acted with your usual prudence in the selection you have made for me

Messrs Miller & Heath in reply to my applications both write that they are unable to state when or how much they will be enabled to draw for payment of Mrs Weekes's Annuities

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town 2 Nov 1830

My Dr Sir

I have at length obtained from Mr Kerr the requisite information in respect to the Falmouth Water Company Shares of which I Send you above the particulars (H Tyler³¹³ letter to Kerr).

Mr John Cargill came up to this Town last week when I had some conversation with him respecting Passley Garden which he describes as being in a wretched state, the works requiring to be shingled the Copperes reset &c Mrs Cargills object is to get something from the property during her life there are about 40 hhds of sugar on the ground but they cannot be taken off without the assistance of your nieces negroes & stock, the hire of which would probably amount to more than the sugars when made would sell for - added to the other necessary contingencies - Mr Cargill therefore proposes to let the Estate at so much p annum which would be a clear annual sum to Mrs C and I am to sell the stock & [c.o. negroes] get employment for the negroes elsewhere for which purposes I have written to an acquaintance at Port Antonio for his assistance & so soon as any arrangement is in progress you shall be furnished with the particulars, at present it is my wish to let the latter on Lease & Sale, but I understand there are very few persons in the neighbourhood who are able to add to their present establishments, the negroes have not been much looked after and have not had the usual Clothing for 2 years

Most of the Cases p New Phoenix have come to hand, and I have to trouble you with a few observations on some of the articles. The Shades are not only very expensive but they are not of the description I required these are made to stand on a table, but I meant that they should fit into a Candlestick in a similar manner to the Wall Shades - the latter are not wide enough particularly at the bottom - One No 10 is broken I think in the packing for which an allowance should be made, from the wording of the bill of parcels it would appear that there were 12 & 12 but these are only 12 in all I wished to have had 24 sets of brackets that I might remove the shades from one place to another as it was necessary, the preserves should all have had bungs - the Umbrella I have already written about, annexed is a short memorandum to remedy some of the above

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Messrs A S Fuller & Co London

S T 2 Nov 1830

Dr Sirs

I beg leave to advise you of my having drawn a bill of Exchange on you in favor of Sir Michael B Clare for £174.15.7 Sg which please to honour & charge to my Brother W R James

I am

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W Webb Esq Angel Court Throgmorton Street London Spa Town 4 Decr [1830]

Sir

I beg leave to advise you that I have drawn a Bill of Exchge on you at 30 ds st in favor of Mrs A M Millward for £36 Stg as explained in the annexed receipt & which will I hope be duly honored I shall be obliged by your informing me when the payment of the duty will cease I am &c

signed Emily Thomas

£16 6 mos Annty to 20 Oct last less duty 55/-

20 " " Allowance from Mrs Penoyre

36 - - Sterling is Cy £50.8

10.11.7 pm @ 21 p Ct on Bill

60.19.7

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co London

27 Decr [1830]

Dr Sirs

I beg leave to advise you that I have drawn [c.o. a Bill] two sets of Exchge on you under date the 3 Inst at 90 ds st one in favor of Messrs Duncan Dare & Stevenson for £40 Stg & the other in favor of Wm Stevenson³¹⁴ Esq for £300 Sg which please to honour & Charge the same to the account of my Brother Mr W R James

I am

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Mrs A M Millward

27 Decr [1830]

My Dr Madam

Some time has elapsed since I last wrote to you indeed I have nothing to communicate to you at present the Deeds respecting Mount Pleasant not being yet completed, the fault is with Mr Mendes's Solicitor and I must stir him up

Enclosed I send you the first of Emily Thomas's Bills on W Webb for £36 Sg of which I have advised him at 21 p Ct prem

I am sorry to inform you that Tom the Cooper and Jack have both disappeared from this town I had been urging them for their wages & threatened them if payment was not made but when I again sent for them they were not to be found and that is the case with the others I fear for I cannot get a sight of them

Wishing yourself & family many happy returns of the Season

I am

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Rob Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

27 Decr [1830]

I am favored with your letters of the 6 & 21 Oct last accompanied by a Bank power to sell out what little I have in the Funds of Great Britain, from which it would appear that you had accepted for me the 3½ instead of the 4 p Ct stock which I did not intend to have done, but you no doubt acted for the best there is no faith or confidence to be placed in any transaction with Government for being strong and powerful it takes advantage of those under its power, until I can find some other mode of investing my money I must remain satisfied to receive the reduced interest of 3½ p Ct

The firm of Lynch Myers Hylton & Barnett being dissolved by Mr Myers's withdrawing from it & setting up in business by himself I have intrusted Mrs Weekes's interest in the Receivership of Palmer vs Mountague to the other three gentlemen who continue together and who had attended to it previously Mr Miller having left the matter to my decision - Messrs D D & Stevenson are her Solicitors and all that remains for the others to do is to endeavour to obtain Jugment on Mr Allens Recognizance as the Surety of the late J R Palmer

I hope in my next to be enabled to send you lists of your nieces negroes & stock on Passley Garden Estate as well as to inform you that an arrangement has been concluded for the hire of the former & the sale of the latter

On taking out the other long shades to dispose of I found one of them also broken, I forgot to mention that instead of sassafras ^{Cocoa}³¹⁵ sassafras Chips had been sent which are of no use to me

Wishing you health & happiness to enjoy many returns of the Season

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dear Sir

Sp Town 10 Janry 1831

In my last I led you to expect that this would convey to you information of an arrangement having been entered into for the sale of nieces stock on Passley Garden & for the hire of their negroes but as too frequently is the case just at the moment when we have every expectation of bringing our exertions to a successful issue we find ourselves completely disappointed and obliged to go over the same ground again - Mr John Cargill being in possession of the property as Receiver has also possessed himself of the plantation book kept by Mr Minot J S in which are entered the Stock &c & against a certain of these appear the initials of your nieces in his handwriting & which he concluded is our only proof of their claim to them indeed I have not been able to find any other [c.o. alt] hitherto altho Mr James Minot jun has promised to overlook the papers of Mr J S Minot / and he adds that he has great doubts whether a person so largely indebted as he was would be permitted so to dispose of his property he also holding & making use of it Writs are out, and the Marshal intends levying on the Stock to prevent which the gates have been closed but that cannot be continued & no doubt before long a levy will be made on them, this information both surprised & annoyed me, as it is only a few weeks back that Mr Cargill proposed to purchase these very stock and to pay for them out of the first Sugars that were made, and I wrote to Mr Mein³¹⁶ to let him have the preference I was therefore quite unprepared for his last communication and am by no means satisfied with his conduct he has writs himself altho not the prior, I am to meet Mr Mein in Kingston next week and have in the meantime written to him to caution the Marshal against touching the Stock as it is under the protection of the Court of Chancery, Should a levy be made the difficulty will be in replevering then how to prove your nieces Title and identify the animals - George Minot never answered my letters or gave me the least information his conduct is described as most infamous, Mr J Cargill I understand talks of dismissing the Bill, this I shall be sorry for, as in that case he will do as he likes with the property without there being any check upon him and I am now more suspicious of him than ever, If you have any original list of the stock in England let it be sent out with an affidavit in

proof of the handwriting stating when & by whom it was taken and I will in the mean time do all in my power to keep the property from levy

I am

Letter from HJJ to his brother, William Rhodes James from a private collection

Spanish Town Jamaica

11th February 1831

My Dear Rhodes

I have before me your letters of the 15th & 25th Novr & 2nd Decr last and as the last is the shortest I shall answer it first – as no Ship is about to sail for London I shall forward herein a copy of Earls³¹⁷ Will which is long enough & Haughton who made it says there is no such proviso as you mention in respect to the debt due from our late Uncle³¹⁸, there is no Inventory of our Grandfather's³¹⁹ on record in the Secretarys Office – of Hacton³²⁰ I know nothing but our Mother could inform you when it was purchased – I have seen the Case submitted to Counsel by Kerr & the Opinion given whereon which is clear and distinct as to Heirs right to retain out of the monies arising from the sale of my Uncle's property³²¹ in this Country, both his own & the claim of his Testator Earl your objection on the ground of being a Trustee does not alter the case in the least as I had a conversation with Batty on the subject who lent me the Case upon which his Opinion is founded. You can act as you think proper, of my sentiments you are already in possession,

I have been disappointed in my expectation of being enabled to give you some information in respect to David Lyons matter for sickness & other circumstances have prevented my advisers from giving that assistance they had promised, but they are clearly of opinion that you must pay the £1366.13.4 for which you signed the receipt on the back of the deed. You are aware of the dissolution of the Copartnership of Lynch Myers Hylton & Barnett by Myer's setting up for himself J Lynch wrote to me some weeks back stating that he had obtained a loan of £1000 Cy from T Smith upon giving him good security for there payment and as he could not ask one person to come under such a responsibility he proposed to divide it into three and asked me to be one – I consulted confidentially one or two friends, who said as I also had imagined that I should have to pay my share, and as prudence is the order of the day I was obliged to decline complying with his request, the fact is that the old firm owe an enormous sum of money for the payment of which all their accounts are placed in trust, business is woefully falling off, Cash fees are demanded at all the public Offices, there are three families to be maintained out of the present collections of the new firm and contingencies to be paid for two offices, after providing for which I submit to you whether it is probable that in ½ or 2 years in these times of scarcity of money & the difficulty of obtaining payment of Law accounts, there is any likelihood of their having any funds in hand, besides how far would £1000 go with so many calls on them, & there is the Bond to you unpaid. How he came to apply to me I cannot imagine for until I called upon him on his way this [c.o. year] town just previous to the separation I have not seen him for years, neither has he any claim upon me in respect to business for he has never given me a reference, but has opposed me when in the way of his Brother who now clings to Myers – In any arrangement I may be able to effect with Mrs Lyon you may depend upon my doing the best I can for you Why did you not as I suggested state a Case for Burge's Opinion, it would have had some weight with the Bar here, and as he has all the circumstances already in his possession, it would have enabled you to comprehend most fully the extent of your liability, and to have given more positive directions here to proceed in case these Jews are obstinate which I fully expect they will be – In the matter of your Consignments I fully comprehended that in one case I might have expected them but in the other I was not to do so there you were perfectly clear – but I could not understand why such a difference was to be made – As I before mentioned to you the only reason why I do not send any other part of the St Jago Gazette

besides the postscripts is that the remainder is filled up with old advertisements and English news when it contained matters relating to this Country or the neighbouring States it shall be sent or by every pkt if you wish for it as I make no use of it – Miller gave you very great credit for your liberality in respect to the judgments you desired might be satisfied against W D Quarrell,³²² and in reply I sent him an extract from your subsequent letter to me, to which he never paid any attention and as I have before written to you the opinion here is that should any action be sent out against the Father's Estate upon those notes the Statute will be pleaded, of which you have not taken any notice. W D Quarrell came to me just previous to the meeting of the House of Assembly requesting that I would enter satisfaction in the judgment against him in consequence of what Mr Bullock had stated in respect to his qualification I read the extracts from your letters and mentioned W Millers silence when he stated that of course if the latter did not pay the judgment for his Fathers notes he would, and as I saw no good to be derived to you from keeping his large judgment open I gave him a satisfaction – your subsequent letter has conveyed to me your regret that you ever gave up your claim, but it came to hand too late

Haughton³²³ brought your letter to me for perusal and said that as you considered the allowance too much that I was at liberty to reduce it, which I had previously determined to do in consequence of what you had written to me, yesterday he brought me a statement to shew how the amount was appropriated but I had already given my opinion on the sum total & therefore advised him to submit it to you – I consider his present allowance of £200 p annum sufficient for his Lodging Board & Washing – his Clothes I think should be paid for extra, he says that he wrote to mention his purchase of a horse, why he did it I know not as Gayleard³²⁴ gave him the use of one of his every *

* day which I suppose first put the idea into his head, he says that he stints himself to keep it, that I believe, and to that I object, for I know he will half starve himself in order to raise money for some foolish purpose, when he went up to the Mountain I had generally the misfortune to have to listen to some terrible complaint against the animal he rode, now believe me Rhodes I have no desire or intention of saying anything against your son for the purpose of creating a difference between you, my object is to put you in the possession of facts, that you may guard him against the consequences finding your son could buy & keep a horse out of his X

X allowance & also entertain his friends at dinner, I naturally concluded that £250 was more than was actually necessary, and so I told Duncan³²⁵ whose invitations he frequently refused, I know not why, he will go to a Race Ball & where he should not but to a genteel private party he will not, to advice he will not attend as he cannot discover the harm of going to a brown dance, or to living with a young woman. I know how particular you were in respect to myself on these points, and have been anxious to discourage him, but he will act for himself, I have spoken to Duncan seriously as to his attention in the office & requested of him to look more sharply after him, as unless he is brought to his bearings now, he never will become, disposed to business, or in any way tractable & submissive, do not let these suggestions make you uneasy but as you have matter to write upon rouse yourself & him too in many points your Wife's appeal may have more effect than if it came from you depend upon it he will take all the money you will allow him, I was much annoyed at his obliging me to pay for making up a piece of Linen I had purchased for him & on speaking to him he grumbled & asked if he was to pay for making his Clothes I replied that I thought as you had send him so much he could very well afford to do so, he has bought a straw hat round jacket & other fashionable articles to please himself as I told him but he objects to pay for what is actually necessary & useful, the chief reason I have for recommending you to continue sending him out Clothes is that it will keep up in his mind a sense of obligation to you and dependence upon you, whereas by allowing him a sum of money, he will consider the latter as his right & if decreased or withheld a hardship – When you found you could not lead him why did you not try some coercive

measure, I have told him that I never will allow any one of my boys to neglect my advice as he has done, & that if fair means fail others must be tried as give up to them I never will
It is true that he asks my opinion – but at the same time he will not follow it – he cannot say that he has in any instance, followed my example, good or bad -

The bad price of produce have driven many families out to this country amongst them Mr Foulkes³²⁶ of the Lodge Estate & Dorothy his wife 2 sons & a daughter grown up with 4 unmarried sisters of his own, there is no house on the Estate for them to live in & they have taken Miss Coakley's³²⁷ (Chief-Justice Jackson's that was) for 6 months certain and I really think that they might have lived upon less in England (and in the enjoyment of many more comforts) than they can do in this town, The March of Intellect is proceeding with rapid strides, Rowland Williams³²⁸ has married that Brown Woman he has lived with for 20 years & more & by whom he has a family of 11 or 12 Children living and Larchin Lynch³²⁹ has followed his example by marrying his brown lady & drives her out on Sunday evening – What do you think of these examples faith you had better caution your son or he will be hooked into some such engagement before long – he seldom goes to Church now

I thank you for your attention to my daughters defect and am happy to learn that Dr Bealy³³⁰ thinks so lightly of it, at all events one good will result from his examination more strict attention on the part of my child & Miss Fournier³³¹, as she is now turned of 15 I propose removing her from school at mid January, she is I understand as tall as I am

My Mother wrote to me by the last packet but complained of my not having written to her which she attributed to a falling off in my affection. I have regularly answered every letter I have received from her but as I have much upon my hands, & so little to communicate it is not reasonable to expect more than letter for letter -

Sir Wm Scarletts³³² two sons have lately arrived the eldest³³³ has broken a blood vessel in the Lungs I understand, poor young man he looks deadly pale and how melancholy is it to see the mother, looking upon her wasting child who for upwards of 20 years she had from the accounts from time to time conveyed to her by her friends in England, looked forward to as the pride and comfort of her future years, the youngest³³⁴ is a fine lad in face much resembling his father

The papers will convey to you the proceedings in the House of Assembly from which you will learn that in consequence of their not complying with the wishes of Government the greater part of H M Troops are to be removed and sent back to England. Joy go with them, but in my humble opinion it is a mere empty threat of the Government – Sir John Keane returns in the packet having been superseded by Sir – Cotton³³⁵ – You will probably be of opinion with many others that the payment of an annual sum to Government for the expences of the Troops would be much the same as if the Island had the disposal of it for the same purpose but I have a statement shewing many reasons why the former would be most injurious to the Island, and am convinced that if Government once fingered the Cash they never would allow the Island to ration the Troops again and if the Island would not raise the sum required Government would lay on some duty of Tax for that purpose, I speak feelingly as had the new plan been carried into effect nearly one half of my Salary would have been cut off By the way of frightening us into obedience one regiment has received orders for immediate embarkation, but it will cost Government no trifling sum to convey them home at this time there being no Transports or Men of War in Port or expected out, let them alone, they will burn their fingers and confess their folly afterwards PS I have drawn a Bill on Fullers for £1000 Sterling at 22 ½ P Cent Premium equal to £1715 on account of Contingencies of H Tower³³⁶ for last year

19th “ I was appointed Secretary to Commr of P A/c's yesterday but they took £200 off my Salary, I shall send the copy of Earls will by a London Ship to Fullers, as well as my Account Current and now I must conclude with Kind wishes for you all

I remain Your affectionate Brother
Herbert J. James

R Hawthorn Esq

S Town 15 Feb 1831

My Dr Sir

The Pkt is still detained but only "until further orders" which makes it unsafe to delay writing under such an uncertain regulation, Your several favors of the 17 Nov 4 & 6 Dec last I have duly recd - I shall await the result of your communication with Mr J R Mitchell before I take any step in regard to the Falmouth Water Company Shares I thank you for the information of the suspicions entertained of the solvency of some of the West Indian houses rumours were afloat in Kingston that Plummer & Wilson³³⁷ had been gazetted which I perceive to be too true, very few, if any persons here will suffer

I do not understand clearly how my stock stands, from the power sent out it would appear to have been converted into the 3½ p Ct Annts already, if so let it [c.o. may] remain, unless I am under a wrong impression, however to cut the matter short I send my dissent as well as the power executed leaving it to you & my Brother to do what you think best

Mr Mein having been in Kingston I went over to meet [c.o. him] & consult with him on the subject of your nieces property & on his return to proclaim he is to dispose of the negroes in the best manner he can & without further delay, another Gentleman was about to rent Passley Garden but it is said that the negroes would not consent to have him for their master, indeed I much fear from all I have heard that there will be some trouble in getting them to remove if necessary & I would much rather let them remain where they are - should your nieces unfortunately die before Mrs Cargill I do not think their representative would be entitled to anything from Passley Garden under the will of Mr Sutton

Mr Cargill wrote to me on the 1 Instant in reply to my application to have your nieces Cattle delivered up to me "It is quite true that as Recvr of Passley Garden I did not consider I had any authority over the Stock claimed by you for the Misses Minot, but the case is now altered and as Administrator of Mr J S Minot I must keep them until you can shew that you have a right to them - As you had got possession it was my intention to try the question as soon as I could do so but as you did not remove them & they are now legally in my possession I cannot give them up to you without in fact relinquishing or compromising my [c.o. claim] title to them" he proposes selling them & leaving the question open as to whom may be entitled to the proceeds - If I could have got the Cattle I should certainly have removed & sold them but he always put me off. Mr Mein is to endeavour to obtain some proof of your nieces title to them but do not let that prevent your your [sic] forwarding all the information & documents in your power Were I to consent to his, Mr Cargills latter proposition it might prevent my recovering against him at law should I be driven to that extremity

It is my wish to invest the greater part of my savings in America but the difficulty is how to get the money there in doing this I shall feel much obliged by your advice & assistance - Can Bills on America be procured in London & at what rate? if not I was thinking of remitting money to London & having it drawn for in America or of remitting to America Bills on London, the latter would save time & Commission

Messrs A E Fuller & Co

duplicate p Velocity

Sp Town 17 Feby 1831

Dr Sirs

I beg to advise you of my having drawn upon you for one thousand pounds Sterl by a Bill of

Exchq @ 90 ds st in favor of Wm Stevenson Esq which please to honour & Charge to my Brother
Mr W R James

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town 12 March 1831

My Dear Sir

Since I last wrote to you I have received the several articles p Francis Smith & the boxes p Cyrus for which I thank you, the Bit is not of the pattern I wished but may answer of the other articles I can say little not having opened the [illegible] or brackets the expence of the latter is much greater than I had anticipated

Annexed I send you a copy of Mr Cargill's letter to Mr Ramsey who had offered to rent Passley Garden & who was to have taken your nieces negroes also, you will observe the reasons he assigns for breaking off the arrangement & favour me with your instructions how to act on the death of Mrs Cargill I also send you a copy of his letter to me on the same subject but to me he has not disclosed all his intentions, an extract from my answer follows, and as I have had a tolerable specimen of his mode of dealing I have requested Mr Mein in case he does not agree to my terms to remove the negroes at once & as the latter has doubts as to the correctness of the statement of their refusing to belong to Mr Ramsey "who had again proposed to take them should he succeed in purchasing a pen called Redhassell about 1 mile from Pt Antonio & 4 from Passley Garden he will enter into an arrangement with Mr Ramsey at a rent of 10 p Ct on their valuation which I hope will be satisfactory to you - Mr Mein adds that he is of "opinion that they might be moved with less difficulty or reluctance to that property than any other in the Parish" & as the labour of a pen is light they will probably rather increase than otherwise

I am waiting to ascertain whether you can furnish any list or information in respect to the Stock belonging to your nieces before I proceed for the recovery of them as he appears to be determined to keep them as long as he can. Mrs Lindsay³³⁸ has given some information but can only identify a few of the old cows

I am

PS We have failed in recovering judgmt against Allens Estate on his Recognizance as the Surety of J R Palmer the Court having decided that his Estate was not liable for any balance that accrued subsequent to his death and it was proved that a balance was at that period due to the Recvr, this most clearly shews the incorrectness of the settlement with Mr Phillpotts who was most assuredly liable for the full amount of the deficiency
Dare returned croaking already &c

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R Hawthorn

Sp Town 13 April 1831

My Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of you favors of the 24th Jany 4 & 19 Feby last - the shades p Hymen have all arrived safe & sound they are termed bracket but will I presume answer for candlesticks as I ordered them in lieu of the Indians shades, it appears to me that Spode is much cheaper than Crook & Jones (I think their names are) and the Glass feels thick they may deny making flat bottoms but I am now writing with one before me which I purchased from David Clarke or his successor Mr Mund & why cannot they make the shades so? for being narrow at the bottom when the candle gets low it heats the glass & soon melts away, you have my sanction to act as you may think proper in regard to insurance in all cases where no instructions shall be given to you by my Brother or myself for I am satisfied that you will always do your best for the protection

of the interests of all who confide in your judgment and integrity

I observe that you have invested the further Dividends recd on a/c of H N Tumming's Estate, it is strange what can have become of him

My dissent will I fear have arrived too late but you can act as you deem best I would rather invest my money in America

The Sassafras Cocoa is a composition made up by some Chymist whose address I will endeavour to obtain & send you - I know the difficulty of obtaining any allowance for damage sustained in the shipment of articles to this Country & will not trouble you to seek redress for me, until the articles were removed, no damage was suspected & after they were removed it would be needless to call in any person to certify that the breakage had arisen from bad packing unless that person had been present, and even then I imagine he would have felt some difficulty in swearing to such a fact as all the Shades were packed alike all that [c.o. he] could be properly attested would be that on opening the case one or more of the Glasses were discovered to have been broken

Mr Cargill called on me in Kingston a few weeks back & proposed to give £200 for rent of your nieces negroes for 1 year from 1 Jan'y last as the Estate would make little this year for the next he held out a prospect of a larger sum, I referred him to Mr Mein who in reply to my letter states that it would be most beneficial to take £200 from him "than £250 which is probably as much as could be expected" from any other person and then you would have the risk of removal to encounter, this is a small sum for such a number of negroes but such is the reduced state to which all property has been brought in the Country a very years back they would have brought just double the latter sum at least, Mr R Cargill informed me that the last pkt brought such melancholy accounts of the state of the old Ladys³³⁹ health that it was hardly expected she could live until the Sailing of the next, she had imprudently gone to Ramsgate in the Winter & got out of the reach of her accustomed medical attendant, you should keep a sharp look out after her in order to give me the earliest information of her death accompanied by some sort of a Certificate, for I have no confidence in Mr J Cargill, that I may if possible sett off for Portland & take possession of your nieces property, that is my present intention if I can accomplish it but I am unfortunately any persons Master but my own - by last post I sent Mr Mein a copy of the list you sent me of the stock but I fear his answer will not arrive in time for me to give you the particulars by this opportunity I put all the papers into Dares hands & he agrees with us in opinion that Mr J C appears in anything but a respectable light in his correspondence he advised me to apply to him for a particular description of the marks &c of the Cattle in order that a replevin or Action of Trover, might be sent out to have the question tried fairly as he professed himself disposed to do but I thought it more prudent to apply to Mr Mein in the first instance for those particulars knowing that if as I expected Mr C would refuse to furnish them, he would by his positive instructions to the Overseer put it completely out of our power to obtain them, we can but apply to him at last and the action cannot be sent out until sometime next month, the Trial will not take place until August Surry Assizes - I shall not proceed at law until I have obtained all the evidence in my power and have applied to him to know with what proof he will be satisfied, and before I bring it forward he shall come under some [c.o. engagement] agreement to abide by what he shall then determine upon as satisfactory, if it comes to a trial at law he can be compelled to bring forward the plantn books. As your nieces have no vested interest in the Estate it may be difficult to prevent the Receivership from being dismissed, but I will not allow of its being done without throwing every impediment I can in the way Mrs Cargill has no right to the possession of more than her moiety of Passley Garden, the personal representatives of Mrs Richards (I believe) & of Mr Minot are entitled to the rents & profits of the other moiety - Mr J C has not qualified as Recvr yet & consequently will not be able to dispute my entering into possession immediately on the death of Mrs C, but of this say nothing, he has applied for & I believe taken out letters of Admon on Mr Minots Estate but if not I do not see what authority he has for keeping the Cattle, however as matters are I trust [c.o. he] coming to a crisis by the death of the old Lady, these questions must not be agitated or my plans may be defeated

In stating some accounts as Master, it has come to my knowledge that a duty of 10 p Ct on the amount of stock in the English funds has been paid when a simple transfer from an Exor to a Trustee as you have now every authority that can be given I trust that you will so invest what little I have in the funds as to prevent its becoming liable on my death to such an infamous deduction - I have no room to add more which probably you are not sorry for, and must conclude being yours very faithfully

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John Jackson Esqr Dougate London
My dear Sir

Spa Town 5 May 1831

Annexed I send you a statement of the amount you are indebted to me for putting your demand against the late Leonard Wray on Judgment and am sorry that I could not render you any further service all his property being in the possession of the Mortgagee and the Levy that was made under your and other Writs was replevined - A Bill on behalf of Creditors has now been filed in the Court of Chancery stating that the original mortgage had been fully paid, in which each upon a Decree being obtained for a sale of the Real Estate the Creditors on Judgmt &c will come in *pari pasu*³⁴⁰, the monies arising from the sale of the negroes will be applied according to priority, It is for you to consider whether or not you will avail yourself of that suit and take what may be forthcoming or give up your demand altogether, and upon this point your immediate instructions should be sent out, in the meantime I shall be obliged by your paying to my friend Mr Robert Hawthorn the sum of £12.14.11 Sg which with prem @ 20 p Ct is equal to Currncy £21.8.4 -

I beg to offer my respects to your family

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John Tait Junr Esq
Dr Sir

Spa Town 5 May 1831

Having at length brought Mr Rose's affairs to a close I am now enabled to transmit to you annexed my A/Ct to this date with a bill of Exchg for the balce as particularized therein, and which I shall be glad to learn is satisfactory to the Representatives of Mr Edgar in Scotland, it is not my intention to issue the attachment against Mr Rose again unless positively directed by you, as I never could obtain any return to it

Immediately upon the receipt of your favor, of the 27 Octr last I intimated to the Receivers of Mr Green's Estate your willingness to accept of Mr Miles's³⁴¹ proposals, but nothing has since been done in consequence of some of the Creditors not having assented - You may at all times depend upon my compliance with the instructions transmitted to me unless circumstances should come to my knowledge of which you could not be aware when I shall await further directions

Herewith I transmit a copy of the Law A/Cs charged in the annexed statement and am &c
7 May PS. Upon going to Kingston yesterday I learnt that Bills were lower than I had calculated upon and as the Merchants frequently ask more for one drawn for a particular sum that is parts of a £ I purchased the enclosed Bill drawn by Atkinson & Hozier³⁴² on Baring Brothers & Co for eighty pounds Stg which is rather more than the balance due for Mr Edgars Estate HJJ

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

9 My 1831

I have duly recd your favors of the 3 - 17 & 18 March last but I have not heard from Mr Mein

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lately neither have I as yet obtained the particulars of your nieces stock Mr Miller has offered the Falmouth Water Compy Shares for sale and when disposed of the money shall be remitted should there be a surplus after paying the expences of the Letters of Grdnship

Mr Jn Jackson of Dowgate is indebted to me £21.8.4 Cy for expences incurred in putting a demand on Judgment for his father and himself and I have requested him to pay you the amot of £12.14.11 Sg for which you can give him a receipt

I am indeed obliged by your kind consideration for my [c.o. ett] welfare and cannot sufficiently thank you for the zeal you have evinced in your late transaction in respect to my trifle in the 4 pkts directed to be paid off my dissent as well on the power formerly sent out to me must have reached you very shortly after the last pkt left England but too late to be of any use, I now send you annexed the proper power calculated and when the whole business is concluded you can send to my Brother the Stock receipts as you propose, but surely Government does not intend to cheat me out of 6 months Int, if they wont pay 4 p Ct surely I am entitled to the 3½ p Ct or what was the use of leaving it optional to assent or dissent on to give time for that purpose? Well may the people be dissatisfied in England if such are the tricks and shifts of ministers cheating the fair creditor to raise a fund for payment of their salaries - The arrangement you have made is most satisfactory & I shall willingly pay the Int & Commn as stated in your letter of 17 March

I thank you for the information of the late failures, some of Mr Palmers Bills had I understand made their appearance by the previous packet to the great dismay of the Drawers & Essoiners who I believe by this time have secured themselves - Two Bills in Chancery have already been filed with petns for Recers & others are preparing so that the Lawyers will gain something by that Gentlemans extravagances & folly

Bills of Exchge are plentiful just now and the premn has fallen to 21 for 90 ds and 23 for 30 day
I am

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My Dr Mrs Allen

9 May [1831]

Having recd the rent of your house to the 30 April last & paid all the a/cs for repairs I am enabled to make you a small remittance by Emily Thomas' bill enclosed for £36 Stg in your favor drawn on Mr Webb Esq of London - equal with prem @ 22½ p Ct to £61.14.9½ Jam Cury Mr Stevenson³⁴³ your late Tenant is gone to England with his family for the benefit of his health & your house is now occupied by Mr Stewart³⁴⁴ who married Miss Susan Hewitt³⁴⁵ so that you will not lose a days rent your negroes have been told to look out for purchasers for themselves and Anna is partly engaged to Mr Rowland Williams who however cannot pay for her before September I must threaten to put up the others at Vendm if they do not find owners shortly but they will not come to me when I send for them & keep out of the way, Jack I have not been able to find for many months and last week I sent for his mother & told her if he did not come in before the end of this week I would advertise him as a runaway & when taken he should be tried and either transported or sent to the workhouse for life and this morning one of my people brought him from his mothers yard and the marshall manumized for £50 of which inform your mother Deed just sent to Mr Mendes to be executed by his wife completed before next Pkt Miss Cole box delivered - Ham & Cheese in excellent order - thanks - & for kindness to my daughter Sir M & Lady Clare Bath see Eliza

Mr Duncan [c.o. has] frequently applies to me for reimbursement of his account against your Mothers for allowances paid to Rosetta and the Annuity to Joe Curtis amounting to about £200 but as I know nothing of his transactions I wish him to obtain her sanction for my paying it, but as he has long since ceased to correspond with her I suppose he does not like to address her on such a subject at all events he would feel awkward as I am sure he cannot give any good reason for having done so

Kind regards &c

J Tait junr Esq
Dr Sir

6 June [1831]

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the second of Atkinson & Hoziers bills on Baring & Co for £80 Sg the first of which was sent to you on the 5 ulto together with my a/c &c

I understand that all the Creditors have now consented to the proposition made by Mr Miles that the matter is under the consideration of the Master as soon as his determination is known I shall advise you on the subject

I am

R Hawthorn Esq
My Dear Sir

6 June [1831]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 26 March 7 & 20 April last, immediately upon the receipt of the former I wrote to Mr Cargill to give up the possession of Passley Garden which he is not disposed to do until the adjustment of the claims he gets up is arranged - I have therefore proposed to leave them to arbitration & he has consented, annexed is his statement to which in a day or two I shall add my remarks when the whole will be submitted to Counsel It appears from an Opinion I was obliged to take in the right of your nieces to immediate possession that an application must be made to the Court of Chancery as he is in possession as Recer & the Certificate of Mrs Cargills death came to hand too late for the Court which was held last week, however if we cannot come to an amicable arrangement I shall take care not to be too late for the next to be held in September Mr A G Fyfe³⁴⁶ has applied for a preference as purchaser but I have written in reply that I shall wait your further instructions & then advertise the property for sale I beg to renew my thanks for your very friendly attention to my interests in your late transaction in reinvesting my money in the funds & to assure you that I shall cheerfully [c.o. for] allow the charge of Commission to which I think you are fully entitled if it would not be irregular I should like to have a power by me to sell out at any time. I thought proper to forward it or to reinvest it in such a way as to prevent the legacy duty attaching in case of my death

Herewith is a list of a few articles which I wish to be shipped by an early opportunity

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PS. Money is very scarce here & Bills have fallen to 18 p Ct prem

Philip H James Esq
My Dr Sir

S T Jam 14 July 1831

On the 21 Ultio your Brother forwarded to me your letter of the 9 June 1829 with one from Mrs Weekes of the same date directing me to appoint him her Atty in the event of my quitting the Country or to manage Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates in the event of Mr Miller going off & since that I have recd your favor of the 17 May last on the same subject in compliance with such instructions a Power of Atty has been prepared & executed by me authorizing Mr J H James³⁴⁷ jun & Mr Patrick Waugh³⁴⁸ to act as Mrs Weekes's representatives in respect to these Estates of which I shall advise [c.o. them] your Brother by tomorrows post that he may adopt such measures as he may be advised for the purpose of obtaining the appointment of Receivers in the room of Mr Miller who has sailed for England, but from a letter which he wrote to me on 28 Ultio it appears to be his intention to "return at the commencement of the next Crop" and that he is by no means willing to give up the

appointment - Mr Heath his Co [c.o. laor] Reciever writes me that "after the correspondence which has taken place between Mr Miller and himself he cannot consent to his being removed from the Recievershp without his sanction which maybe obtained before the Crop can with propriety commence" If your Brother & Mr Waugh make their application it will be heard in the Septr Court but being opposed their success is doubtful and should they fail they may have to pay the Costs of all parties on that occasion I think it right to give you this information in case of failure, the Chancellor will decide & he acts for himself We are as particular as possible in respect to the Sureties of Recrs but if a person will swear that he is worth the amount of his Recognizance after all his debts are paid we cannot then object to his entering into it The delay in obtaining payment of the Arrears of Mrs Weekes's annuity cannot be attributed to the want of application to the Recrs. Mr Miller in the letter before alluded to a day "When the amount of the Contingencies & probable proceeds of the Crop of Rose Hall are ascertained I shall direct my Atties to acquaint you with the sum that Mr Heath can with propriety draw for in favour of Mrs Weekes", "Rose Hall has made the best crop of any Estate in that neighbourhood and things are going very well there" The a/cs for last year have not yet been brought in, an abstract shall be sent to Mrs Weekes as soon as any Rpt upon them is prepared, the amot paid over by Mr Phillpotts will I imagine be credited by Mr Miller - The first intimation I had of the latters [c.o. going] quitting the Island was contained in your Brothers letter to me and he sailed about 10 days after I recd it_ as the English a/cs ct are most of them arrived by this time, the a/cs for last year will I have no doubt be very speedily transmitted, if not application shall be made for them

It will afford me the greatest pleasure to make a remittance to Mrs Weekes but unless Sugars sell better in England than things have done for some years past she must not anticipate its being very large. I beg you will offer my kind regards to Mrs Weekes & inform her of my intention of writing to her on the subject of the a/cs when ready to be sent

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Rob Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

Sp T Jam 14 July 31

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 3d April & 4 May last the former accompanied by my a/ct with you shewing a balance in my favor of £294.12.6 sg which appears to be perfectly correct - Messrs Young & Hare of Sunderland are indebted to me £9.11.8 Cy or £6.16.11 Stg less 17½ p Ct prem: £5.16.6 which I have requested them to pay over to you

I beg of you to forward the enclosed letter to Mr P H James. Mr Miller has sailed for England but his a/cs for last year have not been yet rendered so as to enable me to ascertain whether there is any balance due from him to Rose Hall, but from his postponing the payments of his Solicitors bills I imagine that he cannot have much in hand

From what you write in respect to leaving Passley Garden I shall so soon as I obtain the possession have it valued and then advertise it to be disposed of on lease & sale. Mr Panton³⁴⁹ the Barrister to whom Mr Cargill submitted his Cases has given his Opinion against him on every point - I now only await Mr Battey's³⁵⁰ on behalf of your nieces which is promised this evening - Mr Maurice Jones³⁵¹ wrote me on the 3 Inst offering to rent Passley Garden Estate with the negroes Works House & Utensils at £200 St p ann payable in England free of Prem but I gave him a similar reply to that I sent Mr Fyfe

Dare is just returned from attending the Cornwall Court where there was very little business done he is well but his wife has been unwell for some time past she cannot bear this Country & he dislikes England

I have seen Mr Bullys opinion which is [c.o. fav] also favourable to your nieces & shall send a Copy of it to Mr Cargill tomorrow when I shall [c.o. have] be able to judge of the sincerity of his

[c.o. intentions] professions in stating his willingness to deliver up the possession of Passley Garden &c so soon as our respective rights were ascertained I fully expect that he will try to shuffle off from his agreement

The proceedings in England [c.o. have] in respect to the Colonies have at length roused the proprietors and inhabitants of this Island and I understand that some strong resolutions have been entered into in St James Meetings have been called in several other Parishes and no doubt all will come forward on such a momentous occasion, it may not be too late, but the negroes in many parishes are impressed with an idea [c.o. tha] they are to be free when the Assembly meets - & we generally expect a brush before Xmas - I hope we may avoid such a calamity & that the King may befriend us - many persons are selling off with the intention of going to America their prospects being blighted here persons who [c.o. not] a few month ago would have been glad of an opportunity of speculating in the purchase of Land have now determined to sell their negroes & go elsewhere It is my wish & intention [c.o. when] as soon as my business will allow me to visit America as you suggest, as my health requires a change & I wish to ascertain whether there is any opening for my Children England being overwhelmed & this Country at its last gasp

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62-63

M B Clare

Sp Town 8 Aug' 1831

My Dear Sir Michael

Your letter from Port Henderson came safe to hand and I have since received your favor of 20 & 23 May last from which I was glad to learn of your safe arrival in England after so prosperous & pleasant a passage

Beau Mitchell has applied to me respecting the house sold to you by Buterer Thomas Rennalls³⁵² stating that you told him if he could sell it he might have all he could get for it above £70 I shall however endeavour to effect a sale without his assistance - I fear there will be much trouble in getting hire for the negroes at Old Harbour, they had better be sold - P Pinnock³⁵³ has given me the list of Bonds &c as you directed - The Book Cases & Clock shall be sold if possible but money is very scarce & people are not disposed to purchase anything in these times - I applied to Mr Jacobs for the £11.2.11 which he has omitted to call for but promises to do so this week. Henry Rowe has made a payment on account of his fathers debt & promises to pay the balance by his wages - Mr Campbells note can then be put in part for his benefit, Lynchs a/c shall be made out as you suggest when a settlement takes place. Sanches brought me a Deed of Defeazance for 4 years to be signed by his Creditors I recollect your saying something about him at Miss Coles but cannot find any memorandum in writing - Hewitt gave me an order for £200 as he promised at 30 days sight which has been duly paid he put his name up to quit the Island when I started to pursue your instructions respecting his debt and asked him what I ought to do his reply was to underwrite him unless he would give security for payment of his debt to you, after some discussion & correspondence I have taken by Myers's advice T J Bernard³⁵⁴ order on W G Stewart³⁵⁵ accepted payable in 12 months should not return, but have given a letter engaging to give it up should he return before that period - Bernard has accused me of acting in ill natured part but I contend that I only did my duty under the advice of your professional adviser and in as lenient a way as I could - None of the Wharfage a/cs have as yet been paid except one for £6 &c, indeed money is very scarce & Bills have fallen to 15 p Ct, I have heard that some may be procured at 12½ p Ct but people are very particular in those they take

17 numbers of the Gazette of Health from Nov 1829 to March 1831 have come to hand from Messrs Calkin & Budd³⁵⁶, I wished Turner to have taken them but he has declined doing so - Your Court Journal has also been regularly forwarded, you had better stop it -

Enclosed I send you a letter from Messrs Robert Lennox & Son of New York³⁵⁷

When Mr Salmon came to Town in June he informed me that your horses were picking up, when in good condition I shall have them brought up & send their Carriage & harness to Kingston to be sold as there is no person likely to purchase them, & I think they mare [sic] more likely to go off all together

The Island is very sickly particularly this town & Kingston where the Small Pox is raging most violently, in addition to fever of which there have been some bad cases here & some deaths

Enclosed I send you John Mais's Bill on Blacke & Kemble at 90d prem in your favor for £150 Stg at 15 p Ct prem & stps equal to £241.15 Cy

I beg to offer my respects to Lady Clare

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63-64

Robert Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town 8 Aug 1831

My Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 1 & 16 June last. Had I attempted to take possession of P Garden without Mr Cargills consent he would have moved to an attachment against me as he threatened [c.o. to do] when Mr Mein demanded possession under my letter. I was obliged to take Counsels opinion on that point who gave it against me, however I am now glad to inform you that on 28 Ultro he delivered up the possession of the Estate "& the Stock on it claimed as belonging to the Miss Minots" to Mr Mein who writes that he agreed to take 10 asses from him for £75 as they could not be done without being employed in carrying wood for the Still, he found there 4 hhds of Sugar & 2 pns of Rum & Mr Cargill writes that there are 14 or 15 hhds more to be made for this years Crop, it rained when Mr Mein was there & he is to go there again shortly when he will write me every particular relating to the Estate

Mr Cargill as I expected is dissatisfied with the decision of Counsel & intends "for his own satisfaction to take further advice" - "It will be necessary (he adds) I believe to file a Bill for having the slaves which the Misses Minots took under their grandmothers will sold subject to the life Estate and in that suit all questions can be submitted to the Court and decided upon" "The Law of [c.o. Jamaica] the Island only gives Emblements³⁵⁸ for the plant Canes for the next Crop where a Tenancy for life is determined during Crop, so that I can only claim for holing planting & taking care of 15 Acres of plants say £150 and the Vats Coolers & moveables will not value for more than about £100 I would not make that claim were I not satisfied that it is a fair & equitable one and you will say whether for such a sum you will drive me into the Court of Chancery"

From the extracts from his letter you will perceive that he still urges his claim to Emblements & the Vats Coolers &c altho both Counsel have decided that he has no right to them of course I shall oppose him _ I do not understand whose rights in the negroes formerly belonging to the Miss Minots Grandmother he intends to apply for the sale of - he has sent me the a/c for Taxes of the present year to pay £47.16.3 for Passley Garden & £23.17.10 for the negroes belonging to your nieces - Mr A R Jones³⁵⁹ has offered £500 Cy p annum for the Land & negroes & to pay Cash for the stock which is I imagine as good an offer as you can expect, he wished to become the purchaser at a future date Mr Maurice Jones is to be his security - he says the negroes are anxious to belong to him or to be under his management

The Sugar and Rum which may be made previous to the Estate being let I shall dispose of here to pay Taxes etc

Annexed I send you an extract from Mr Meins last letter (4 Aug) which will give you a clear idea of the state of Passley Garden and what may be expected from it - I shall advertise it to be let on a make good lease for 5 years as you directed

I have no doubt but that the Copartnership³⁶⁰ which you have now formed will be productive of every benefit you can anticipate by such arrangement & you have my best wishes for the success of the new firm

Dare has had a smart attack of fever for which he was bled but is again about altho very weak We are generally very sickly in this quarter exclusive of a visitation in the shape of the smallpox which has made sad havoc amongst the free people of colour it is spreading all over the Island but most of our negroes having been vaccinated, if they catch it they have the disease in a milder form

Bills are falling 15 p Ct is considered the current premium but I understand that some may be procured at 12½ & 13 _ money is very scarce and purchasers are very cautious in the bills they take I am waiting a good opportunity of making you a remittance, should you however require funds for my family expenses apply to by Brother for whom I am in advance for his Estates Contingencies but do not wish to draw on his Consignees until the premium gets up

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J Tait junr Esq
Dr Sir

Sp Town 12 Sep 1831

In reply to your letter of the 4 July last I have to inform you that the negroes belonging to the Insolvent Estate of J C Rose were levied upon under Writs against him and the sum of £25 which I paid was for feeding them while in Gaol in the custody of the Sheriffs Officer who would not deliver them up until it was paid & rather than contest the matter & thereby occasion much delay and expense I was advised to pay it

The Creditors of Mr Green's Estate have not yet assented to Mr Miles's proposals

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Sir M B Clare
My D Sir Michael

12 Sepr [1831]

I should not have put you to the expense of postage so soon again had it not been necessary to send you the enclosed second bill of J Mais on Blacke & Kemble for £150 Sg equal with Prem @ 15 p Ct & stamps to £241.15.0

I have spoken to Mr Silva³⁶¹ about the negro William Sherrier but he says that he knows nothing of him & never was able to discover any of the negroes belonging to the Halsteads altho he made particular inquiry after them Mrs Alexander sent to me to pay her Taxes stating that she had left £100 in your hands but I declined doing so & shall buy her life Estate in any of the negroes that may be levied upon should you not direct otherwise Bridget OMeally³⁶² is dead & a Jew offered me £30 for your demand against her of £49 which I refused as her Estate is I understand good - John Clarkson³⁶³ is dead but I cannot find the particulars of your judgmt against him in any of your books Anthony James³⁶⁴ is also dead & his Exor - Millward says his estate is good Old Marshall has not replied to my application for the promised payment - neither Page or Guy³⁶⁵ have yet paid the Parish Orders Andrew Dunn³⁶⁶ met me going to Kingston last Tuesday & told me he would positively make me a payment shortly
thoughts Eliza

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

12 Sept 1831

I have recd your favor of the 21 July last and am sorry that I cannot yet inform you of an arrangement having been completed for a lease of Passley Garden Estate as by an Act of the Island (10 Anne Cap 18 Cl 2) I am prevented from letting it otherwise than on a Make good lease which

the parties disposed to take it are unwilling to enter into at present, in the mean time the Crop is proceeding - As I suspected Mr Cargill will not abide by his Counsels opinion, annexed I send you a copy of his last letter to me which I replied that were they my own rights I was asserting he might adopt any proceeding he thought proper but that as you had expressed a wish to have all matters settled amicably if possible I should prefer waiting your instructions before I gave him a decisive answer to his letter and I hope you will not lose any time in sending me out instructions how I am to act - the articles he claims have been valued at £195.1.8 Cy I mean those he calls moveables If you can obtain Counsels opinion at home & send it out it might be of service

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq

6 Octr 1831

My Dr Sir

Enclosed I send you copies of two more letters from Mr J Gargill, by which you will perceive that he still threatens to file a Bill against your nieces, I have repeated my desire to obtain your positive instructions & should he not wait for them I must act on the defensive, you are now in possession of every circumstance relating to his claim and I must request your immediate answer & directions how I am to act. I cannot conceive with what face he can go into Court after the arrangement he voluntarily entered into for the settlement of every point he now again attempts to set up, upon the ground that he does not understand the opinions of Counsel I wrote him that he was perfectly at liberty to address you on the subject if he thought proper - It does not appear that any person is disposed to take Passley Garden on a Make Good Lease and I am not authorized to let it upon any other terms the Taxes I have paid and have sent some shads³⁶⁷ for the negroes with a few articles for the Overseer

I thank you for the Power for the Sale of my Stock which I shall retain until I can determine how to act

No doubt the person who makes the Iron Wine Bins had some by him or had sold some the price of which he could tell and the estimated quantity they would contain never having seen any myself, the price per Cwt does not afford me the information I wish or such as I could act upon

The Order of the King in Council in the Appeal in Bernard vs Phillpotts has not as I can understand been sent out to this Country the Party in whose favour the decision has been made should send out an official copy, without it I am unable to state what you require, but annexed I forward an extract from the Order of 30 May 1826 Mr A R Jones has written to say that Mr Maurice Jones will see me very shortly and decide one way or other about Passley Garden, but I must come down considerably I had required £500 p annum rent on a make good lease XX see other side

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Original p Hanford 24 Octr 1831

Duplicate p J W Cater

22 Octr In consequence of the uncertainty of the sailing of our Pkts I have deemed it proper to keep open my letter until now, the fact is, she may arrive at Port Royal early on say Monday we living in Spa Town know not of it but in Tuesdays paper which comes up late, we learn that she will sail on the following day Wednesday & our letters must be sent into the post before 2 oclock on Tuesday, the regulation is bad

Enclosed I send you the 1 of W M Kerrs bills in my favor £900 ds sight on Thos R Bartrum of London for £500 Stg also the 1 of W S Grignons³⁶⁸ bills in my favor on John Deffell & Son for £160.17.11 Sg which please to place to my credit

I am

Sir M B Clare Davidson Barkley & Co London

Sp Town 18 Oct 1831

My Dear Sir Michael

Bills having fallen to 15 p Ct I have been anxious to collect & remit as much as I could but payments as you will no doubt hear through other channels are more backward this year than they have almost ever been known I now enclose the 1 of R Allwoods bills on James Greig for £180 stg equal with prem @ 15 p Ct & stps to £290.1.0 Cy, Some of the Whfge Accounts only are paid Page has paid Clements's order for £100 the St Cath Order still remains unpaid P Garrigues³⁶⁹ has paid £45 on a/c of his note Mr Falconer³⁷⁰ called to look at Deed - Note £50 not paid did not expect it to be called for till next April, will make a payment shortly - be particular in instructions Marshall claims some sets off which I requested he would particularize in writing Mrs Alexander's Taxes again applied for & refused letter C Hinde jun Webb dead direct letters to Davidsons

Island Sickly Mo Bay many dead Chief³⁷¹ dead in Manchester Hugo James³⁷² Halifax to be Chief if he returns Batty Atty Genl Sessions next week Salaries to be reduced ½ Bernard Assistant judge Gd Ch Hewitt³⁷³ dead Let me know how I am to act in respect to the acceptance I hold for the balance of his Judgmt Myers says it must be paid but it will be contested I fancy

I am

PS I know not what I shall do with your Carriage & harness as there's really no sale for anything now I will try in the Sessions - Horses Bookcase & Clock..I have paid Grignon³⁷⁴ Tonge Quarrell³⁷⁵ & Wests Law a/c as having removed your business it is usual to pay up the old a/cs the amt is £ [blank] a copy of the a/c I will send at a future day

65-66

Mrs Millward

Sp Town 18 Oct 1831

My dear Madam

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your daughters favor of the 6 July last & have delivered the message to Mr Duncan respecting his a/c. I have looked over your several letters and find only 2 in which Joseph Gore is alluded to the 1st is dated 7 Feby 28 & relates entirely to a piece of ground occupied by his Mother Constantine &c the other is dated 3 July following & is on the same subject with a request that Mr Duncan and myself "would make what arrangements we thought right & proper in the business so that you might have nothing further to do with Joseph Gore" this I considered to be confined to the land in dispute which was arranged by Mr Duncan who had always had the payment of his Annuity but from what I have learnt from him the latter cannot be done away with unless by payment of a sum of money in full The paper I have not seen but have sent to J Gore who is not in the way, indeed he is seldom in town but is an idle wandering character all over the Island

You will be surprised to learn that Mr Mendes has not taken up his first Bond which became due last August, he has given me an acceptance payable the end of this month & promises the balance out of some Cattle he has for sale & his Pimento & Coffee Crops now picking and I do not think it would answer any good purpose to put his Bond in suit let me know how I am to act in future

I have taken advantage of the fall in the Premium on Bills and enclosed send you the first of R Allwoods bills on James Greig of London for £200 Sg equal with Prem @ 15 p Ct & stps to £322.5.0 Cy

I wish it were in my power to dispose of your Negroes but really there is no selling anything now, all confidence has been destroyed, all are disposed to sell but nobody will buy & those who have property are obliged to keep it for they cannot get rid of it

Joseph Gore has since called &c &c all the Negroes brought up no money - no purchasers hard times 2 weeks to collect their wages payments very backward indeed, Island sickly Mo Bay- write

daughter soon - message sent Mrs Vidal³⁷⁶ at her Mountain &c
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Messrs G G & S Howland³⁷⁷ - New York
Gentlemen

Spa Town Jama 20 Octr 1831

I avail myself of the introduction afforded me by the enclosed [X] letter from my esteemed friends Messrs Elin Scott³⁷⁸ & Co of Kingston to request your assistance in transacting some little business for me in your City

Enclosed I transmit the first of W M Kerrs thirteen sets of Bills of Exchange dated the 1st & 3 Instant in my favor at 90ds on Thomas R Bartrum of London Eight of which are for £250 Stg each and 5 for £200 Stg each amounting in the whole to £3000 Sterlg and endorsed payable to the order of your firm. These I wish you to dispose of on the best terms and to invest the amount in my name in the Bank of the United States sending me a notarial copy of the Certificate or Certificates (which was lately done for Messrs [c.o. Clarke] Patey Sewell³⁷⁹ & Co by Messrs Laurie & Hicket of your City) also a Blank Power of Atty to draw the dividends which shall be immediately executed and returned to you for that purpose having every confidence in the recommendation of my friends here It may be necessary to say something in respect to the Bills which are drawn by my most intimate friend and relation and the money he informs me has been sometime ready to meet them, he is also possessed of money in the "British Funds" to some extent they have been drawn in small sums in the hope of their meeting a more ready sale than if one Bill had been sent for the full amount and will I trust fetch a good premium I also enclose a duplicate letter of advice in case of the detention of our Packet which you had better forward by the first good opportunity

I shall be most anxious to learn the result of this measure as if successful I may be induced to make further remittances to you of funds now by me, either in Bills [c.o. of Exchge] or in such other form as you would recommend, indeed I know many persons here who would be glad to avail themselves of any safe opportunity of remitting money to the States in preference to England could they depend upon the investment of it in some good & beneficial Security As I have heard some doubts expressed as to the [c.o. amount] actual Capital of the Bank I shall be obliged by your informing me of the amount & whether it is limited or confined to that sum or whether it has the power of issuing Certificates to any extent there may be a demand for

I beg to apologise for giving you so much trouble & am with much respect

Gentlemen Your most Obed Serv [X]

No 1 @ 8.8 Sets Bills of Exchg for 250 Stg enc	2000
1 @ 5.6 "	200
	<u>1000</u>
	Stg 3000

[X] Messrs G G Howland New York - Copy -

Kingston Jama 10th Oct 1831

Gentn - Allow us the pleasure of introducing to you our very respectable and particular friend Herbert J James of Spanish Town who is desirous of making an Investment in some of your public Securities his wishes in respect to which he will explain to you

We have assured Mr James he cannot place the matter in better hands & in recommending his interest to your attention we will merely add that you may have every confidence in any business you may undertake for our friend - We say this much as we believe he intends sending you Sterling Bills to negotiate

We are always Gents - Yours very Sincerely

Signed Elin Scott & Co

Original p Hanford
Duplicate p J W Cater

Jamaica "Ss"

In Chancery Jones & al P: Pro: ami: vs. Albert & al: [1 Nov 1831]
Filed 9th September 1831. -

Exceptions taken on behalf of Defendant Wellwood Hyslop³⁸⁰ to the Report of Herbert Jarrett James Esquire the Master in the above cause dated the Eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty one and lately filed in the Office of the Register of this Honourable Court.

Exception - For that the said Master hath not allowed credit to the said Defendant Wellwood Hyslop in his account as Executor with the Personal Estate of his Testator Anthony Jones³⁸¹ for his the said Defendant's commissions or share of commissions on the English and American Fund or Stock Monies returned in the Inventory of the said Testator's Estate and transferred into his name as Trustee in compliance with the Testator's Will and which transfers were necessary to be made and were made through the said Defendant as in the pleadings mentioned such commission being chargeable at the rate of Six Pounds Per Centum on the sums returned in the Inventory converted into their respective values in Jamaica Currency by the said Master in his Report And the whole commissions at that rate amounting to the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty nine Pounds fifteen shilling and five pence

English Funds	
Amounts Per Schedule B	
In 4 Per Cents	£1,758.9.7¼
In 3 Per Cents.....	7,804.8.2½
American Funds	
Amount Per Schedule B.....	9,266.13.4
Total	<u>£18,829.11.1¾</u>

In which particular the said Wellwood Hyslop doth hereby except to the said Masters said Report and humbly appeals there from to the judgment of the Honorable Court.

(Signed) Fitzherbert Batty
Murphy & Donald Campbell
Solicitors for Defendant

a Similar Exception was filed by the Defdt
P Albert³⁸² the Co-Executor

At a High Court of Chancery held at the Town of Saint Jago de la Vega on Tuesday the first day of November 1831.

Jones & al: P Pro: ami vs Albert & al.

The Exception of the Defendant Wellwood Hylop filed on the ninth day of September last to the Report in Chief in the above cause of Herbert Jarrett James Esquire the Master in the said Cause coming on this day to be heard Upon reading the said Report and Exception thereto and upon hearing Mr Attorney General of Counsel for the said Defendant in support of the Exception And Mr Tucket of Counsel for the complainants against the same after hearing Mr Attorney General in reply

His Excellency The Chancellor was pleased to allow the said Exception and to declare the said Defendant Wellwood Hyslop was and is entitled to be allowed credit on his Account as Executor with the Estate of his Testator Anthony Jones for his share, being one Moiety or Equal half, of commissions at Six pounds Per Centum on the English and American Funds or Stock moneys returned in the Inventory of the said Testator's Estate and transferred into his name as Trustee in compliance with the Testator's Will as in the pleadings mentioned according to their respective values in Jamaica Currency as ascertained by the said Master in his Report to wit the sum of Five hundred and Sixty four Pounds seventeen shillings and Eight pence Currency being one half of the sum of One Thousand one hundred and twenty nine Pounds fifteen shillings and four pence in the said Exception mentioned the full amount of such commission. And His Excellency the Chancellor was pleased to order and direct that the said Master do forthwith amend his said Report accordingly without prejudice to the Order already made for setting down the Cause for the next hearing day. -

By the Court
(Signed) Robert Cargill. Reg. Cur. Canc³⁸³

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dear Sir

Sp. T. 19 Nov [1831]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9 Sept^r last & thank you for the trouble you have taken in respect to the dividends on my 4 p Ct Stock but I am fearful that having got our money Government will keep it

Mr John Cargill called on me yesterday, he asked me if I had written to you I replied that I had but that from the tenor of your last letter I did not think that the result would be favourable to his claims I was sorry to find that he had not written to you himself

A Bill is about to be brought into the House of Assembly to alter the present law with respect to "Orphans Estates" which will I hope enable me to dispose of Passley Garden on lease & sale as great objections are raised to make a good lease

Enclosed I send you the second of W M Kerrs bills on J R Bartrum for £500 Stg & W S Grignons on J Deffell & Son for £160.17.11 Stg

Should you have occasion to write to Mr Philip James or to Mrs Weekes I shall be obliged by your mentioning my intention of writing by next Pkt by the sailing of which I hope to receive the assent of Mr Millers Atty and of Mr Heath to the statement of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates' A/cs to 31 Dec^r last which they have neglected to forward in time for my writing by this opportunity

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PS Neither Mr Waugh or Mr James have made any attempt to be appointed Recer of Rose Hall

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Sir M B Clare Davidson Barkly & Co London
My dear Sir Michael

19 Nov [1831]

Mr I D Thomson was with me this week & yesterday made a payment of £100 on a/c of the Judgmt against him, he proposes giving an order to Dr Brodbelt to receive Mrs Thomsons proportion of the dividends on the money invested in the funds

All the Whfglases are now paid & I have received £100 on a/c of Dr Cowards Bonds, the St Cath: Order has not yet been paid.

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of R Allwoods bills on J Greig for £180 Stg also a letter from Messrs Robert Lenox & Son of New York

- 20th I have kept my letter open in the hope of being able to make you a further remittance but I cannot procure a bill in this Town

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Mrs Millward
My dear Madam

19 Nov [1831]

By a letter addressed to Sir M B Clare it appears that Mr Webb is dead and Emily Thomas has since applied to me to draw for her half years Annty, had I done so and passed the Bill to another person I might have had to pay some very heavy charges on its being protested & returned and this in all probability would have been the case had not Sir Michael authorized me to open any letters that came addressed to him, by which means I obtained this information - She has borrowed a small sum from me until she ascertains on whom she is to draw

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of R Allwoods bills on J Greig for £200 stg and as soon as Mr Mendes pays up his Bond I will forward my a/cs; he is to make me a payment through Mr Vidal soon

It was my intention to have sent you another Bill by this opportunity but I cannot learn of any person in this Town who is drawing

I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York

25 Nov [1831]

Gentm. Enclosed I beg leave to forward the third of W M Kerrs thirteen sets of Exchge on J R Bartrum of London as particularized below & trusting that my letter of 20 Oct last has reached your hands it is unnecessary for me to make any further remarks at present

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dear Sir

28 Decr [1831]

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 5 & 7 Octr & 4 Novr last - I was in hopes that Mr Cargill would have written to you himself as I had expressed a wish that he should do so, I was told that one paragraph in my letter to him was rather harsh but he took it very quietly. I hope the Opinion at home will go favourably to your Nieces interests as those given in this Country. Mr A R Jones has agreed to take Passley Garden from 1 Jany next at £500 Cy p annum & herewith I send you a copy of the agreement, the Lease is preparing. I hope the arrangement will be satisfactory to you and prove beneficial to your nieces, I have done the best that I could and to be candid with you I do not think in the hands of many people that the Estate would annually clear that amount as produce is now selling but as Mr Jones will live there has Droghers³⁸⁴ of his own & is a Merchant at Port Antonio, it is possible he may make a living out of it and pay the rent

Bills are rising again but I availed myself of the fall to remit a sum to America which has been invested in the Stock of the United States Bank and if the dividends continue at the same rate they have paid latterly I shall get 5 p Ct on my money. had I remitted to London for the purpose of investment I fancy that the terms would not have been more advantageous, but I should like to see a calculation made in England as I have still a sum by me to remit or invest

A part of my Supplies p the Planet I have received. Might they not have been sent p Medora or Lune? those Quakers will not send the articles I require in the shape of a chaise Umbrella the one

last sent is upon the same construction as the former, you have seen Parasols with a joint near the top which allows of its being bent partly down. I saw such an Umbrella in the possession of Mr Cater³⁸⁵ a Merchant in Kingston who informed me where he purchased it but I presume the old stock must be disposed of to us Absentees - from the Complaints I have heard of the quality of many [c.o. Supl] articles sent out to this Country for Estates & supplies I would as a friend recommend your inspecting them previous to shipment. Still, I have heard of that when put up could not be used, the Overseers are unwilling to complain fearing they may lose their births or be considered troublesome, I have never heard your name being coupled with such complaints but I think it may be to your interest to let your Partner look to these matters instead of trusting altogether to the Tradesmen

I feel myself much indebted to you for your zeal and attention to my interests in obtaining the dividends upon my 4 p Ct Stock, my friend Mr Lunan of this town directed his Agents Messrs Higgins & Co to apply to you upon the subject and join in the application and he is now writing to bear a proportion of the expence if necessary

Enclosed I return the Bank Power to receive my accruing dividends executed, it is as well to humour the old Women at the Bank but powerful people are too fond of giving unnecessary trouble - returns of Season &c I am

67-68

To P H James Esq
My Dr Sir

30 Decr [1831]

I should have replied to your favor of the 7 Sept last at an earlier period but I have been waiting until my Rpt upon the Recers A/cs with Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates was made up that I might transmit you an abstract with that of the previous year, that is from the time of the appointment of Mr Miller & Mr Heath to the 31 Decr last which are now enclosed and which I shall endeavour to explain. Mr Millers a/c is with Rose Hall alone he having undertaken the management of that & Mr Heath of Palmyra Estate, the Rum sold in the Island & Bills drawn are credited by each Receor in their separate a/cs, and on 31 Decr 1829 there was a Balance due from Mr Miller of £9.16.2 Cy and to Mr Heath of £252.11.6 Cy such part of the Crop of Sugar as came in to the possession of the Recers in 1828 & the whole of the 1829 Crops were shipped to Mr Hawthorn & to Mr Bernard and the proceeds are credited in their accompanying A/cs by which there appears to have been a Balance due to Mr Hawthorn on 30 April 1830 of £1134.19.1 Stg & to Mr Bernard of £123.9.0 Stg the Accounts for 1830 are stated in a similar manner - on 31 Decr there was a balance due from Mr Miller of £94.14.9¾ and to Mr Heath of £276.7.10½ in which sums are included the balance of 1829. In Mr Hawthorns A/c with Rose Hall are credited the proceeds of the Crop of Rum & Sugar consigned to him in 1830 as well as the Rum of 1829 which had not been sold by him in that year and after charging the former balance there was a balce due from him on 30 April 1831 of £27.12.2 Stg Mr Bernard had on the same day a balance in his hands of £186.0.3 Stg. At the foot of Mr Millers account is the copy of a "sketch" which I received from his clerk lately, by which it would appear that on a rough estimate of this years payments & receipts there would be balance applicable to Mrs Weekes's claims of £342 a copy of that was also sent to Mr Heath with an intimation that he might draw for it but not hearing from him on the subject I addressed a few lines requesting his immediate attention and a remittance for that sum as well as any balance there might be in the hand of Mr Bernard, in reply he writes that he cannot comply with my request his clerk being on duty, and today I am sorry to inform you that Martial Law has been proclaimed here in consequence of an insurrection among the Negroes of St James & Trelawny the particulars of which will doubtless reach you from more authentic sources As you desired a Power was executed to your Brother & Mr Waugh but Mr Heath would not consent to admit either of them as joint Recer with him and as they were fearful of being saddled with the costs of a contested application neither of them adopted any

proceedings but you must be aware that Mr Miller cannot be made responsible for Mr Heaths transactions during his absence from the Island Messrs Miller & Heaths A/c to 31 Decr 1829 were made up by me on the 13 Sept 1830 & those of 1830 on 27 Oct last, which is nearly as soon as could be done after receiving the a/c Sales & Accounts Current from England - those for the present year cannot be completed until about the same period next year the Contingencies not having been paid until about August & Sept & the Crops not having yet been sold in England and by a Rule of the Court of Chy Receivrs are allowed until 30 Sept in the following year to bring in their a/cs for the previous year. Mrs Weekes never having been in the habit of receiving copies of these Accounts I could not be aware of her wish that they should be transmitted, I am sure the Recers will candidly admit that it has not been for want of applications on my part that the Annuity has not been paid but from the want of funds, as the enclosed a/cs will [c.o. themselves] testify, and I trust they will also prove that the recommendation of my friend Mr Hawthorn has not been such as will lead him to repent of it or Mrs Weekes to regret the confidence such recommendation induced her to place in me however matters may have turned out differently from her expectations, should however there appear to her any point in which I may have failed in my duty or exertions I beg that it may be candidly mentioned that I may know how to act in the future

I beg to offer my respects to Mrs Weekes & your family and wishing you all many happy returns of the Season

I am

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Martial Law &c
Sir M B Clare
My Dr Sir

2 Jany 1832

Pkt day postponed Dispatches Sir Willoughby Cotton³⁸⁶ - northside quell insurrection in St James & Trelawny Martial Law proclaimed Friday last 30 Ult &c &c &c

The books sent out by Messrs Budd & Calkin shall be returned as you direct, the Almanacs were sent long ago to the care of Messrs Davidson Barkly & Co. Miss Coakly has promised to repay the sum you advanced to her daughter as soon as she receives some of her rent, several of her lodgers have died or gone away in her debt and she is not able to [c.o. assist] render any assistance to her daughter she has advised her returning to this Country - nothing to be expected by Hewitt from his fathers Estate - anxious for your instructions on arrangement with his 2 sons in law³⁸⁷ & should they be disposed to dispute the payment of their engagement whether I may accept a less sum & what that is to be Myers tolerable health H James dead - Tuckett³⁸⁸ Chief Justice 4 Counsel at the bar £40 recd in full of Bridget Omeally fees

thanks Eliza

Enclosed I send you the 1 of E Pantons³⁸⁹ Bills on W Linwood of London in your favor for £140 Stg equal with prems 17½ p Ct & Stps to £230.11.0 Cy

I am in treaty for another but know not yet whether I shall get it I offer 17½ but 20 is asked rather than delay sending your money I presume I must give the latter which I understand is current in Kingston indeed 21 has been given

Compliment Season

I am

69

Ditto
Sir M B Clare
My Dear Sir Michael

4 Jany [1832]

I have succeeded in procuring the within Bill drawn by James Lawson³⁹⁰ on R Addison of Liverpool in favor of W Walcott³⁹¹ payable in London for £400 Stg equal with prem @ 17.5 p Ct to £658.7.6 which is more than I am indebted for receipts on your a/c the Vestry Order for £134 being still unpaid

51 Estates destroyed in Hanover & St James & 15 to 20 Trelawny 2 St Elizabeth - Negroes want work without pay

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York
Dr Sirs

[] Jany 1832

I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 30th Novr last & have to express my thanks for your early attention to the business intrusted to you the manner in which it has been completed by you meets my full approbation. Annexed you will receive a Power of Atty to enable your firm to draw my dividends which I wish to be invested in the purchase of additional Shares in the United States Bank Stock of which you will be kind enough to send me a notarial copy as in the late case, the Power is copied from one sent out to me from the Bank of England to enable my friends there to receive the dividends on some Stock I hold in that Country and will I hope answer the purpose for which it is intended. I hope the dividends will keep up at the rate quoted by you. Should there be any other fund in which you are of opinion that investments may be made with safety & advantage, I shall be obliged by your favouring me with the particulars

Bills in this Island are generally drawn at 90 days (except Government which are at 30) 60 I have understood to be the period at which they are usually drawn in America they have risen considerably since I made my remittance, and in consequence of the present disturbances private bills will I fear scarcely be saleable

What is the premn of Insurance on Specie from Kingston to your City in British or American vessels & does it vary according to the class or description of the vessel? and what are the Commissions for effecting, settling & guarantee in case of loss?

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My Dr Sir Michael [Clare]

16 Jany [1832]

Since I wrote to you on the 2 & 4 Inst your letter of 10 Novr last has come to hand. Martial Law being still in force & the country being in a very unsettled state no business is doing & the Public Offices are shut - I cannot therefore give you any reply or information on the points to which you have called my attention except that the Action upon Margaret Garlands³⁹² Note has been discontinued for want of a witness to prove her handwriting, she pleaded the Statute of limitation which Myers informs me she will succeed in & defeat your claim notwithstanding a sum was written off in 1827 it will be needless therefore to proceed any further

Enclosed I send you the 2 of E Pantons bills on Linwood of London in your favor for £140 Stg & James Lawsons on R Addison of Lpool for £400 Stg - 22½ p Ct prem is now asked in Kingston Insurrection

I am

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Mrs Little³⁹³ Clifton
My Dr Madam

14 Feby [1832]

I duly recd your favor of the 5 Oct last accompanied by your half yrs Certfcte to the 30 Sept & should have remitted that & the previous one sooner but for the state of agitation & alarm we have

all been in, indeed Martial Law having been proclaimed many persons were ordered with detachments from the Militia Regiments into the interior - others were on duty in town & the whole body in hourly expectation of receiving orders to march it has lately been taken off rather too heartily we fear, and I have now the pleasure of enclosing the first of Elin Scott & Cos Bills on Messrs Gibbs Son & Bright of Bristol in your favor for £32 Stg which I have no doubt will be duly honored & herewith I send a Statement shewing the [c.o. aps notarial] amount paid for the same, I regret that the prem is so high but few persons are drawing- I am

Bill 32 Stg is Cy	44.16
pre 22.5 p Ct	<u>10. 1. 7</u>
	54.17. 7
Cost St of letter from Engd	7½
" of this letter	<u>1.10½</u>
	55. 0. 1
By amt of 2 Certfctes	55

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

14 Feb [1832]

I had fully intended to have addressed you at an earlier but all business almost has been put a stop to by Martial Law that is however for the present at an end but great fears are entertained of a necessity arising for its renewal in this neighbourhood we have been quiet but some of our Militia went to St Anns for a few weeks - The Pkt was to have sailed next Saturday but positive orders came up yesterday from the Governor who went down to visit the disturbed districts that it should sail tomorrow, I have therefore been obliged to send express to Kingston for the enclosed bills not wishing to retain the money any longer in my hands altho Mr Mendes has frequently promised a further payment to add to it, they are drawn by Elin Scott & Co on Stewart & Westmoreland of London, one in your favor for £150 Stg and the other in favor of your daughter Mrs Allen for £50 Stg at 22½ p Ct prem and I shall be obliged by your handing over the latter to your daughter at the same time informing her that the pictures of her Children have arrived and being anxious to see who they resembled I opened the box & sent them to Mrs Vidal for her inspection &c &c

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

17 March [1832]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors dated 7 & 22 Decr & 19 Jany last. The dft of the Lease of Passley Garden to Mr A R Jones has been sent for his perusal & approbation and I hope it will be returned in a day or two to be engrossed & executed, I have not said anything more on the subject of a sale deeming the time most unfavourable for such a proposition altho' at present everything is quiet, from the above copy of Mr Cargills reply to my letter conveying to [c.o. you] him your final determination in respect to the claims he sets up against your nieces it would appear to be his intention to adopt some proceedings to establish or enforce them and I am prepared to act on the defensive - In order that there might not be any misunderstanding of your intentions I sent him a copy of Mr Rennall's opinion & of your letter accompanying the same, in your offer you omitted to notice a claim on account of the Taxes I paid as well as for the produce made subsequent to the death of Mrs Cargill of which I gave him a hint in any Action he may send out I shall at the trial give in evidence his letter agreeing to abide by the opinion of Counsel

I am glad to learn that Kerrs and Grignons Bills are accepted and thank you for the investment of the dividend recd on the Stock belonging to Tumings Estate
I am

70-71

Mrs Millward
My Dear Madam

19 March [1832]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3 Jany last and am glad to inform you that I have reason to expect an early payment of the balance due on Mr Mendes's first Bond of which I sent a statement to his Merchant in Kingston last week by his desire

I have been endeavouring to obtain some information in respect to Joseph Gore³⁹⁴ in order that you may not determine too hastily to stop his Annuity & subject yourself to the defence of a Chancery suit a proceeding he threatened to institute against your late husband before he agreed to the payment of it Mr Joseph Curtis³⁹⁵ by will dated 29 June 1799 & recorded in the Secys Office 8 Octr 1806 after directing the payment of his debts & funeral expenses and subjecting his Real and personal Estate thereto manumized his brown child Joseph Gore & gave him an Annty of £12 Cy P to be paid yearly out of his Estate for his natural life also a piece of land in St Cath &c to hold the land and slaves for life - Residue of his property to his Cousin J G Millward in fee & left J G M his Exor, no Inventory appears to have been returned by the Exor so that it cannot be ascertained what personal Estate Mr Curtis died possessed of neither are there any Conveyances on record of any property he might have possessed from his Exor the balance of a Judgmt appears to have been paid by the Exor in 1807 it was taken in 1796 for £39 &c & Interest £22 were paid by Mr Curtis in 1800 from which it may be inferred that his property must have been very trifling if he had any at all or he would hardly have allowed so small a sum to have remained unpaid for so many years & then only made a partial payment. I have sent to Miss Martin who is likely to know something of the parties to ascertain if she can give any information as to the nature and extent of his property because if it can be proved to have come to your husbands possession his Estate will be liable to pay this Annuity - Miss Martin cannot give me any information, Did not Fanny Kittys mother &c belong to Mr Curtis? Let me have your immediate determination on this subject

Duncan sick, letter sails for England 5 next month a few days ago he send me his a/c shewing a balance due to him of £78.14.1 Cy which I returned, declining to interfere in the matter, his name being included in your Power of Atty gives him equal authority with myself to act in your affairs however he never has done more than to give me his advice & opinion when asked and to call for one half of the Comms, on his return to the Country I shall inform him of your wishes which at present it is unnecessary to do - Mr Mendes' Bonds are in my possession

glad sweetmeats arrived safe hope good - omitted to advice - Pictures sent Mrs Brown³⁹⁶

Dr Bealy name of party on whom E Thomas is to draw for Annty I wish some other arrangement could be made for the payment of it as it is a troublesome job to me

Rosetta informed of your desire £5.6.8 to be paid when she brings her son Colin - Constable looking for him before Xmas

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of Elin Scott & Cos Bills on A Stewart & Westmoreland for £150 & £50 Sg the latter I will thank you to give your daughter with my kind regards

I am

71

O P Holmes³⁹⁷ Esq Liverpool St Broad Street London
Sir

30 April [1832]

By direction of Mrs Penoyre I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn a bill of Exch on you in

favor of Mrs A M Millward for £72 Stg for 1 yrs Annty & Allowce as particularly in the annexed receipt - You will perceive that the charge on the Annty has been deducted altho I think the time has expired for which it was chargeable & in future the full amount will be drawn for

I am signed Emily Thomas

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York Sp Tow 1 May [date given as 1831 but should be 1832]
Dr Sirs

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of you favors of 29 Feb & 29 March last and am obliged to you for the information conveyed therein as also for the investment of my dividends in the purchase of 3 additional Shares in the United States Bank

I am anxious to make you a further remittance but am doubtful as to which is the best mode by Specie or Bills and must consult my friend Mr Scott on the subject when I go to Kingston

I am

71

Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

13 May 1832

I have now the pleasure of informing you that I have recd the balance due on Mr Mendes Bond and enclosed I send you the first of the following Bills of Exchgne

W M Kerrs 2 bills on Thos R Bartrum of London @ 90 ds st in my favor & endorsed to you for £200 Sg each - Emily Thomas's on O P Holmes London at 30 ds st in your favor for £72 Sg all at 22½ p Ct prem & which I hope will be duly honored I had intended to have made up & transmitted my a/c to this date but Mr Mendes has not yet settles for his proportion of the Law a/cs for preparing the Deed of Conveyce Mortgage &c - all quiet & regards to daughter Mrs A & Children

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York
Dr Sirs

28 May [1832]

Availing myself of the offer of your friendly services in transacting any further business for myself or friends I now beg leave to forward Enclosed the first of Elin Scott & Cos Bills on your firm for \$7887.32½ Cents say seven thousand eight hundred and eighty seven dollars & thirty two & a half Cents in favor of Miss Sarah Cole of this town & when at maturity I have to request that you will invest the amount in the United States Bank in her name transmitting in the first instance a notarial Copy of the Certificates and by some safe opportunity the Certificates themselves when a Power of Atty shall be sent to enable you to receive the dividends as they fall due

I am

71

Messrs G G & S Howland New York p J W Cater Dupl: p Louisiana 29 May 1832
Dr Sirs

Wishing to avail myself of the premium given for Old Mexican Dubloons in the United States I have to request that you will effect Insurance on Sixhundred valuing them at the price current or likely to be obtained for them in July - I propose shipping them in the Laurence or such other packet as may sail from Kingston on the 1 July next & you will have the goodness to effect the Insurance so as to cover the Cost of recovering a loss, in case it should so happen & all expences

whatsoever

The Amount to be received for the above I propose to invest in the Ohio 6 Per Cents but shall be happy to be guided by your opinion in that respect & will thank you for such information as you may be enabled to afford me of their nature & security as well as of the Pennsylvania Stock

Under yesterdays date I addressed a few lines to you covering Elin Scott & Cos bill on you for \$7887.37½ Cts to be invested in the United States Bank in the name of Miss Sarah Cole of this Town, of course you will open a separate account for this business & let the correspondence also be distinct by a friend who is about to sail in the present Pkt I shall probably request your forwarding my original Certificates

I am &c

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co London

S T 31 May 32

Dear Sirs

Your favor of the 10 Decr last was duly recd & I have to thank you for the shipment of the packages p Somersetshire which came safe to hand

I beg now to advise you of my having drawn a Bill of Exchge on you at 90 ds st in favor of Sir M B Clare for £450 Sg which you will please to honor & charge to my Brothers Account

I am

72

Mrs Millward

31 May [1832]

My Dr Madam

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the 2 of Emily Thomas's Bill on O P Holmes of London for £72 Stg & of W M Kerrs 2 sets on T R Bartrum of London for £200 Sg each the first of which were remitted to you on the 13 Inst - Mrs Vidal³⁹⁸ dead Vidal home with Children

I am

PS Should I have omitted to put my name on Mr Kerrs 2 first Bills you have only to annex the enclosed when payment is applied for

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R Hawthorn Esq

31 May [1832]

My Dr Sir

Above I send you a copy of a letter which I lately recd from Mr John Cargill to which I replied that as I had not received any further instructions from you I should be willing to act as you had directed me & would pay the amount you desired on his executing a full release to your nieces of all Claims whatsoever - to my surprize I recd a letter from him stating that he had drawn an order on me at 30 days sight for the £138.5 in full of all Claims & would execute any release that I might think necessary & at the same time the order was presented for acceptance I put all the papers in the hands of your friend Dare who advised me not to accept the order until the release was executed & I replied to that effect Mr Cargill will no doubt express his annoyance but I have learnt enough from my dealings with Mr A R Jones to induce me to make up my mind to act always in future on the safe side - you will probably be surprized to learn that Mr John Cargill had prepared a Bill in Chancery to be filed against me as the Guardian of your nieces and he wrote to his Brother the Register³⁹⁹ to know if he would enter it without the Signature of Counsel which I believe he objected to do, had the Bill been filed I would have opposed it tooth and nail but I rather think he meant it more to frighten me than anything else however I heard no more of it [c.o. until] than what

his Brother mentioned to me & instead of filing it he wrote me the foregoing letter and I am in hopes as I wrote to him that everything will be completed before the expiration of the 30 days when his order will be immediately paid, but he has not yet qualified himself as Administrator of John Sutton Minot which he must do to enable him to give me a proper discharge & before I part with the money

The Lease to Mr Jones is not yet executed he objects & refers it to his Solicitors who of course support him, it is returned to Dare who insists that he is right & that I must not consent to their objections, it is again sent to Mr Jones who does not appear disposed to take any further trouble in the matter & thus have 5 months passed away to my great annoyance however something must be done to bring it to a conclusion shortly

My object in obtaining an English calculation from you was to ascertain whether it might not be worthwhile to sell my English Stock and buy into the American funds in England the people here are making remittances to that quarter & passengers embark in numbers monthly p Pkts Vidal England act as CK of Court during his absence - Many persons dead

I am

PS I beg to trouble you with the accompanying order for a few articles

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Sir M B Clare

31 May [1832]

My Dear Sir Michael

I have been long expecting to hear from you particularly on the subject of the Bills I sent to you as no time should be lost in giving information to all the parties interested in case of their being dishonoured and altho I believe them to be good still at the time they would be presented the Merchants would be under alarm & might hesitate to accept them until they received more favourable accounts from this Country, there is no selling anything now & it is most difficult to obtain payment of any demand - Stewart⁴⁰⁰ has however paid his acceptance in full of Hewitts Judgmt which enables me to settle the Int due to Miss Cole of which you never gave me the least intimation until I recd your letter of the 27 Janry last I have been attending to that Lady's money matters & at her request have remitted a sum of money to be invested in the United States Bank as she wished to have a fund in some other place than this unfortunate Island Clarksons debt is fully paid - Roberts⁴⁰¹ Negro was replevined by Breary⁴⁰² the Writ has been issued but I much doubt whether you will get much from it Myers was to make a search in respect of Breary's Conveyance - Mrs Alexanders negroes having been levied on for Taxes I have bought in for you a boy named Caesar for £12 and Bessy Moore [c.o. for] & 4 Children for £36, the Titles to which are in your name & are recorded. Mr Garrell⁴⁰³ to whom the latter has been hired long is desirous of purchasing her & her Children. Let me know if you will sell them & what sum you will accept for them - You should be aware that to take a debt out of the Statute there must be an acknowledgment in writing, the Writs against F Grahams⁴⁰⁴ Estate have been lodged for Priority Miss Cole has recd the Jar, there is some mistake about the Almanery 1831 to this year I put one up with the medical books sent out by Calkin & Budd & sent them myself to Yates & Cockburn to go by the Tulloch Castle which sailed early this month - Johanna Ellis⁴⁰⁵ has paid the principal of her note - & hopes you will give up the Int - What say you? I cannot get any information of your Negro at Old Harbour or Halsteds Negroes

Enclosed I send you the first of my Bills on A E Fuller & Co of London at 90 s st in your favor for £450 Sg Prem @ 21 p Ct & Stps 7/6 which after payment of Miss Coles Int leaves only a few pounds in my hands

You must recollect Bessy Moore well enough to be able to say what you will take for her her Childrens names are Christina Douglas Cecilia Indiana & Mary all Sambos - Mrs Alexander has turned them out of her yard & I have no place to put them in

Mrs Vidal dead W Bullock⁴⁰⁶ J Smith Vidal home with 4 Children⁴⁰⁷ &c &c I am

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G G & S Howland New York 5 June [1832]

X Orig p Buenos Ayres Duplicate [looks like downward arrow]

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I send you the second of Elin Scott & Cos Bills for 7887\$ & 37½ Cets and beg to refer you to the foregoing letter for instructions how the amount is to be applied

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G G & S Howland New York 7 July [1832]

Dr Sirs

On 29th of May last I wrote to request the favor of your effecting Insurance on 600 old Mexican Dubloons p Laurence or such other Pkt as might sail from Kingston on the 1 of this month and yesterday I left with my friend Mr Scott a box containing 608 of those Dubloons to be shipped by him on board the brig Buenos Ayres Captn Fowler to sail for New York tomorrow (this vessel you will be aware came down in lieu of the Laurence) the bill of lading for which Mr Scott will forward to you by the same vessel - I trust they will arrive safe and sell well as the United States Bank Stock is low, I have to request that you will invest the amount received for them in that Stock sending me a Notarial copy of the Certificate as before

I shall be glad to receive from you some information upon the Ohio 6 p Ct Stock and to learn that my former letters have all got safe to hand

I am

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No 2

Messrs G G & S Howland New York

7 July [1832]

Dr Sirs

There being some irregularity in the delivery here of letters coming from America and having heard that similar complaints have been made in respect to the delivery of letters in America I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by a passenger to inform you that Mr Scott will ship for me to your address p the brig Buenos Ayres Capt Fowler to sail for New York tomorrow morning a box containing 608 Old Mexican Dubloons the bill of lading for which he will forward to you I have also written to you by this vessel to request that you will invest the [c.o. sum] you may receive for these Dubloons in the United States Bank Stock sending me a notarial Copy of the Certificate as before

I am

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G G & S Howland New York 12 July [1832]

[c.o. on the 29 of May last I wrote to request the favor of your effecting Insurance on]

The foregoing X [dated 5 June] is a duplicate of my letter to you by the Buenos Ayres and I now beg leave to forward a second bill of lading for the box of Dubloons by that vessel and am &c

73-74

Sir M B Clare Mr Massett⁴⁰⁸ London

12 July [1832]

My Dr Sir Michael

I was very sorry to learn from your favor of the 3 May that you had again been seriously ill & I hope that your next will bring intelligence of your complete restoration to health

In these ticklish times you cannot be too particular in transmitting the earliest intelligence to this Country of the acceptance or non acceptance of the Bills remitted to you, I am glad to learn that all I have sent you have been honored - enclosed I forward the 2nd of my bills on Fuller & Co for £450 Sg the first of which went on 31 May

I have settled with Miss Cole for the interest on your debt and the rent of the Pen also with Deleon Thompson⁴⁰⁹ for Dr Lees share of Miss Stephensons house deducting the amount recd by him on your Writ v Sanderson

Miss Phillis Pope⁴¹⁰ has paid me at different times since you went off £23.5 - and now makes a claim for some deduction of Int her note is dated 19 Feby 1827 for £25 - I applied to Colin Mackenzie as you directed for a dividend of the interest on you 2 judgmts against the Estate of Francis Graham decd when to my astonishment he replied that they had been fully paid & sent C Graham with letters & statements of Mr Laing & Ebenezer Taylor⁴¹¹ explaining how they had been settled viz 1825 March 1 By E Taylor on a/c of his Bond £1000 & 1827 Feby 5 By ditto in full his Bond of £2615.1.0 and by a demand against John Millward for £270.13.4.

Confidence is by no means restored and there is no making a Sale of anything or collecting money I beg to offer my best respects to Lady Clare

I am &

74

J G Vidal - Mitchells London

12 July [1832]

My Dr Vidal

- Pkt Sail on Saturday -

I lately arrived last Saturday & on coming to town this morning I found a letter from Mr Atkinson⁴¹² requesting me to send over by an express Messrs Mitchells Power of Atty to him should it have arrived but I have written to state that I am unable to obtain any tidings of it Grignon as he promised sent up the bill and I now enclose it drawn by James Macdonald⁴¹³ on John Gladstone & Co of Lpool for £300 Sg for which I gave him a receipt the premium to be fixed when ascertained I also send you the first of my Bills in your favor on Messrs A E Fuller & Co of London for £220 Sg at 16 p Ct Prem: which I understand to be the current rate Paley & Co have paid their acceptance for for £230 & I have written to Sir Joshua Rowe⁴¹⁴ to state that I am ready to pay the amount of his fees to 23 June £211.17.6 & shall call on him tomorrow with that sum Sir Molyneux⁴¹⁵ is frequently in town but I have not heard anything from him Myers must have had some conversation with him as he said Sir M had told him that you had said you did not owe him anything whereas you owed him £300 - I mentioned you had a Claim for the last Court as well as for the furniture you had bought & paid for on entering upon the office, the latter he considers good & he did the other at first but said afterwards that you took the office running all risks, that might have been the case had you been allowed to remain in it until you had made up the deficiency but being turned out so immediately afterwards & so unceremoniously I conceive alters the case

furniture removed here Stevenson⁴¹⁶ wont take the house & Chaise Clk Correspondence resigned Clements⁴¹⁷ elected - A Bayley⁴¹⁸ dying well last Friday money Grosses £30

Mitchells sentiments Atkinson &c qy Barings loan

I am

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co London

13 July [1832]

Dr Sirs

On the 31 May I wrote to advise you of my having drawn a bill of Exchange on you for £450 Sg in favor of Sir M B Clare and I have now to inform you that on the 28 June I drew another in favor of J G Vidal for £220 Sg on a/c of my Brother whose Estate will I understand make a larger crop this year than it has ever done before 285 Tons of Sugar & 175 pns of Strong rum the Contingencies are estimated at £2900 Cy for which I am now drawing but Bills have fallen to 15 & 16 p Ct and are expected to be lower by next Pkt

I am &c

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

13 July 1832

Dr Sirs

I am favored with your letter of the 5 May last accompanied by a copy of my A/Ct to the 30 April which appears to be perfectly correct and I notice your observation in respect to interest

Enclosed I send you the first of James McCattys⁴¹⁹ Bills on E F Green⁴²⁰ of London in my favor for £300 Sg to meet the expences of my family & so soon as I have made sufficient remittances for investment in America I shall direct my half yearly interest to be remitted to you for that purpose

The dft of the release has been sent to Mr Cargill for his perusal & approved and I am prepared to pay the amount directed by Mr Hawthorn on its being completed and the Lease to Mr Jones will I hope be approved of by his Solicitors in a few days

I am

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Mrs Weekes Sidmouth Devonshire

23 Aug [1832]

My Dear Madam

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 5 June last and regret that the Recvrs have not put it in my power to make you a remittance on account of the Arrears of your Annuities from Rose Hall and Palmyra Estates, it has not been for want of applications on my part but for want of funds Mr Millers Vouchers & A/C with Rose Hall for last year have just come to hand by which there appears to be a balance of £54 Cy due from him Mr Heaths are not yet sent up indeed he writes me that all his papers were burnt during the rebellions at Palmyra⁴²¹ 140 hhds of Sugar has been made this year notwithstanding the loss of the Trashhouses, It appears that Messrs Bernards have allowed some of Mr Heaths bills to be protected for nonpayment & I have in consequence cautioned him against making any further Consignments to them until they shall have paid over the proceeds in their hands which I propose following up by an Order to that effect next Court of Chancery, they however got the whole of this Crop, to both Mr Miller & Mr Heath I sent an extract from your letter the former replied that the small balances in his and Mr Hawthorns hands were subject to claims to a much greater amount, the latter stated that he had at one time sent instructions to Messrs Bernards to pay you the £500 Sg which they had not done & now he was unable to draw as they had already dishonoured his Bills, as soon as I can understand that there are any funds in the Recers hands I shall renew my applications, in the meantime you will be able to ascertain from Mr Hawthorn how the produce has been sold and what Bills and Supplies are to be deducted from the proceeds

The Power of Substitution to Mr J H James jun has not been sent to him or recorded Mr Millers has been recorded but in the event of his quitting the country, it becomes a piece of waste paper, to revoke it will be a needless expence as it will not do away his appointment of Receiver so long as he remains here, any instructions you may forward to me shall be attended to and I would suggest their being sent at once or some person on the departure of Mr Miller may step forward and apply

for the appointment

I beg to offer my best respects to Mr Philip James & your family and am
J

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Messrs A C Fuller & Co

24 Aug [1832]

Dr Sirs

On the 18th Inst I drew a Bill of Exch on you in favor of the Rev Thos F Bowerbank⁴²² for £170 Sg on account of my Brother which I hope will be duly honoured as well as that for £220 drawn on the 28 June in favor of J G Vidal

I am

dup. 10 Sept

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R Hawthorn Esq London

ST. 24 Augt 1832

My Dear Sir

I have frequently led you to expect that the Passley Garden business would be concluded in a short time that I know not now what to say, the Lease has been engrossed and I imagined had been sent to Mr Jones but when I met him in Kingston last Friday he told me his Solicitors had just put it into his hands and he should take it home with him that Mr M Jones might have the perusal of it previous to Signing the Bond for the "performance of the Covenants" - Amelia Harrison⁴²³ cannot be manumized by me as Guardian of your Niece she is however living in a State of freedom as special power would be necessary which cannot be executed until the youngest comes of age

Mr John Cargill has been paid & the release is recorded in the Secretary's Office

Enclosed I send you the first of W Rayners bills on Davidson Barkley & Co in favor of Yates & Cockburn for 230.10.6 Sg & W McKays⁴²⁴ on the same Gentlemen for 83.6.8 Sg which place to my credit when due - Jas McCattys 2 bill on C J Green in my favor for 300 Sg is also enclosed

I am

4 books sent for

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R Hawthorn Esq

10 Sept [1832]

My Dr Sir

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 18 July last and was in full expectation that the Lease of Passley Garden would have been recorded by this time, [c.o. he] Mr Jones has written to say that it is signed as well as the Bond and that he will forward them by a private opportunity as they are too bulky to send by post, I was induced to put him in possession under the assurance that the Agreement signed Sealed & delivered "in due form according to Law" was binding on all parties, it was of course short and has been the cause of much of the delay that has taken place, as he did not wish any of the Covenants usually introduced into leases to be inserted in this because they were not noticed in the Agreement had the latter contained them there would not have been any necessity for a more formal deed, your friend Dare was consulted on all points and to him I left the drawing up of the Papers -

Enclosed I send you the 2nd bills on Davidson Barkly & Co one drawn by W Rayner for 230.10.6 Sg & the other by Wm Mackay for £83.6.8 both in favor of Yates & Cockburn, Premium is getting up again

I find that the continual writing from morning to night for so many years past & having white constantly before my eyes has materially affected my sight & I am advised to try glasses, I must therefore request your sending me out by the first opportunity 2 pr of different powers with spare

glasses for each, they are to be convex & I should think the blue tinged Glass in the thin elastic steel mounting the best in my case, I have never used any yet & was told that if I persevered for a time I might do without them altogether, but I have since learnt that this is a mistaken idea & may cause the loss of sight in a short time I do not wish the glasses to magnify more than is considered necessary, the defect with me is that I am obliged to hold the papers I am reading at a distance & sometimes cannot make out a letter without straining my eyes very much, my brothers absence from town obliges me to trouble you on this occasion - Rers qualify J Baillie⁴²⁵ building Spring Garden works & Roehampton unless prices higher Estates only pay Contingencies

I am

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John Grieve Esq 10 Gloucester Place Edinburgh⁴²⁶

10 Sepr [1832]

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30 June last from which & Mrs Edgars letter of the 1 July I have learnt of the death of her Agent Mr Tait which altho not personally acquainted with him I still regret I however trust that the same good feeling will exist between us as was the case in his life time & that the business [c.o. of] will be conducted as heretofore to the satisfaction of all parties

Annexed I send you an abstract of the Decree pronounced here in the Cause of Miles vs Marshall The Title to the Appeal is I understand Miles vs Atherton and is conducted by Mess Le Blanc &c London by direction of the Trustees of Mr Edgars Estate communicated in Mr Taits letter of 27 Oct 1830 I gave my assent as their representative to Mr Miles proposal but in consequence of some of Mr Edgars Creditors having withheld theirs nothing has since been done in the matter, Mr Edgars Trustees have no preferable claim upon Stogdons Estate they are only Creditors of Greens who had a Claim against Stogdons & which when paid will be divided amongst his (Greens) creditors, the amount due to the latter by the Masters report in Brewsters Fairclough on 30 Nov 1816 was £132224.12.10½ Jamca Curcy of which Mr Edgars Trustees claimed £15238.11.1¾ Cy - Miles's Demand you will observe is upon Mortgage & his proposal as I understand it is to pay £10000 Cy to Greens representatives in full of their claim, the amount of their Costs & their Commn, the Costs were estimated at £4000 & he would consequently have to pay £14000 besides the Commns Stogdons Estate is not equal to the payment of all the demand against it, Green's claim is by the Decree made the preferable lien and if so confirmed would I imagine be fully paid out of the rents and profits, the appeal is general from the whole term of the Decree and should it be reversed Miles's Mortgage demand would then become the prior charge and swallow up the whole of Stogdons property - the only further dividend to be expected from Green's Estate must arise from this claim against Stogdons & should that fail nothing further is to be looked for I believe that I have now fully replied to all your enquiries & shall be obliged if you will mention the same to Mrs Edgar whose letter I do not think it necessary to reply to as it would only be putting her to needless expence

I am

Small letter-book [in another hand]

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Spanish Town 19th September 1832

Dear Sir,

In a letter which I received yesterday from Sir Michael Clare he informs me that Mr Linwood

has declined having anything to do with the bill you drew on him for £140 of this that Gentleman has no doubt previously advised. I am &c H.J. James
E. Panton Esqre

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co London dup. p pkt 12 Novr S.T. 6 Oct 1832

Dr Sirs

I beg to acquaint you that I have drawn 2 sets of Exchange on you on account of my Brother both of this date in favor of George Smith⁴²⁷ Esq and for the Sum of £321.10.4 Sg each which you will no doubt duly honor

I am

PS. 12 Oct: I have to add to the above another Bill which I have just drawn in favor of William Stevenson Esqr for £273.19.4 Sg

HJ

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To Messrs G G & S Howland New York p Genl Keane 12 Oct [1832]

Dear Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14th August last accompanied by your Accs Current & Notarial Copies of the Certificates of the United States Bank purchased for me, and I now beg leave to return you my best thanks for your early attention to the disposal of the Dubloons & the investment of the amount received for the same, the whole arrangement having met my entire satisfaction

Opportunities to or from the States have been for me sometime very uncertain and the E J Elliot is now reported to have been lost on her voyage down, some of the passengers have arrived at the northside I shall however be particularly obliged by your forwarding to me from time to time such information as you think may be of service in guiding me as to future investments & remittances, particularly the opinion that may be entertained as to the re-election of Genl Jackson⁴²⁸ & the renewal of your Bank Charter _ You can at the same time favor me with the prices of the Ohio & Pennsylvania Stocks & the rate of Interest they pay as well as of any other Stocks you consider safe & likely to yield a fair return

I am very respectfully

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Mrs A M Millward

12 Ocr [1832]

My Dr Madam

Mr Mendes holds out a prospect of an early payment of his Bond due in August last - I having the enclosed bill for £589.18.7 Sg equal with 22½ p Ct & stps 7/6 to £1012.2.1 Cuy by me I am induced to place it in your hands to meet what he promises in case he should not comply with his present intentions I shall immediately advise you & put his Bond in suit, he wishes to know whether you will make any & what deduction from the two other Bonds for a payment in Cash before due - one is payable next Augt & this other in 1834

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co

12 Nov [1832]

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 8 & 11 Sept last the latter accompanied by Invoice & bill of lading for 2000 Sovereigns⁴²⁹ which I have no doubt I shall receive in a day or two, I have advertised them for sale to see if any person will give more than they usually pass current for here which is $33\frac{3}{4}$ of our money, not quite 20 p Ct prem. Bills are selling for 21 to $22\frac{1}{2}$ - On the 3 Inst I drew on you for £200 Sg in favor of J D Smith & shall have occasion to draw for about 4 or £500 more before Xmas

I am

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Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth Devon

17 Decr [1832]

My Dear Madam

Mr Miller came to town shortly after the sailing of the last Pkt & delivered to me the 2nd of his bills (which I now enclose) on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden [c.o. of] in your favor for £500 Sg the first of which he had sent you himself & for which I gave him a receipt at 21 p Ct prem: equal with stamps to Jama Curcy £847.7.6 - Mr M is in expectation of being able to make you a further payment out of this years Crop I have again applied to Mr Heath stating what Mr Miller had done & the prospects he had in view but no answer has as yet been returned to my letter neither has he laid before me his A/c & Vouchers for last year, most of his papers were destroyed during the rebellion last Xmas - Should Messrs Bernards have made you any payment under his instructions I shall be obliged by your informing me of the amount that when his A/cs are slated I may see what balance remains in their hands applicable to your claims

I am

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Mrs A M Millward

17 Decr [1832]

My dear Madam

By last pkt I wrote you a few hasty lines & at the same time forwarded to you the first of Charles Scotts Bills of Exchge on the Assignees of Keithley & Co of London for £589.18.7 Sg equal with prem @ $22\frac{1}{2}$ p Ct & stps to Cy £1012.2.1 & I now enclose the second in case the first should have miscarried - Mr Mendes had led me to expect that he would soon take up the Bond due last August and his Merchants in Kingston Messrs Simpson Taylor & Co told me they would pay it in January, but under date of the 13 Inst Mr Mendes writes me "I shall be disappointing other Individuals what is due them for Contigencies by "getting Messrs Simpson T & Co to pay you the Bond now due but will do so on the condition the remaining 2 bonds are divided in 3 equal payments & payable March 1834 1835 & 1836" in reply I wrote him that it would be put in suit for Feby Gd Ct unless it was paid before the last day of Summoning, but with respect to the payment of the 2 other Bonds I must beg to be favored with your positive instructions, as he is always pestering me with some new proposition

I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

17 Dec [1832]

My Dr Sir

I scarcely know how to tell you that the Lease of Passley Garden is not yet recorded, my patience is completely exhausted but how to remedy the delay I cannot discover, It was imagined a few

weeks ago that all was right but it turned out that in consequence of the delay which had taken place the time allowed by Law for recording the Lease after it had been executed has expired, it was therefore returned to Portland to be re-executed, under a later date & I imagine that it has been detained from the want of an opportunity of forwarding it to me - Mr Jones has paid the last instalment for the Cattle by an acceptance due the end of this month & Mr Mein has also forwarded his A/C by the last post so that I hope nothing will prevent my transmitting an account of my transactions by the next Pkt

The Articles which your house shipped for me by the Millicent arrived safe but the cheese was half eaten up by mites - I have also to thank you for the four books forwarded by the Planet - rumours from Portland and Manchester - House dissolved

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

5 Jany 1833

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8 Nov last and am anxious to shew to Mess Bernards & yourself that any expression in my letters to Mr Heath was fully warranted by that Gentlemans mode of communication to me - I therefore send you annexed extracts from 4 of Mr Heaths letters to me dated 7 . 14 . 21 & 28 August 1832 from which I think you will conclude as I did that they had stopped payment, this in his last he says was not the case, I certainly wrote to him that if they were in that precarious state which was to be inferred from his letters, any future Consignment he chose to make to them must be upon his own responsibility and I proposed an application to the Court to prevent his continuing them - I have no wish to make mischief between Messrs Bernards & Mr Heath but I wish the matter to be properly explained to them - in 2 letters Mr Heath states that he had sent instructions for payment to Mrs Weekes - I have not yet recd any answer to my letter which I lately wrote to Mr Heath stating what Mr Miller had done & urging his attention to Mrs Weekes' claim, at the same time calling upon him to produce his A/cs for last year which he has not yet done in consequence of the destruction of his papers during the rebellion - I would ask Messrs Bernard whether they thought I should have been acting correctly either as MCC in the Cause of Palmer v Mountague or as representative of Mrs Weekes if after the receipt of Mr Heaths 3 first letters I had sat down quietly and allowed him to continue his shipments under the Order of Court without requesting him to wait until the opinion of the Court could be taken on these circumstances being laid before it I certainly considered there was much cause for alarm and my not taking any steps must shew that I had no hostile intentions towards them personally - By next Pkt I will endeavour to prepare the Statement Mrs Weekes requires but it will be necessary to refer to most of the former Reports in the old suit, no copy of the Order of the King in Council has yet been sent to this Country - It will be time enough for Messrs Bernard to propose their schemes when Mrs Weekes's arrears are paid and her Annuities cease, as hers is the prior claim I have looked over Mr Heaths A/cs with Palmyra Estate for 1829 & 1830 & do not perceive hire charges for any Negroes belonging to him indeed I imagine he requires their labour on his own Estate, in some parts of the Island Jobbing Negroes are scarce and the charge for their labour is very high. I will look more closely into Mr Heaths a/cs for 1831 on that point when they come before me - Mr Miller in addition to the Bill already drawn on you in favor of Mrs Weekes proposes sending her another on the Crop of last year, out of which I must provide for some law expences incurred for her, the particulars of which shall be [c.o. sent] forwarded - I thank you for the hint and will address Mrs W occasionally

According to my promise I now beg leave to hand you my A/Ct to the 4 Instant with your Nieces, the several items which speak for themselves but should you require information on any point I shall most readily attend to your wishes as soon as they shall be made known to me - Mr Jones is to be in Kingston to attend the Surry Assizes this month when I have no doubt but everything will be

concluded and I hope he will give me an Order for three years rent there is a Law A/c of D D & Stevenson which has not yet been rendered, it can be paid out of the rent

8th Enclosed I send the first of my Bills on A E Fuller & Co in your favor for £117.3.11 Sg equal with prem @ 21 p Ct to £198.10 Cy the balance appearing by my A/Ct to be due to your Nieces

The books & spectacles have been safely delivered - the blue glasses are too dark coloured I wished them to have been merely tinged

Wishing you many happy returns of the Season

I am

PS the holidays have passed off very quietly -

I am about to proceed to Manchester to look into the affairs of [c.o. Mr] my late respected friend Mr Boucher⁴³⁰ who has left me one of his Exors & Trustees with a Legacy of £1000 Sg to my son Richard - I shall be glad if I can prevail upon my Co-Exor to Consign some of the produce of his properties to your house

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co dup. 4 Feby p Baracanta

8 Jany 1833

Dr Sirs

I have now to advise you of having [c.o. dra] under this day drawn 2 bills on you in favor of Robert Hawthorn Esquire for £117.3.6 Sg & in favor of Mrs A G Allen for £83.4.8 Sg on account of my brother which will no doubt be duly honored

I am

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My Dr Mrs Allen

8 Jany [1833]

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of my bills in your favor on Messrs A E Fuller & Co London for £83.4.8 Sg in payment of the rent of your house to 23 Nov last

As yet no disturbances &c

thank mother for Ham & Cheese

I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland N York Orig p
Dupl.

2 Feby 1833

Dear Sirs

Annexed I now forward a Power of Atty from Miss Cole to your house to receive the Dividends on her Shares in the United States Bank which she wishes to be invested with the balance in your hands in the purchase of other Shares in the same fund. Enclosed you will also receive the first of Backus Cassamajor & Nuirys Bills on your house dated 14 Jany last at 90 ds st in favor of & endorsed by Elin Scott & Co for 1000 Dollars likewise the first of Elin Scott & Cos Bills on your house dated 31 Jany at 90 ds st in favor of Miss Cole for 273 Dollrs 60 Cts the amount of which that lady wishes to be invested in the United States Bank and as that Stock is now low it would probably be better to discount the Bills & invest at once rather than wait until they become due when the price of the Stock may be much increased but as you are upon the spot and can form a more correct opinion upon this point I shall be satisfied with what you may determine & do on this occasion

I am

Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth Devon
My Dr Madam

4 Feby [1833]

At the request of Mr Hawthorn I send you annexed a statement shewing the Sums now remaining due in respect of the Arrears of your Annuity of £1600 assigned to Messrs Mountague & of the subsequent Arrears of both annuities which I believe is what you require

I now enclose the 1 of W Heaths bills of Exh on Mess C E & W C Bernard of Bristol in your favor pble in London for £850 Sg equal with 20 p Ct Prem to £1428 Cy which I hope will be duly honored, he has nearly completed his A/cs for 1831 & has promised to forward them to me soon

The holidays have passed over very quietly and in the Country the Negroes are said to have enjoyed themselves more than they have been known to do for many years past

I am not aware of any information which it is in my power to afford you but shall at all times feel a pleasure in [c.o. ref] answering your inquiries

Regards to family

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

4 Feby [1833]

Since I addressed you on the 5 Ulto I have been in correspondence with Mr Heath & he has promised to send up his Accounts with Palmyra Estate to May 1831 he adds "Mr C E Bernard must have forgot our conversation on the subject of paying Mrs Weekes I shall no doubt hear from him on the subject by the Pkt & will write you and enclose a Bill according to their direction on the subject" by last post he sent me up a Bill of Ex: in her favor for £850 Sg at 20 p Ct Prem which I am now about to transmit to her together with a Statement of the amount due to her for Arrears of her Annuities

I was in Kingston on Friday and met Mr A R Jones who gave me the enclosed Bill of Ex drawn by him on George Beadwell⁴³¹ of London at 90 ds st in your favor for £236.2.7 Sg equal with 21 p Ct Prem. to £400 in payment of the first years rent of Passley Garden for which I gave him a receipt on a/c as he had not brought over any Vouchers for the repairs he has made indeed the people are now at work shingling one of the buildings it was understood between us that should the prem: current by this Pkt be more or less than 21 the difference was to be made good An action was brought against him last court for a trespass committed by the Passley Garden Negroes on Land belonging to Mr Stewart and a verdict recovered against him for £300 in consequence of one of his Witnesses being sick and unable to attend Court and the Chief refusing to put off the Cause, if he fails in obtaining a new trial he intends to file a Bill for an Injunction & bring the matter before the Chancellor, as he states that he has good cause for resisting such an iniquitous demand, it certainly appears to be a very hard case upon him if his Witnesses can prove what he states them to be capable of doing and as your nieces are interested in the result I shall be ready to afford him all the assistance in my power, he did not come over to the Assizes as he had intended not expecting that the Cause would be tried

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of my Bills on Messrs Fuller & Co for £117.3.6 Sg equal with Prem @ 21 p Ct to £198.10 Cy in full of the balance due on my A/c with your Nieces

5th. I was called away yesterday to attend the Court of Chancery then sitting where the Governor⁴³² signified through his Secretary and Brother Capt'n Phipps⁴³³ that in consequence of the arrival (as it was rumoured) of the middle Pkt the one about to sail would be postponed for one day and being satisfied on this point I did not return from the Court to finish this however on sending to the Post Office in the evening for letters I was informed to my great surprize and mortification, that

no Pkt had arrived but that the Mail had been made up & forwarded to Kingston for the Pkt to sail as on this day and which it will no doubt do I must therefore keep this for some merchant vessel I now enclose the first of W Heaths Bills on C E & W C Bernard of Bristol in my favor pble in London for £244.14.7 Sg which please to place to my credit in a/c with your firm

I am

Origl p Westbrooke
Dup p pkt March 1833

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

4 March 1833

Having had occasion to write to Mr Jones lately I again proposed to him to purchase Passley Garden Estate at once which he is perfectly willing to do if you will name your price and terms of payment

Mr William Jackson⁴³⁴ of St Dorothy, a Gentleman possessing considerable property in this Island and some money at home having informed me that he had named me in his Will as one of his Exors & Trustees, I have been induced to offer him my services during his life whenever he considers they may be beneficial to him, two Estates have lately fallen to him under the Will of his Uncle⁴³⁵ by the death of his daughter and Grand daughter, but the representatives of the former lady want to saddle him with the payment of debts & incumbrances exceeding their value which he is not disposed to pay unless strictly bound to do so, a Case is preparing here which I have promised to forward by the first vessel and which I wish you to put into the hands of my friend Freshfield to be laid before Mr Rennalls for his early attention & opinion, the latter to be sent out by the first opportunity, and for the present I wish him to procure a Certificate under the City seal of the burial of Miss Anna French who died at Mr Deffells house in Harley Street on the 15 Novr last and was buried in Trinity Church, this should be sent in original & duplicate without delay as it [c.o. will] may be required at the trial of [c.o. the] an Action in Ejectment which it is probable Mr Jackson may be compelled to send out, as at present the possession of the Estates is withheld from him, a separate account to be kept of all expences attending this business, postages &c & sent out when completed

Mr Miller by last post sent me up the enclosed bill on your firm for £500, of which you will pay or pass to the credit of Mrs Weekes the sum of £360.12.4 and to my credit the sum of £139.7.8 as P Sketch of my Account now transmitted to her

I also enclose the 2 bills of A R Jones on G Beadwell in your favor for £236.2.7 Sg on a/c of your nieces & W Heaths on W C & C E Bernard for £244.14.7 Sg in my favor

I am

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Mrs Weekes
My Dr Madam

Sp Town 4 March 1833

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the 2nd of W Heaths Bills on C E & W C Bernard for £850 Sg @ 20 p Ct prem., the first of which was sent to you by last Pkt, from Mr Miller I received on Thursday his Set of Exchge on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden for £500 Sg in my favor which I have remitted to those Gentlemen with instructions to pay to you or to pass to your credit £360.12.4 Sg being the balance due to you on the annexed a/c the particulars of the several Law Bills shall be transmitted by an early opportunity

Mr Heath has not yet favored me with his A/cs & Vouchers but I have requested one of the firm of

Duncan Dare & Stevenson to apply to him for them when he attends the Cornwall Court next week
I beg to offer my Kind regards to Mr James & your family and am &c

HJJ

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York Origl p J W Cater 13 March 1833
[c.o. Dupl p Orbitt April 15]

Dear Sirs

I have been very remiss in not replying to your several favors but I had nothing particular to communicate and have been watching with much anxiety the proceedings against the United States Bank as of the renewal of the charter there cannot be the least expectation, and I must beg [c.o. of] your advice as to the best fund to which my investment may be transferred at some future day for the present you will invest my last dividend in such State Stock as you consider most secure and will give me the best return for my capital

I have requested my friend Mr Scott to procure for me Bills to the amount of 10 or 13,000\$ which I shall forward to you for investment -

You certainly must be the best judges of the stability and firmness of the different Banks &c but I have rather a prejudice against those of the Southern States partly from their being Slave States and partly from the peculiar situation of New Orleans and should prefer investing something in One of the Railways not to have all in the same fund

I have to thank you for the information conveyed through your several favors and am
&c

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Dt.

[Messrs G G & S Howland New York] Dup p Orbitt April 15 & 2 bills 13 March 1833

Dear Sirs

By desire of Miss Cole I have procured and now remit enclosed the first of ten sets of Exchge drawn on your firm by Backus Cassajamar [sic] & Nuiry of St Jago de Cuba dated 15 Feby last at 90 days sight -

six of which are in favor of & endorsed by Dn Ysidro Puig for

\$550 \$600 \$650 \$675 \$700 & \$750 \$3925

and the other four in favor of Messrs Roig & Poch for

\$550 \$600 \$700 & \$1050 \$2900

in all Six thousand eight hundred and twenty five dollars \$6825

which I am directed to request of you to invest in her name in such Bank as you consider to be most secure and likely to yield the best return &cc

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R Hawthorn Esq

S T 29 Apl 1833

My Dr Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20 Feby last and am glad to learn that my A/c with your nieces has been approved of I have again renewed my request to Kerr that he would sell the Falmouth Water Cy Shares but I fear there is some difficulty in obtaining a purchaser as he has been long endeavouring to dispose of some of my Brothers, Mr Heath has a length produced his A/c with Palmyra Estate &c for 1831 on which he claims a balance of £992.5.1½ Cy as due to himself and by Messrs C E & W C Bernards a/c there appears to have been a balance in their hands

on 1 May 1832 of £1085.10.11 Sg so that they had no excuse whatever for not making a payment to Mrs Weekes on account of the Arrears of her Annuities 1 or 2 Vouchers are still wanting but I shall take an early opportunity of proceeding to state them regularly, unless a very strong case can be made out it is a ticklish thing to attempt to turn out a Recer or to alter the Consignments - Mr Heath is not liable for any part of the Crops shipped to Messrs Bernards under the Order of the Court his Surety is Robert Thomas Downer⁴³⁶

Enclosed I send you the 2 of W Millers Bills of Exchge on your firm for £500 Sg of which £360.12.4 Sg is to be placed to the credit of Mrs Weekes & £139.7.9 to my credit

I have been very unwell for several weeks past and mend but slowly, I cannot recover my strength altho I have not had fever for some time

I am

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Mrs Weekes
My Dr Madam

29 April [1833]

Since I last wrote to you I have been favored with copies of a memorandum drawn up by Messrs Bernards for your signature & of their letter accompanying same, there was no necessity for such a paper as if Mr Heath drew upon them for more than they had in hand they could refuse to honor his Bills however I trust that all is now right

The expences in Chancery would now be trifling if everything went on regularly but the former Recer left a large arrear and Mr Heaths opposition to the appointment of Mr Miller caused some part of what he now complains of - Mr Palmers Recognizance had also to be put in suit - I think this observation has been made more against me personally than with any real intention of dismissing the proceedings & before that can be done provision must be made for the Costs of all Parties which are very heavy

Mr Heath has sent me his a/c for 1831 by which there appears to be due to him £992.5.1½ & from Messrs Bernards A/c they admit a balance in their hands on 1 May 1832 of £1085.10.11 Sg, the Vouchers are not quite complete but I shall lose no time in proceeding to state them

Annexed I send you copies of the Law Bills charged in my A/c transmitted to you 4 Ulto by which opportunity I forwarded to Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden W Millers bill on them for £500 Sg of which £360.12.4 was to be placed to your credit & the difference to mine

With an offer of my Kind regards to Mr James & your family

I am

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J S Massett Esq London
Sir

Sp Town 13 May 1833

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Feby last and by the same pkt Mr Vidal received one from Lady Clare informing him that a Power of Atty was preparing to enable him to administer upon the Estate of Sir M Clare⁴³⁷ & to collect the debts due to him, it being my wish to quit the Country for a few months, it has not yet arrived but is daily expected and so soon as I have handed over to Mr Vidal the papers in my possession, my A/c shall be made out & forwarded to Lady Clare with any balce that may remain in my hands

I am not aware of any unsettled transactions between Mr Bayley & Sir M Clare A McWilliam⁴³⁸ Esq is his Exor

I am

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Messrs G E & S Howland New York
Dear Sirs

Spa Town 13 May 1833

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of 30 March & 9 April last & regret that you should have had so much trouble in receiving the dividends on Miss Coles Bank Stock, the Power was copied from a printed form sent down to a Mercantile house in Kingston as I did not keep a copy of the one I previously sent to you, by next opportunity another shall be forwarded and shall if practicable embrace the dividends on any other Stock belonging to Miss Cole

I now Enclose the first of Elin Scott & Cos Bills on your firm dated 3 Inst at 90 ds st in favor of Miss Cole for \$1794 & 36 Cts which when at maturity you will be pleased to invest in her name in such of the local Banks as you may consider most secure & will yield the best return

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

S Town 10 June 1833

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 10 . 12 & 17 April last

By post I sent to Mr Jones a copy of your terms for the Sale of Passley Garden and he has replied that he will take them into consideration. Mrs Lindsay he informs me is in very bad circumstances having only 3 negroes & depends principally on the Sale of a bundle of grass by next post as I was in Kingston when the last went away, I will send her £10 as the first payment on account of the sum your nieces have directed me to pay her annually, the letter for her by the Tulloch Castle has not yet arrived

I am much obliged by your early attention to my request in sending out the Certificate of burial in original & duplicate both of which have come to hand

It would appear that Mrs Weekes never shewed you the statement I sent to her on 4 Febry last - the £26323.2.6 $\frac{3}{4}$ was the balance due from Messrs Mountagues on A/Ct with the Recers of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates to 1 May 1819 and was then to have been applied by direction of Edward Mountague⁴³⁹ in reduction of the Sum of £20444.7.5 reported due to Mrs Weekes for Arrears of her Annuity of £1600 to 20 Decr 1815 and Signed by her to them, and on which there now remains due to them without Int £916.4.10 $\frac{1}{4}$ - The Order of the King in Council on the Appeal not having been Entered up here that sum cannot be paid until it is and an Order of the Court in this Country made thereon but I should imagine it to be prior to the £16089.9.2 accrued Subsequently

I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York
Dr Sirs

Sp Town 18 June 1833

Annexed I now forward another Power of Attorney from Miss Cole which will I hope be sufficient to enable you to receive not only the dividends on her investments in the United States Bank but in any other public Security, and it is her wish that these dividends should also be invested in the United States Bank

I am

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G G & S Howland New York
Dr Sirs

18 June 1833

I am favored with your letter of the 12 Ulto and observe the investments you have made of my Bank Stock Dividends in the New York State Stock which is by no means so profitable as the former giving only 4 p Ct on the sum paid

There is little inducement now for remitting to the States, Bills being high & rather scarce and the Securities there returning only from 4 to 5 p Ct I shall feel much obliged by the earliest information in respect to any change in the Bank Charter or on the subject of its renewal

It was matter of deep regret to me that I was totally incapable of offering any civility to Mr Howlands son⁴⁴⁰ when he came to this town, on any future occasion of his visiting this Country I hope I may be more fortunate and I return you my best thanks for your kind offer of attention to any of my friends visiting the States

I am &c

PS By this opportunity I have forwarded a fresh power of Atty from Miss Cole. Will you require another from me?

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

6 July [1833]

Your favor by the Tulloch Castle has at length arrived & the enclosure after payment of the postage was immediately forwarded to Mrs Lindsay to whom I had previously remitted £10 and in her letter of 19 Ulto she requests me to give her grateful acknowledgement to her beloved nieces for their kind consideration of her Mr Jones has not yet taken any further notice of my letter conveying the terms of sale of Passley Garden

I am glad to learn from your favor of the 21 May of your intention of taking the Opinion of Sir E Sugden⁴⁴¹ in addition to Mr Rennalls's on the Case sent to England to be submitted to Counsel on the part of Mr Wm Jackson, the opposite party Mr George Shaw⁴⁴² has written out that he intends to take the opinion of the former gentleman, I trust they will give it their earliest attention

Mrs Weekes wishes in respect to the appointment of Mr W Miller junr⁴⁴³ to succeed the present Recer of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates on his quitting the country shall be attended to

I beg to acknowledge through you the correctness of the balance due to me from your firm on 30 April last

Mrs Pantons⁴⁴⁴ letter I delivered to Mr E Panton the barrister who informed me that she was to be at his house that evening and I have no doubt but that she received it

I am

PS. During my sickness I forgot to send for the following articles which you will please forward by the first vessel for Kingston

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia⁴⁴⁵
Sir

Sp Town Jama 13 July 1833

Mr Hyslop having a payment to make me & proposing to meet the same by Bills on Philadelphia I requested from him a letter of introduction to you which I now enclose as from a perusal of your correspondence with him on the matters in dispute in [c.o. the] Jones vs Albert which was laid before me as Master in that Cause⁴⁴⁶ I felt satisfied that you would attend to my interest with the same zeal as you have shown for his, and I now beg leave to enclose herein the first of his 2 sets of Exchge on you at 60 days sight in my favor for 1992 79

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together 5730\$ 34Cts which when at
maturity I wish you to invest in some public Security in my name sending me down Notarial
Copies of the Certificates as you have been in the habit of doing for Mr Hyslop. I should have
preferred the United States Bank were there a more certain prospect of the Charter being renewed,
but as that does not appear likely to be done I must request of you to place [c.o. it] the amount in
some secure fund yielding a good return of interest and I shall be obliged by your informing me
within the general opinion entertained in respect to the US Bank and what probability there is of the
Charter being renewed in a modified shape; any information you can at the same time give me of
the best modes of investing money I shall be thankful to you for

I beg to apologise for intruding myself upon you and giving you so much trouble
I am

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Mr David Lewis junr Philadelphia Copy Kingston 1st July 1833
Dear Sir

My friend Mr H J James having agreed to take a Bill for the amount of his part of the Costs as
Master in the [c.o. Cause] Suit Jones & al p pro amis vs Albert & al & having purchased the
unliquidated portion of the Costs of the Complainants he has requested me to give him a letter of
introduction to you with the view of employing you in the mode of investment he may point out for
the 2 bills

I have great pleasure in doing so believe me always
faithfully Yours
Signed W Hyslop

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York 19 Augt [1833]
Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the duplicate of your favor of 10th June last & original of 13
July but neither the original of the former nor the notarial copy of the Certificate of the NY State
Stock purchased for me & alluded to therein have yet come to hand and the copy of the Certificate
of the previous purchase was only received two days before that duplicate sometime after the
sailing of the last Pkt for your port, it is just as well that it did not contain the original Certifcte in
future any papers of consequence had better be forwarded through our friends Messrs Elin Scott &
Co - Miss Cole is obliged by your investment on her account & will be obliged by your
transmitting her original Certificate, the copy she has recd, mine may remain until I visit your
States which I have serious intention of doing next year, when I shall be most happy to renew my
acquaintance with Mr Edgar Howland⁴⁴⁷ (to whom I beg to be kindly remembered) and also to be
introduced to the Gentlemen of your firm: I feel particularly obliged by your very friendly offers of
assistance and attention and of which I shall be happy to avail myself. Altho I may say that I am
perfectly recovered from my late tedious illness still I think it is necessary and it will be prudent to
try a change of climate, at all events for a few months after a residence here of almost 23 years the
whole of which time I have been engaged in a large scene of business. It is most fortunate for me
that I have done so well, as under the new system about to be adopted by our Government I much
fear there is little prospect of any person thriving in any situation in which he may endeavour to
obtain a livelihood

I will thank you to inform me whether there is any additional charge made on Insurance by the
Pkts now and if there is at what period it will cease, Bills are scarcely to be procured and 7½ is
asked for them. Are Columbian Dubloons likely to rise? What does a Sovereign pass for in your

City including Prem?

Have the goodness to send me 2 of "Mitchells Travellers Guide through the United States" in leather covers for the pocket & any other good map you think may be of equal service. Has any good map been published in the States of Upper Canada & what is the size and price as we are all anxious here to obtain some information of the place to which it is more than probable we shall be obliged to fly ere long

Does Mr Edgar Howland recommend the voyage by way of New Orleans or does he think going direct to New York preferable.

If there is any other mode of making remittances besides Bills which you would recommend I shall be obliged by your suggestions on the subject

I am

PS. I have been thinking that I may be in error in supposing that you have made 2 investments in the NY State Stock on my a/c, If only one has been made I have recd the Copy of the Certfcte but no letter, neither the original of Miss Cole's of that date

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town Jam 2 Sept 1833

My Dr Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4 July last and of one from your firm of 10 June last and am now happy to inform you that my health is considerably improved but next year I must endeavour to get away for a few months to America & try a change of climate as well as pave the way for [c.o. a total] emigration of my family to Canada as there is little doubt that as soon as the Government scheme is completed all confidence will be at an end and most business particularly Chancery put a stop to - I hope I may be mistaken but such is the general opinion here and people are endeavouring to provide a fund in America for their future provision and I shall be obliged by your forwarding to me any particulars you can obtain from the Secy of the Canada Compy⁴⁴⁸ Mr J Perry St Helens Place of the Land they have for Sale price &c and if they have any plans or maps I should wish for ½ doz for the information of my friends who are making anxious inquiries on this subject indeed I think Government should give the inhabitants of the Colonies grants of Land as a remuneration for the loss of their property & business, so soon as the Bill is passed and I can ascertain what is requisite to establish your nieces claim for compensation I will transmit you the necessary documents, Mr Miller is expected in town shortly to take his Seat as a member of the Council when he has promised to visit Passley Garden Estate,

I regret that the Opinion of Council has not yet arrived as Mr Jackson is most anxious to know what his rights are

As soon as I can find a safe mode of remittance & investment in America it is my intention to send you a Power to sell out what I have in the British funds as it appears very probable that a Property Tax must soon be laid which will touch the dividends of Absentees and I have no idea of contributing one shilling to a Government which is about to rob so many individuals of their property and means of support. Can you ascertain whether there is any means of investing money in Canada?

I am just collating the Recer's a/cs with R Hall & Palmyra Estates for 1831 & will sent Mrs Weekes an abstract - I am

Emigrants Directory

Spectacles Bradberry round glasses⁴⁴⁹

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York

Spa Town Jam 12 Octr 1833

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the following bills of Exchg Vizt
Backus Cassamajor & Nuiry on your firm dated 18 Sept last in favor of Elin Scott & Co dllrs 1,500
Elin Scott & Co on your firm of this date in favor of Robert Allwood for \$236.91q
Backus Casamajor & Nuiry on Rob Adams & Co of Philadelphia dated 21 Sept in favor of Elin
Scott & Co \$1300
\$1200
\$1500

Total Five thousand seven hundred and thirty six dollars 91q Cents - \$5736.91¼
which you will have the goodness to place to the credit of my friend the Honble Robert Allwood
and as the Bills become due invest the amount in his name in Certificates of the United States Bank
sending down notarial copies of the same. It is my intention to give him a letter of introduction to
you when I have no doubt he will address you himself
I am &c

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G G & S Howland dup: p Orbitt Novr p Neptune 12 Octr 1833
Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of Messrs Backus Casamajor & Nuirys Bills of Exchg
dated the 18 Sept last on your firm in favor of Messrs Elin Scott & Co for 600 dollars which I have
to request you will place to the credit of my friend Dr Turner of this Town who wishes the amount
when due to be invested in his name in Certificates of the United States Bank of which you will be
kind enough to send down a notarial Copy
I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland 12 Octr 1833
Dr Sirs

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favors of the 10 August (X) 12 & 17
Septr last but the notarial Copies alluded to in the former (X) have not come to hand either by the
Countess of Mulgrave or Neptune, I am obliged to you for your attention to my interest as well as
Miss Cole's and the investments of the final dividends in additional Shares in the United States
Bank is perfectly satisfactory Miss Cole also approves of the purchase of the Shares in the
Merchants Exchange Bank, but you have omitted to acquaint me of the dividend it returns either
annually or half yearly I shall be glad also to receive our a/cs which I should wish to be annually
transmitted I shall wait with much anxiety the receipt of your next favor in answer to my letter of
the 19 August last to determine my future proceedings, but it is not my [c.o. wish] intention to visit
the States before May or June next if my health will allow of my remaining here until then, I am
thank God still improving in health & strength but the weather is unusually and excessively hot

Enclosed I beg to trouble you with 2 letters covering Bills of Exchge on account of my friends the
Honble Robt Allwood the father of the Gentleman who accompanied Mr Edgar Howland to New
Orleans and Dr Turner of this Town, with a request of attention to their wishes, but should such
business be in any way disagreeable to you I beg you will at once mention it, otherwise I may be
induced to trouble you on similar occasions as most persons here are endeavouring to raise a trifle
and put it in Security against an evil day and I am frequently asked the name of my Agent and
friends If I can do anything for you here I beg that you will freely command my services
I am

David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia

Sp Town Jama 14 Octr 1833

Dr Sir

I beg [c.o. leave] to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the Ulto and feel particularly obliged by the very full information you have been kind enough to afford me

The term "Public Securities" was intended by me to embrace the several Chartered Banks, State Stocks Canals &c being aware that the Government Securities were likely to be very soon paid off, It is a matter of serious difficulty for me to Determine in what mode to invest the amount of the Bills I lately remitted to you & I will therefore leave it to your Judgment to do the best you can for me in any one of the newly Chartered Institutions you may deem safest and most profitable, If you have any Book which may be useful in throwing any light upon the nature of the different institutions I should wish you to send me down a copy

I am

Messrs G G & S Howland N York

Sp Town 6 Nov 1833

Dear Sirs

Availing myself again of the kind offer of your services in transacting [c.o. in] any business for my friends in the States I now beg leave to introduce to you my much respected & esteemed friend the Honble Robert Allwood on whose account I made you a remittance by the Neptune on the [] Ulto & who has now a further sum which he wishes you to invest for him with the particulars of which he will himself acquaint you

I am

Same [Messrs G G & S Howland]

13 Nov 1833

Dear Sirs

This being a very busy period of the year with me I can only now acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 9 Octr last accompanied by the Maps for which I am much obliged to you Miss Coles Certificates also came safe to hand, None of the notarial Copies which you last sent have ever been received - I have only got 200 in the United States Bank & 6 in the New York State Stock

I am

Rob Hawthorn Esq London

25 Nov 1833

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 19 Sept & 3 Octr last with their respective enclosures

Mr Jackson had become very anxious to obtain the opinion from England and I was really glad to forward it to him it is not so favourable as he had anticipated it would be

An extract from your letter so far as relates to Passley Garden has been sent to Mr A R Jones & you shall be informed of his reply, in his letter to me of 29 Octr he expresses a wish that Mr Millers visit should be postponed to a future period "as his appearance might tend to put some false notion into the negroes heads" and he has a gang of 50 others there "that might get discontented and refractory at supposing they were to change hands

Mr Miller being in town I sent him your letter of the 3 Octr & the accompanying papers and have

since sent your Accots Curr to Mr Gordon⁴⁵⁰ having previously taken a copy of them the Marriage of that young man with your relative caused much surprise & excited no small degree of disgust in the minds of all who at any time alluded to it, the engagement was not of long standing but it was spoken of before it took place and he himself intimated that it would, had I been aware of your relationship I would certainly have made you acquainted with the circumstances as soon as I heard of it but I only understood that you transacted business for her and had money in your hands belonging to her I blamed the Parson for what he had done & thought that he would be rightly served if the Deed were set aside it appears from what Mr Stevenson told Mr Miller and myself that Mrs Cole had previously made a Will by which she left $\frac{1}{2}$ of her property to Mr Burtons⁴⁵¹ children & the other to your family & that the Deed was intended to secure this arrangement in which Mr Cole was however to participate, annexed I send you a copy of Vidal Duncan & Stevensons letter to Mr Miller after our interview with them and you may expect to learn that proceedings have been instituted against you in the Court of Chy ere long for altho Mr Gordon would wish to make you believe he did not marry for money, still his Acts go far to prove the contrary, he has bought a Pen about 4 miles from this Town for which he has agreed to give about £7000, he has bought some stock to place upon it & is living there, he had understand (sic) agreed to give £1000 to become a partner in a Solicitors Office & a very few days after his Marriage old Mrs Simcockes⁴⁵² made a new Will entirely in his favor how he will accomplish these objects now the money is tied up I am at a loss to imagine but in the event of his filing a Bill there will be a very serious difficulty in proving Mrs Cole not to have been in a fit State of mind to understand the nature of the Deed she was about to execute and I hardly know to whom to apply for information not being aware of any person who has been intimate in their family, but you may depend upon my giving every aid in my power to Mr Miller in support of your interest

It will be satisfactory to you to learn that a Bill passed the House of Assembly on Saturday for the Abolition of Slavery in conformity with the English Act, a copy is to be sent to the Agent only by this Packet

Having lost my poor Son Herbert I have directed some of his hair to be enclosed to you which I wish to have put into a neat Mourning broach & sent out to me, on the back to be Engraved his name Herbert Jarrett James born 19 Novr 1818 & died 2 Octr 1833

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of R Fairweathers⁴⁵³ Bills on Davidsons Barkly & Co of London for £300 Sg & W Hyslops on C Buttar of London⁴⁵⁴ for £42.16.4 Sg to be placed to my credit when due

I am

PS I understand that Mr Gordon has said that he should not file a Bill for some time: & Mr Burton intends to release his claim

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[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]

Spanish Town 21st December 1833

My Dear Sir,

Your favors of the 5th October p Planet and 7th Novr p Pkt have come safe to hand - I have also received the shipment p the former Vessel and have to request your attention to the charge for the folio paper of 37/6 p ream, that of the previous year was 27/ both thin paper the last is certainly of a better quality but not equal to such a difference in price - of the Mulberry syrup 4 were empty the Corks of 3 bottles having flown & the fourth was broken - they should have been packed upright - the Man did not pack the Cheese as I had requested and the Vermin have commenced upon them.

I now send you annexed a Copy of Mr Jones' reply to your proposition - I have since pointed out his overlooking the period of apprenticeship for which no remuneration has been offered by him for the hire of the negroes - his answer has not been received, indeed this new arrangement for the

sailing of the packets will occasion serious inconvenience to many persons - it arrived last Saturday - the letters passed through this Town for Leeward on Monday or Tuesday and its sailing is fixed for tomorrow so that very few if any letters will be in time from the Leeward parts of the Island

I feel much indebted to you for your prompt attention to my request in respect to Canada and for the Letters of Introduction and information which you have been kind enough to obtain for me - I agree with you in opinion that the only chance proprietors have of obtaining anything from their Estates will be for them to come out and superintend the working of this new system themselves - that it cannot possibly answer is universally admitted here and your friend Mr Miller has I understand drawn up some very judicious remarks upon it - the Law and all branches of it will nearly be put a stop to, who will file a petition for a receivership? or who will seek for or hold such an appointment? we can with difficulty obtain payments now, and how will it then be? - I have stated Mr Miller's further accounts with Rose Hall to 31 Decr last, and by the last post Mr Heath wrote me to say that his were ready and would be sent up by the first opportunity when I will forward a statement of both years together

I had intended to have requested your assistance in the [c.o. affairs] arrangement of the affairs of my late respected friend Mr Boucher, but his nephew Mr Crabb⁴⁵⁵ who is residuary devisee obtained a Power of Atty from the Exors here under the promise of acting under our directions, which he now appears disposed to consider of no consequence and is acting as if he were the Exor & not their Agent only - I cautioned Mr Freshfield against this and I should feel particularly obliged by your conversing with him on the subject - I am unable to answer Mr Crabb's letter by this packet no post having since departed to enable me to convey a Copy of it to Mr Salmon, or to obtain what he has written for - the money in the funds should be transferred at once to our names, I wrote to Mr F. that if he could not act for both parties to put my letter into the hands of some other respectable limb of the law - Mr Salmon has promised to ship one half of the present Coffee Crop to your firm for disposal which must be accounted for separately from my private transactions

By this day's post I have sent Mrs Lindsay her quarterly allowance. I much fear that I shall lose the opportunity of disposing of my Lithographic presses for want of a Manual which some person has borrowed from me and not returned - I must therefore beg of you to send me another by the first Vessel for Kingston

After the information conveyed to you by last packet you will be surprised to learn that a Bill has been filed by Mr Gordon a Copy of which I now forward you. I have not been able to peruse it as I only saw it on the file on Thursday since which it has been in hand copying & yesterday I was in Kingston - Mr Vidal is of opinion that it may be demurred to, as Mrs Gordon is not a party to it, he will however write to Mr Miller on the subject & obtain his instructions -

Enclosed I send you the second of R Fairweather's Bills on Davidson's Barkley & Co in my favor for £300 Stlg; & W Hyslop's on C Butter for £42.16.4 sterling to be placed to my credit

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season & many happy returns of the same

I am &c

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.

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[In a different hand]

[Lady Clare, Cromarty House, Cromarty, N B]

Spanish Town 21 December 1833

My Dear Lady Clare

I much fear that I shall have incurred your displeasure by delaying to forward an account of my transactions during the time I acted as the Atty: of your late husband, but it has been chiefly occasioned by a tedious illness of some months which so debilitated me that I [c.o. was obliged to] have not to this moment regained my former strength, then again I was obliged to exert myself to

get through the business that had accumulated during my sickness and last of all came an early & lengthened session - it has however enabled me to introduce into my accounts all credits over which I had any controul - I have also paid up the Interest to Miss Cole to the latest period - by the foregoing statement there appears to be a balance in my hands of £282.13.0 Currency in discharge of which I enclose my Bill on Messrs A E Fuller & Co of London at 90 days sight in your favour for £166.14.1 sterling equal with premium at 21 p Ct & stamps 5/- to the above sum of £282.13.0 and I shall be glad to learn that my account proves correct and that you acknowledge it to be so - many circumstances have occurred to prevent my obtaining further payments - Sir Michael had received all that could be collected previous to his going of - Martial Law now pleaded by many as an excuse for not paying - too many persons of a new Insolvent debtor's Law which enabled them to get clear of their debts and engagements and if you pressed others they threatened to avail themselves of it and the melancholy intelligence of the death of my late friend put a stop to my authority. I should have had much pleasure in giving you all the assistance in my power by accepting a Power from you, but it being then my intention to quit the Island for a few months you would have been put to double expence in sending out another under which a second administration would have been necessary: I was strongly urged to go off after my illness but being so very weak and uncomfortable I could not endure the thoughts of going on Board ship in that state to encounter all the annoyances of a Sea Voyage amongst a host of strangers - but I hope to be able to visit the United States and Canada about the middle of next year

I feel much indebted to you for your kind interest in the welfare of my daughter and am happy to add that the accounts I now receive of her are extremely favourable and hopes are entertained of her having overcome her late complaint

I beg to offer my respects to your sister

& remain &c

Lady Clare,
Cromarty House,
Cromarty
N.B.

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[In a different hand]

[Messrs A E Fuller & Co, Merchants, London]

Spanish Town Jamaica 21 Decr. 1833

Dear Sirs

I beg to advise you of my having drawn upon you under this date the Bills of Exchange on account of my Brother William R[c.o. hodes] James in favour of Lady Clare Exix of Sir M B Clare for £166.14.1 sterling & in favour of Mrs A G Allen for £100 Sterling which please to honor and charge to his account

I am &c

duplicate p Swallow 10 Feby 1834

Messrs A E Fuller & Co
Merchants
London

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[In a different hand]

[Mrs Allen, Brook House, Lewisham, Kent]

21 Decr 1833

My dear Madam

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I have only time now to enclose you my bill of Exchange on Messrs A E Fuller & Co of London in your favour for £100 (one hundred pounds sterling equal with premium at 21 p Ct & stamps to £169.13.0 - Mr Stewart having paid up your rent to November last, Mr Mendes does not pay and I must sue him but you shall have a more full account by next packet when I hope to be able to send your mother a small bill - make my kind respects to her and to Mr Allen as well as your children - PS I hope the arrow-root & sweetmeats arrived safe

I remain &c

Mrs Allen,
Brook House,
Lewisham,
Kent

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[HJJ's handwriting]

Messrs G G & S Howland New York

Sp Town Jama.: 30 Decr 1833

Dr Sirs

Mr John Gale Vidal one of my particular friends being desirous of investing a sum of money on Security in the United States I beg leave to recommend his interests to your attention being satisfied that you will do all in your power to promote them in the fulfilment of his wishes

I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York

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Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 12 Novr 14 & 20 Decr last and am extremely obliged to you for the several papers relating to the United States Bank, the explanation of the Directors is in my opinion satisfactory but I fear the President will be more determined [c.o. than ever] to refuse his consent to the renewal of the Charter, I shall, you may be sure be glad to learn what may be the opinion in the States on this subject as well as to receive the earliest information upon any steps that may be taken or determined on, the notarial copy of the 6 Shares last purchased for me has not yet come to hand altho' advised in you favor of the 12 September last

William Dutton Turner is the name of my friend on whose behalf I remitted you 600 dollars

On the 30 Decr I addressed a few lines to you recommending the interests of my friend Mr Vidal of this town to your care & attention & I have an application from another friend for a similar letter which will I hope not prove disagreeable to you. Should there be any book published in the States containing information respecting the Banks & other chartered institutions I should like to have a copy sent to me or the prospectus or plan of any one in which you may invest the money of my friends or recommend to their notice for that purpose

As Bills on New York are likely to keep up I propose making you a shipment of Specie by the first pkt vessel to sail for that port which is expected to be the J W Cater you will therefore please to effect Insurance on 1000 Dubloons equal to 16\$ each by the first packet vessel to sail from Kingston to New York and advise me by the earliest opportunity of your having done so as I wish to take advantage of the present decline in the price of public Securities for making an investment in one of them

I am with esteem

Dr Sirs yours faithfully

HJJ

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[In a different hand]

[Mrs R A Weekes, Sidmouth]

Spanish Town Jamaica 10th Febr 1834

My Dear Madam

Early in January Mr Heath sent me up his accounts with Palmyra Estate for 1832 - on referring to Messrs C E & W C Bernard's account it appeared that on the 1st May there was a balance of £653.8.1 sterling which they state to be "applicable to his immediate draft" and on which "no Interest would be allowed" I applied immediately to Mr Heath for a Bill for that sum at a short sight on the 16th he sent me the enclosed Bill of Exchange drawn by him at C E & W C Bernard of Bristol (at 90 days sight for £550 sterling) in your favour stating that "situated as things are I do not like to draw for more than I know to be in their hands nor to be in advance for the Estate", in reply I wrote him that "I did not see why he should not have given me a Bill for the full amount in their hands at a short sight as I requested him as he had a balance in his own hands on the 31 December 1832 of £530 odd - "When their Messrs Bernards [c.o. account] subsequent accounts came before me I shall be under the necessity of charging Interest on the former balance as heretofore, otherwise the properties would lose a year's interest and you have my letters applying to you for a further payment on account of Mrs Weekes it appears that you had their sanction for drawing and why you had delayed doing so until this late period, I am at a loss to imagine having the proceeds of the Crop of 1833 still to account for in hand" since then I have not heard from Mr Heath who has been very ill otherwise I should have made up my Report for 1832 as I am only waiting for some information from him to enable him to do so, I am surprised that Messrs Bernards continue him as their Attorney as he has been consigning part of the Crop of Palmyra to Messrs Payne of Bristol & Lawrence of Liverpool

Enclosed I also send you the first of W Miller's Bills of Exchange on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of London for "Three hundred pounds sterling on account of last year's Crop "as he could not venture to draw for more at present" - In the event of Mr Miller's quitting the Country his relation shall be nominated to succeed him in the management of Rose Hall Estate and his sureties shall be enquired after, Mr Hawthorn no doubt informed you that Mr Robert Thomas Downer is the surety of Mr Heath and is not I fear worth much, but I do not know that he can be compelled to find another, unless his circumstances could be shewn to be notoriously bad. It is my wish if I can arrange my affairs in proper time to run off to Canada for a few months and should you wish any particular person to act for you in my absence I beg that you will let me know otherwise I would entrust your concerns to the friend who may superintend my own

I beg to offer my best regards to Mr James and your family and am with much respect my dear Madam

Your faithful hble Servt

Herbert J James

Mrs R A Weekes,

Sidmouth

p Swallow packet

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[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]

Spanish Town Jamaica 10th February 1834

My Dear Sir,

The packet has brought me your favor of the 6th December last, and as soon as I receive the parcel forwarded by the Rival your request shall be attended to altho' there will be some difficulty in obtaining the acknowledgement you require as I understand she⁴⁵⁶ can scarcely sign her name - Duncan has not yet arrived nor any other Vessel except the packet in 54 days - I will do all in my power to secure the advances of your firm to him he is I fear rather thoughtless in his disposal of money - As soon as it is ascertained what documents are necessary to secure the claims to compensation I will send such as relate to you nieces, Rose Hall and Palmyra.

Not having seen Mr Jones in Kingston last month as he led me to expect I have applied to him by letter for the rent of Passley Garden Estate, he has not noticed my remarks on his proposition for purchasing you nieces rights, the quarterly payment has been regularly made to Mrs Lindsay

I have arranged with my Co Executor The Honble John Salmon Jnr that one half of the Crop of Mr Boucher's properties shall be consigned to your firm and he has directed me to request insurance to be effected on 80 Tierces of Coffee (900lbs each) In ship or ships warranted to sail before the 1st August, it is his intention to get it down to the Wharf as early as possible and to ship it without delay, the other half goes to E F Green his friend of course the proceeds will be applied to our credit in a distinct account.

Mr Heath has at length sent up his accounts for 1832 but has since been dangerously ill which has prevented his sending me up the information necessary to enable me to make up my report by this opportunity, I have forwarded to Mrs Weekes his bill on Messrs C E & W C Bernard's for £550 Sterling and W Millers on your firm for £300 sterling with an Extract from the letters which have passed between Mr Heath and myself relative to the balance in the hands of Messrs Bernard on the 1st May 1833 on which they state that no interest will be allowed, part of last year's Crop was consigned to Messrs Payne & Son of Bristol and Lawrence of Liverpool but for what reason I have not yet ascertained

Bills of Exchange have fallen, 18 P Cent, could with difficulty be obtained in Kingston on Friday as they were expected to be lower - Enclosed I send you the two first of J S Williams⁴⁵⁷ Bills on Colville & Co of London in my favour at 90 days sight for five hundred pounds [c.o. each] sterling each to be placed to my credit with your firm

Mr Finlay⁴⁵⁸ of the firm of Gillespie & Co of Quebec is at present here for the benefit of his health, I have not as yet been able to fall in with him as he is only in Kingston occasionally,

I am my dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Herbert J James

Robert Hawthorn Esq
p Swallow packet

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[In a different hand]
[no recipient]

Spanish Town Jamaica 10th Februy 1834

My Dear Sir

[co. Your favour of the 6th December last arrived by the previous packet but it sailed again before the return of the regular post from the Country and I had no other opportunity of communicating with Mrs Boucher or Mr Salmon on the subject of its contents neither am I yet able to forward the information you require]

[In the wrong letter-book as it concerns the Boucher estate]

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[In a different hand]

G G & S Howland *[crossed out and marked 'not sent']*

12 Feby 1834

Dr Sirs

Since I addressed you on the 1 Instant my friend Mr Scott has informed me of the very great fall in the price of Dubloons which I was before ignorant of but as I trust you have received my order for Insurance I have determined upon sending them and you must keep until some good mode of disposing of them turns up, Enclose I send a bill of lading for one thousand Columbian Dubloon I am with regards &c

P J W Cater to your address

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[HJJ's handwriting]

Messrs G G & S Howland N York

Sp Town 12 March 1834

Dr Sirs

Since I addressed you on the 1 Ulto I have been favored with your letters of the 17 Jany & 8 Feby last, the former concerning your A/c Ct with Miss Cole and myself both of which appear to be perfectly correct and for which I am much obliged to you, as well as for the 2nd set of papers relating to the U S Bank about which I am very anxious and shall be glad to learn that the dispute has been satisfactorily settled as it has occasioned so much commercial distress in your community which might have been easily avoided had not your President been so determined to carry his point, The investments you have made of the dividends are satisfactory Mr Allwoods Power will go by the present opportunity and Dr Turners will be sent shortly - Had not his dividends and balance in case he should not immediately make you a further remittance, be better invested in some Institution whose Shares are for less than 100 dollars?

When I requested you to effect Insurance on 1000 Dubs I was not aware that they had fallen so considerably and being afraid that my letter of advice might not have reached you in time, I thought it as well to postpone the shipment of which I requested my friend Mr Scott to advise you as I was at the sailing of the J W Cater laid up with fever, You will be kind enough to inform me whether you have effected the Insurance and whether it has been transferred and how long it will remain in force, also the price of Columbian Patriot Dubloons from time to time as opportunities occur

I shall be obliged by your transmitting me any information you may be able to procure in respect of the Phoenix Bank⁴⁵⁹ & the Camden & Amboy Rail Road and Canal Company⁴⁶⁰, the dividends they pay their situation & whether they are considered good & safe investments and are likely to succeed

I have to request of you to send me an Atlas of the States of the latest and best description, I have seen one which I think was published at Philadelphia with marginal notes, but I leave it to you to select such as you approve of as affording the most full and copious information with respect to public institutions the nature of the country manufactories &c - I beg to apologize for giving you this trouble & remain with esteem & respect Dr Sirs Yours faithfully &c

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia

12 March 1834

Dr Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 30 Octr 29 Novr & 2 Janr last to the 2 first it was unnecessary to reply as they contained nothing definitive and only informed me of your intentions, to the last I should have immediately replied had I not for some time been laid up with fever brought by a violent cold, which rendered me unfit to attend to any business - Your

description of the Bank in which you have made an investment for me is satisfactory, and were I not considered, a foreigner I should be perfectly satisfied, my only fear is that it may cause me some trouble or there may be some difficulty in establishing my claim at a future date so as to enable me to dispose of my shares should I be so inclined, or any accident may befall me which might oblige my family to sell them, you mention having taken a power to transfer but in case of the failure of the party would it still be effectual for that purpose? or might not the creditors interfere & put in their claim? Is there any penalty of forfeiture attached to a foreigners holding shares? if not what is to prevent his doing so? I have not a single acquaintance in the States only an Agent & Correspondent at New York, so that unless there is any danger or impediment in the way of my possessing them, you may as well retain the shares for me sending me a notarial copy of them as well as of the power, and when you have invested the whole of my funds I should wish to be favored with your A/Ct and any information you may be able to afford me in respect of the Camden & Amboy Rail Road & Canal Compy, as your account of it has made a favorable impression upon my mind and I propose making an investment in it. What is the present price? I regret very much to learn that there has been so much commercial distress in the States and hope that none of your friends have been sufferers in consequence of it

What is the object of the Philadelphia & Reading Rail Road⁴⁶¹? the distance is so short that that [sic] I should scarcely think it worth while to go to such an expence unless it is to join some other undertaking of similar description - What is the other project you allude to for connecting New York with Philadelphia and is it likely to be established?

Some of my friends here who are desirous of investing money in the States make application to me for letters to my correspondent and should they prefer Philadelphia would it be agreeable to you to receive and invest their remittances as I have hitherto given them letters to N York not knowing any person in your City?

I am very respectfully

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[In a different hand]

Spanish Town Jamaica 15 March 1834

My Dear Madam

I Have only now to enclose you the second of W Heath's Bills on E C & W C Bernard of Bristol for £550 Stlg: equal with premium at 18 P Cent to £908.12.0 Cy: and the second also of W Millers on Messrs Hawthorn & Sheddons, of London for £300 stlg: equal with premium @ 18 p Cent to £405.12.0 Cy:

Mr Heath has now sent me all his Vouchers except one which he promises to forward by next post and I shall then be enabled to close my Report and send you an abstract of the two last year's or 1831 & 1832

I am very respy &c

Mrs R A Weekes,
Sidmouth

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[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]

Spanish Town Jamaica 15 March 1834

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 3 & 4 Jany: last, nothing has been done by Mr Gordon since the filing of his Bill, the family reside principally on the pen he has bought -

We had been expecting poor Duncan for some Weeks when the last packet brought us the melancholy intelligence of his death, [c.o. this] it surprised us very much, poor fellow, I much fear that he has not left much for his Widow⁴⁶² and Child, his debts are heavy, there is no necessity to send out your account proved under the City seal unless you wish to include the other small sums to which you allude, some time must elapse before you can expect a payment on account but I will do every thing in my power for you so long as I remain here, but I am still in hope of getting away in June for a few months at least as I have been again laid up with fever but am now tolerably well again except in strength - Enclosed I send you a bill of lading for 14 Casks of Coffee p St Vincent Planter on account of the Estate of Richard Boucher Esquire deceased which Vessel sailed last Week for England the next shipment Mr Salmon writes me will be by the Thadia but he is fearful that as some of the Coffee is very light, that the Crop will fall short of what he expected.

Mr Jones has sent me the enclosed Bill of Exchange on George Beadnell of London for £238 - Sterling on account of the Rent of Passley Garden to 31st December last, but as the premium is lower than what he had anticipated he will have something more to pay, annexed I send you a Copy of his account for repairs but I have not yet seen his Vouchers, Having now got in all the law accounts relating to that business I intend to apply to him for half of the expense of preparing the lease, the Bill had better therefore remain uncredited until I have settled with him and the lawyers when I will forward my account Current shewing how it is to be applied 15 p Cent is the premium expected to be Current by this packet

Mr Heath is at length sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to business and will next post I hope complete his Vouchers & enable me to close my report - he writes that his reason for diverting the Consignments was in consequence of something that passed between him and Mr Bernard when he was in this Country

Mr Finlay has I am sorry to say embarked for New [c.o. York] Orleans without my having had an opportunity of being introduced to him

Our Governor Lord Mulgrave sailed this morning in the Pallas Frigate for England, I much fear he has done much injury in the short time he was here, a few addresses got up by his friends but I do not think that he was much liked

Enclosed I also send you the second of J S Williams' two sets of Exchange on Colville & Co for £500 Stlg: each. What would be the best mode of investing them -

I am My Dear Sir &c

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.

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[In a different hand]

[James H Byles⁴⁶³ Esq, Bowden Hall, Gloucester]

Spanish Town Jamaica 15 March 1834

My Dear Sir

Altho' it is a very long time since any communication has passed between us, Your very great kindness to myself and family in England has never been forgotten and I have frequently blamed myself for not having acknowledged it on my first arrival here,⁴⁶⁴ but the propriety of doing so, I must candidly confess did not occur to my mind until long after and when in fact it was too late, I am however happy to learn that my Conduct has not lowered me in your esteem, and that I still retain your good opinion

Poor Duncan had been long looked for, and we were by no means prepared to learn of his untimely end, it must however be more satisfactory to his family that he should have died at Clifton where he had the best advice and attendance rather than at sea, where they might have supposed that he died for want of such assistance - I do not know how he continued to spend so much money for exclusive of the debts he incurred in England, he received some cost there and a remittance or

two from this Country, from all that I can gather I am fearful that there will be very little if anything coming to his Wife and Child after all his debts are paid and that will take some time to accomplish as payments are now so backward here, Vidal does not hold out the least prospect of a remittance for his Widow's support, he states that there is due to him on Duncan's bonds, payable previous to 31 December last about £4,400 Currency exclusive of office Contingencies, liabilities &c the late firm owe to my Brother nearly £1000 & to Brown's Estate £1700 or £1800 for which I think Mr Vidal is also liable there is due on the note to you a balance of £1980.10.9, to April 1832, the Interest on which sum paid to the two Byles!⁴⁶⁵ both of whom are married, the Youngest it is said to a girl having some property and Vidal has engaged to indemnify Dare from all liability on account of this note, when I have obtained further particulars from you and have seen the notes you allude, one of which I understand from Vidal has been mislaid, I will explain to these young men your intentions, if the money were forthcoming it would be as well to take it and put it in some place of security, but I would not recommend its being laid out here, as I have no faith in the stability of the Island a very few months may or at all event a very few years will put an end to all our hopes, or expectations from this ill fated Colony

I feel much indebted to you for the confidence you are disposed to place in me and so long as I remain in the Country I shall gladly attend to your instructions and look after your Interest, but having toiled for twenty three years at the desk I find my health [c.o. continued] considerably injured by such continued exertions, as the last Masters law was most oppressive some few years ago my liver was affected but I have so far kept the disease under as only to suffer occasionally from it, last year I had a fever which so far debilitated me that I have not yet recovered my strength and last month I was again laid up with fever, finding that my constitution cannot long stand these repeated attacks, I have been compelled to make up my mind to quit the Country at all events for a few months, but if necessary for a longer period, it is my intention to quit this in June for America and Canada and see if I can make any arrangement for the removal of my boys to either of those Countries - I shall not visit England if I can avoid it - had not such been my determination I would readily have accepted a power from you and done all in my power to effect a settlement of your claims on the Estate of my poor friend, and I the more regret my inability to meet your wishes considering that you have a right to call for my services whenever you may think they can be employed for your benefit and advantage as a poor and humble return for your uniform kindness to all our family

I am &c

PS Should Mrs Duncan not have left England do me the favor of offering my best remembrances to her

James H Byles Esqr,
Bowden Hall,
Gloucester

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[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]

Spanish Town Jamaica 27 March 1834

My Dear Sir

Your favour of the 5 Ultio: with a copy of Messrs Freshfield's to J G Vidal annexed has come to hand - no further steps have been taken by Mr Gordon in the suit. Mr Burton I understand intends to apply for a foreign Commn to Examine Mr Stevenson, he went to England in the Swallow Pkt he intends also in his Answer on the money being secured to the ladies for their lives and after that to their blood relations - Mrs Gordon is in a helpless state scarcely able to walk across the room and if

the suit is protracted he may yet be disappointed in his expectations and it will serve him right, he has been obliged to give up the pen not being able to make any payment towards the purchase - the ring I received last Thursday and as soon as I can meet with a friend to introduce me I mean to call [c.o. myself] & deliver it myself - altho' Mr G states that he married her solely from attachmt there are already a few reports of his amours with several other females of which it is said that she is not ignorant from the jealousy of the parties

I have to thank you for the maps of Canada Books & Letters of Introduction but the parcels having been put into the ships bags were sent by post to this town (altho' applied for at the store of the Consignee but to whose hands they never came) and 50/ Cury was paid for postage in future you had better direct any parcels to the Care of my friends Messrs Elin Scott & Co Kingston who will forward them to me by a private opportunity - I beg of you to understand that in making the observations respecting the Mulberry Syrrup & package of other articles I did not consider you at all to blame but I know the tradesmen are not in the habit of paying sufficient attention to the packing of articles for shipment to a Warm Climate, too much care cannot be paid to preserves, I could not expect you to replace anything that might be broken but I think the person selling & packing them should make good any loss they charge quite enough for everything packages &c

I have not heard from Mr Jones since I sent him an account of drawing the lease of Passley Garden and his answer will not be in time for this packet so that my account must be delayed - It is my intention if I can possibly arrange my affairs in time to go off in June for a few months so that you can instruct me to whom your nieces Interests are to be entrusted

Messrs Freshfield's letter does not in my opinion require any answer I am by no means satisfied with their Conduct because I particularly requested Mr F, Senr to whom my letter was addressed to hand over my Instructions to some other Solr in Case Mr Crabb attempted in any way to deviate from them - that Gentleman has not in any one instance complied with them but has proposed to act differently altogether from the Will itself, and the Trustees are kept out of all funds and have not any means of paying Mrs Boucher's Annuity of £700 p annum of which five quarters are now due and she is desirous of going to England, were this properly arranged, and secured to her - I know nothing of Government annuities neither have I any faith in the Government for they reduce the Interest and take the people's money or property just as they please, and who can prevent them, - If Mr Crabb attempts to sell Mr Boucher's money out of the funds he may find himself mistaken and that he has no power or authority for doing so everything being left in trust first for payment of the annuity to his Widow &c &c it places us in a most unpleasant situation here as our hands are tied up

Mrs Duncan has sent out a power of Atty to Mr Cargill⁴⁶⁶ who married one of the sisters & myself, but I cannot act as I am anxious to get away, Cargill says that the debts of poor Duncan amount to about £12,000 Cy: and his claims to about £24,000 but I am fearful that of the latter scarcely a sufficiency will be realized for payment of the former & Interest

Mr Heath has been again ill, but not seriously, it has however prevented his settling with Mr James, the only acct not receipted there being some overcharge in it on slaves & Mr J had left St Jas. for St Mary when the last post came away. I really wish Mr Heath had nothing more to do with the Estate as he occasions me a vast deal of trouble -

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of Arthur R Jones's Bills on George Beadwell of London in your favor for £238 Stlg: the premium is fixed at 15 p Cent &

I am &c

Robert Hawthorn Esq.

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[In a different hand]

[James H Byles Esq]

Spanish Town Jamaica 31 March 1834

My Dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors one dated 19 January last, accompanied by a power of Atty from yourself to me and another from Mrs Duncan to Mr Cargill & myself the latter I have given to Mr Cargill not being able to act under it for the reason I gave you in my last letter, and it would put the Estate of our late friend to additional expense but so long as I remain here I will do what you may require, the rent of Mr Duncan's Mountain⁴⁶⁷ will I believe be remitted by Cargill to his Widow for her support, of course she will hear from the latter on the subject of her affairs, he calculates the debts at £12,000 and his claims to £24,000 and it will be so long before a good part of the latter will be received that I much fear it will scarcely do more than pay the former and Interest -

Mr Vidal has received a letter from Mr Dare detailing what had lately taken place between you in respect of his and Duncan's note to you. (which is not to be found here) against which Mr V had undertaken to indemnify him and who is much hurt at the annoyance given to Dare, (altho' I am glad of it, as he never had any regard for the feelings of others) and in order to relieve him has given me his note of which you have a Copy annexed as well as two letters on the same subject from which you will learn that he has pledged to me certain bills of Costs in the Cause of the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital vs Willis & as part of which had been assigned to him and some accrued this year on the final hearing and emolument of the same, the sale is fixed for August and in the Event of its being put off he will endeavour to obtain an order for the payment of the Costs by the Receiver Mr James Cockburn, you will of course let me know your intentions on this point as early as possible as well as your wishes in respect to the Investment of the money when paid I spoke to the Elder Byles⁴⁶⁸ on Saturday and told him what you had written me, he seemed to be of opinion that the money had better not be invested here but promised to consider of it and let me know his [c.o. opinion] determination - I send annexed a Copy also of the account shewing the reduction on Duncan & Dare's former note and a Copy of Duncan's Bond to you for £768.10.0 which appears to have been granted by him in lieu of his separate note to you for £734.5.8 Cy:

I am not aware of any further information which is in my power to afford you

I am &c

Mr John Byles has just called to say he is perfectly satisfied to allow the money to remain in Mr Vidals hands if you approve
James H Byles Esq

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[HJJ's handwriting]

Messrs G G & S Howland New York

Spa Town Jama 12 April 1834

Dear Sirs,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 11th Ulto and of Williams's Register⁴⁶⁹ for 1833 for which I am much obliged to you

I observe that you have effected the Insurance advised in my letter of the 1st of Feby last & enclosed I send you a bill of lading for One thousand Columbian Dubloons p the John W Cater Capt Crane X which I hope will arrive to a good market the amount I wish to be invested in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road & Canal should it still maintain its good character as an Investment as I do not wish to become interested in any other Bank until matters are [c.o. finally] permanently settled in respect to the United States Bank, be pleased to send me a note of the Cost of the Insurance

I am with esteem & respect Dr Sirs,

Yrs faithfully

X in a box marked 'J'

[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]

Spanish Town Jamaica 25 April 1834

My Dear Sir

Mr Jones has not yet sent me the balance of his rent or his moiety of the expense of preparing the lease of Passley Garden &c but I have Credited those sums in my account which is annexed to enable you to appropriate Mr Jones' Bill of £238 Sterling of which you will apply £120.16.4 Stlg: to the Credit of your neices (sic) and the balance £117.3.8 to my Credit, copies of the Law accounts are also annexed and at your liesure (sic) I shall be glad to learn that my Account is found to be correct.

I am obliged by your speaking to Messrs Freshfields as Mr Crabb has now acted as I wished and every thing will I trust be speedily arranged, he wishes the Crop to be consigned direct to him which must of course be done so soon as all the debts and Legacies are paid - I have written to Freshfields to send me a statement of the monies admitted by Mr Crabb to have come to his hands belonging to our Testor which I hope he will forward without delay, let me have your accounts sales as soon as they are made up that I may draw for my Son's legacy and Invest it at once - Keep the marks separate as the Coffee is from different properties, but it is not of much consequence

Mr C Gordon⁴⁷⁰ made a proposition to me yesterday on the part of his Brother to put a stop to the the proceedings in Chancery and settle one half of his Wife's money on her on being allowed to receive the other half and apply it in payment of the expenses incurred since his Marriage in the purchase of the Penn and these proceedings &c I told him that I did not think that you would consent to such an arrangement but advised him to submit it in writing to Mr Vidal who would transmit to Freshfields by this packet - this he has not done, but you can act upon what I have stated - my friend Dr Turner delivered the ring to her which was much approved of and his Brother admitted to me that she had received it - should you require any other acknowledgement I will endeavour to obtain it.

I thank you for the Spectacles and Lithographic Manuals, when an opportunity offers send me the glasses for first sight up to the number now in use, they manify (sic) too much

You will learn with regret that poor Myers⁴⁷¹ was shot in a duel last Week his partner Mr Aikman⁴⁷² is to carry on the business for the benefit of the family - Mrs Duncan is I understand about to return to this Country shortly, as yet nothing has been done in respect of her husband's affairs - Vidal is alone entitled to collect the debts as surviving Copartner -

Mr Heath has not yet closed his accounts but I have written to Mr J H James to make a point of coming to a settlement with him, which is the only account wanted

I am &c

Robert Hawthorn Esq

Camden packet -

[HJJ's handwriting]

Messrs G G & S Howland New York p. Orbit Spa Town Jama 19 May 1834

Dr Sirs

Referring to your former favors and offer of attention to any of my friends visiting the States I beg leave to introduce to your acquaintance my intimate friend Mr William Brooks King⁴⁷³ who with his wife embarks for your City in the Orbit tomorrow, and that I consider myself much indebted to you for your kindness & attention to them during their stay in your quarter Should Mr King have occasion for funds I beg to add that you will be perfectly safe in negotiating his Bills on London or this Island

I am with respect & esteem Dr Sirs Yours faithfully

p favor of W B King

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Messrs G G & S Howland

19 May 1834

Dr Sirs

Annexed I send a duplicate of my last letter & bill of lading for 1000 Dubloons p the John H Cater, which I hope you have received

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19 April last with notarial copy of my 6 Shares in the United States Bank bought last August the former copy having miscarried, I observe that it is authenticated by the British Consul but that is not necessary in future, being confident in the correctness of your transactions, Mr Allwood is now in town & will reply to your letter addressed to him

Under this [c.o. letter] date I have addressed a letter of introduction to you in favor of my intimate friend Mr W B King whom I have known for many years he is possessed of money in the funds in England & also of a Coffee property & negroes in this Island in which he also holds some public appointments I shall be much obliged by any attention or kindness which you may have it in your power to shew him and you may consider his Bills perfectly good

The Island having obtained a loan of £200,000 Sterling from the British Government which is coming out in Silver Coins of shillings & sixpences all Public Certificates bearing Interest are directed to be paid which will I think cause a demand for remittances or Bills on England or America & raise the premium accordingly, and as I am anxious to send away all I can collect I propose making another shipment of Dubloons to you & will thank you to effect Insurance on 1000 Patriot or Columbian Dubloons or other specie p John W Cater (or packet Vessels) valuing them at 16\$ each acquainting me by the first opportunity of its being effected, and the Cost of it also what is the return in case the shipment should not be made

I should not object to invest in a Mortgage were I not afraid of being put to some expence in recovering my money should the mortgagor fail in repaying it at the appointed time

Miss Cole has [c.o. requested] instructed me to request you to purchase for her "as good a Cow as can possibly be had" and to ship it by the first opportunity I applied to the Agents of the packets to know whether it could not be brought down freight free, the passengers having the benefit of the milk, but they could not undertake to enter into such an arrangement, you will therefore be kind enough to make the best bargain you can with the Ship Owners and send down a regular Invoice & bill of lading addressed to the care of Messrs Elin Scott & Co, the animal should be young with a good supply of milk & quiet to milk, as well as of good size all expences & cost to be charged to Miss Cole's Account

with respect & esteem &c

PS Be pleased to give a full description of the animal colour marks &c as they may have another on board

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Rob Hawthorn Esq

S T 31 May 1834

My Dr Sir

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 2 Apl last & am really at a loss how to invest the amt of the Bills remitted to you the prem is low both here & in America or I would draw & place it in the latter country.

The present arrangement for the sailing of the pkts is most unsatisfactory as we are not able to obtain answers from the Country in time to forward any information that may be required & I am expecting a bill of lading from Mr Salmon & a Bill of Exchge from windward but in consequence

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of the late heavy rains two of the posts have not yet reached this town

Altho Mr Crabb has sent a power of Atty to Mr Salmon and myself to manage Mr Bouchers Properties for him I fully expected that my reign would be short and from the correspondence I have already had with him it is no cause of upset to me but he is rather premature in coming out as neither the debts or Legacies are yet paid, but this Crop will I have no doubt completely discharge them I fully expect that he will dispute our claim to Commission upon the money in his hands & in the funds but that question has been already decided in this Country favourably to us or we should not now attempt to set it up as Mr Salmon will draw on Mr Green for the Consignments made to him you will honor my drafts for the Consignments made to your house

I have not heard from Mr Jones respecting the purchase of Passley Garden & therefore conclude he has given up the idea for the present

I will write to Kerr to try to dispose of the Falmouth Water Compy Shares but fear a purchaser will not be readily found for them - my Brother has some also

It is really annoying to have business to transact with such a man as Mr Heath, 3 weeks ago I sent him a Statement of the balance reported to be due to him from Palmyra Estate requesting him to let me know as early as he could whether it was satisfactory or not but he has not yet noticed my letter

Your answer to Mr & Mrs Gordons Bill is prepared & will be sent down to Mr Miller by post as it must be filed by the Co & Mr Mr will not be in town before the 17th of next month a copy shall be sent to you as well as of all the other answers as soon as they are filed - Mr Burton intends to apply for a foreign Comm to examine Mr Stevenson, & the Complts will most probably hold Comms also Mr Gordon did not communicate with Mr Vidal as I requested him to do

I have recd a very friendly communication from your friend P H James with letters of introduction to his friends in America and Canada & find that I cannot get away so early as I wished but still hope to do so before the end of the year

I am

PS. As I do not wish to put Mr James to the exence of postage merely for an acknowledgement of his letter probably you will when writing [c.o. do me the favor] be kind enough to say as much for me and as I shall have occasion to address him shortly on business I will then thank him for his kind consideration

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Tow Jama 2nd June 1834

My Dr Sir

I have recd the enclosed bill for the £30 Sg from Mr Jones drawn on his friend Mr Beadnell [sic] at 90 days sight in my favor and to his letter he has added a PS, "Have you heard anything further from Mr Hawthorn respecting P Garden I should like to have his idea of the place or if he prefers continuing it on lease after mine is up say to the end of the Apprenticeship Labour

I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland N York

Sp Town Jama 4 June 1834

Dr Sirs

On the 19 Ulto I wrote you by the Orbit requesting you to effect Insurance on 1000 Patriot Dubloons or other Specie by John W Cater or packet vessels valuing the same at Sixteen thousand dollars which I now beg to confirm and hope to hear from you that it has been effected

With respect & esteem

I am

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Sp Town Jama 12 June 1834

Dear Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 16th Ultio and have no wish to dispose of my Shares in the Pittsburgh Bank provided I can hold them in safety of which I might have been enabled to have formed a more correct opinion from a Sight of the Certificates and of the power of Attorney of which I requested you to send me copies, so soon as the half years dividend is paid and you will point out a safe security in which this money may be invested at the same time informing me of the nature its dividends & price as well as the then price and dividends of the Pittsburgh Bank I will make up my mind and write you fully on the subject

I am

Messrs G G & S Howland N York

Spa Town 12 June 1834

Dr Sirs

I lately addressed you under date of 19 May & 4 June last requesting you to effect Insurance on Specie valued at 16000\$ which I hope has been done, altho I much fear that I shall not succeed in sending so much by the John W Cater, if not the remainder will follow in the next Pkt, I also begged of you to send down a Cow for for Miss Cole and have no doubt of your particular attention to this and all other matters entrusted to you

My friend Mr Scott will forward to you a bill of lading for the Specie shipped on board the John W Cater the amount of which you will invest in my name in the purchase of Shares in the Camden and Amboy Rail Road & Canal Stock, or such other safe Security as you may approve and is likely to pay a good dividend, Can you favor me with any particular information respecting the Pittsburgh Bank?

I have received your favor of the 10 May last acknowledging the receipt of 1000 Dubloons with which you had purchased for me 113 Shares in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road at 136\$ each which Stock I find had risen 2 P Cent within a very few days, caution should therefore be observed by the Broker in publishing the extent he is authorized to purchase and not to appear anxious for any particular Stock

Some few years ago I got a copy of the "American Almanac" and Companion published at Boston similar to the "British Almanac" but it has been borrowed and never returned - Should it afford accurate information in respect to the Rail Roads & Canals in progress I should like to have it from the commencement to the present time

I am with sincere regard

Yrs faithfully & respectfully

PS. As I find that I cannot get more than 400 dubloons to Kingston be pleased to keep open the Insurance for the next Pkt day 16,000\$

Messrs G G & S Howland N York

S T 30 June 1834

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the three first of Backus Casamajor & Nuireys Bills of Exchge on your firm dated p Jago de Cuba 24 May last at 90 ds st in favor of & endorsed by Messrs Elin Scott & Co. for 570 725 & 700 dollars making together 2000 dollars to be placed to the credit of Miss Cole and "invested in the same place I may have chosen for myself", such are her instructions, therefore you will lay out the amount in Shares in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road and Canal, but

as there will be time to hear from you before the Bills arrive at maturity I shall be obliged by your transmitting for her information the nature and particulars of any other fund or Security in which you would recommend an investment to be made with the price and dividends

I am with respect & esteem
Yrs faithfully

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[In a different hand]

[Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden]

Spanish Town Jamaica 30 June 1834

Dear Sirs

Our Island Loans being paid off a very respectable Lady (of Colour) Miss Cole has requested my advice and assistance in remitting and investing a sum of money for her & having no doubt [sic] of your readiness to forward my wishes I now beg leave to enclose the first of the following bills of Exchange which when received is to be invested in the name of Sarah Cole who states "That the highest Interest is not so great an object with her as the most secure place for the principal but is particularly averse to leaving money in a merchant's hands" - when invested you can send out a power to enable you to receive the dividends

Elin Scott & Co on A Stewart & Westmoreland in favor Sarah Cole Stgl £78.14.0

Cater & Tyrell on Beckford & Rankin - ditto Stg £200

R Fairweather & G McLeish on Alan Grant " G McLeish £283.7.11

Cater & Tyrell on John Adams of Liverpool pble in London - Sarah Cole 300

A Barclay on Thomson Hankey & Co in favor of A Barclay & Co 500

R Fairweather & G McLeish on Alan Grant " G McLeish 600

J S Sproull, Robt Sproull & G McLeish on Alan Grant ditto 608.15.11

In all Two thousand five hundred and seventy pounds 17/10 Stlg. £2570.17.10

You will of course open a separate account for Miss Cole and address me in reply that I may hand your letter over to her by next packet I believe she will have a further sum to remit

I am dear Sirs &c

HJJ

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

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[In a different hand]

[Mrs Millward]

Spanish Town Jamaica 30th June 1834

My Dear Madam

It is some time since I addressed you but I have not had anything of consequence to communicate to you neither have I been able to collect any money for you - I made a settlement of a Judgment against Mr J L Hilton by taking ten shillings in the pound which appeared to me advisable in these times particularly as there are many prior claims against him to a very large amount, with this & the [c.o. enclosed] small balance in my hands I have procured the enclosed Bill of Exchange drawn by Edward Panton @ 90 days in my favour on William Linwood of London for £100 Stlg equal with premium @ 12½ p Cent to £157.15/ Currey. my account is made up and shall be forwarded to you by an early opportunity - Two of Mr Mende's Bonds still remain unpaid, that which became due last August has been put on Judgment the other is not due until August next - should he not pay them now, part of his compensation money must be applied to that purpose.

I am glad to learn such pleasing accounts of your Grand Children and trust that they will continue to give you every satisfaction as they grow up, do not however indulge them too much or they will

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not thank you for it bye & bye - My Sons I understand are behaving very well and are improving in their studies as much as their instructor can desire - I wish to remove my Eldest from School but know not what to do with him - my daughter fancies herself old enough to undertake the Cares and management of a family and has engaged herself to her medical attendant Dr Goss⁴⁷⁴ at Dawlish - I fancy she is rather in haste but suppose it is useless my repeating such a disagreeable notion to a young Lady in such a matter & shall therefore give my consent to her marriage at once
I thank you for the Ham & Cheese which arrived safe & in good order which please to mention to M Windy who was kind enough to Write to me by the Vessel, but I do not think it worth while to put him to the expense of postage in reply

I have had another illness this year and intended running away to America or Canada for a few months but Collections are so very backward that I have been obliged to postpone my intentions again. We are all looking with much anxiety towards the 1st of August the day of Confusion as it is called by some persons - God grant that it may pass over quietly but it is much feared that the new system will not Work that is that the negroes will not work under it -

Make my kind regards to your Daughter & family

I am &

H.J.J.

Mrs Millward
Care of Septimus Allen Esqr
Brook House
Lewisham
Kent

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[In a different hand]

[James H Byles Esq]

Spanish Town Jamaica 30th June 1834

My Dear Sir

Above is a Copy of Vidal's Letter to me in reply to your observations and enclosed is the account signed by J & M [sic] Byles as you wished - at present I am unable to notice the Contents of your two letters by the May packet but will do so by an early opportunity, When Mr Vidal pay's the note what is to be done with the amount? The Byles' now say they would wish it to be laid out in the purchase of houses if you approve of it - Mr Cargill has received yours of the 5th May as you suggested

I beg to offer my kind regards to Mrs Duncan and am in haste

Yrs Faithfully &c HJJ

James H Byles Esq

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[In a different hand]

[Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden]

Spanish Town Jamaica 30 June 1834

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of my account Current to 30 April last annexed to Mr Hawthorn's letter of the 5th & 8th May and by the middle pkt p favor of the 22 [c.o. last] May last which shall be attended to when Mrs Panton comes to town in a few days when she is expected - I have no doubt of the Correctness of your account but have been so much engaged lately that it has escaped my recollection to look over it and Mr Vidal has been so much engaged with the house of assembly that I have not had an opportunity of conversing with him in respect to Duncan's debt to you.

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The answers's are now all put in to Mr Gordon's Bill and Copies are preparing to be sent to you by a merchant Vessel he has been obliged to apply to the Court for a protection as Writs have been issued against him

By the Henry Davidson I have addressed to you Copies of the Receivers accounts in Palmer vs Mountague which you will be kind enough to forward to Mrs Weekes - Bernards had £700 stg in hand on 30 April for which I have requested Mr Heath to give me a Bill he has objected but I have again urged him to do so

[there is a pencil line beside this with a tick] I have drawn on you in favor of Mr Hawthorn for my Son's Legacy in order to stop the Interest as Mr Salmon has sent me the third Bill of Lading for 46 Trs of Coffee p the Sophia - this money I must endeavour to get invested - we think you should have insured the Coffee at a large [c.o. rate] value as the Casks are heavy and the premium so low Enclosed I send you the second of A R Jones' Bills on G Beadnell of London in my favor for £30 Stlg: to be paid to my account also the first of the following 14 sets -

J T Bernard on Oswald Smith & Co in favor McDonall Humsie & Watt for Stg	£200
" " " "	200
Thomas Glen on Colville & Co " "	350
" " " "	<u>300</u>
	1050

Seaford on J H Markland in favor of W Miller Jn	Stlg £300
" " " "	265.6.7
" " " "	200
C J Parent on Shedden & Sons " "	200
Yates & Cockburn on Davidson Barkly & Co H J James	500
J Anderson on Thomas Graham " "	200
Allan Gray & Anthony Davis on Stewart & Westmld "	309.10.5
W A Knott on C E & W C Bernard Bristol pble London to Thos Watson	220
W Heath on " H J James	<u>173</u>
In all three thousand four hundred and seventeen pounds 17/-	<u>£3417.17</u>

& to H J James on Hawthorn & Shedden favor of Robt Hawthorn on account of my son [c.o. 's lega] Richard Boucher James for one thousand pounds Stlg with Interest from the 13 December 1833 all of which I hope will be duly procured

I am &c H.J.J.

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

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[HJJ's handwriting]

G G & S Howland N York

Sp Town Jama 17 July 1834

Dear Sirs

Enclosed I send you the Second bill of Lading for 400 Patriot Dubloons forwarded to your address by the J W Cater Capt Crane last month which I hope got safe to hand, Expecting that the Orbit would have arrived in time to have sailed on the day appointed the 15 Instant I sent the proposed shipment of 1000 more to Kingston for that vessel but as it has not yet arrived I am fearful that it cannot sail before next month and I was anxious to get them away earlier, however I hope the Insurance has been effected as requested in my letter of 12th Ultimo

I now enclose the first of Elin Scott & Co Bills on your firm for 6000 dollars to be invested in my name in such Security as you may approve

Not being able to procure Bills on the States I have lately made some remittances to England

which I should wish to be invested in American Securities and by the English papers it appears that the Ohio 6 p ct Stock was the most eligible in respect to price Will you be kind enough to favor me with your opinion of that Stock as well as of any other usually offered for Sale in London

With respect & esteem I am my Dr Sirs Yours Faithfully
HJJ

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ditto [G G & S Howland N York]

17 July 1834

Dr Sirs

I now enclose you the 2nd of the 3 above mentioned Bills for Two thousand dollars to be invested for Miss Cole in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road and Canal as she has since particularly directed

I am

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ditto [G G & S Howland N York]

19 July 1834

Dr Sirs

Since writing the foregoing I have procured some further Bills and now enclose you the first of the following four Sets of Exchange drawn by Backus Casamajor & Nuiry of St Jago de Cuba 11 July on your firm in favor of Elin Scott & Co for 600\$ 700\$ 800\$ 900\$ amounting to Three thousand dollars to be invested in the best and most advantageous Security on my own account

With respect & Esteem I am &c

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ditto [G G & S Howland N York]

21 July 1834

Dr Sirs

I have now the pleasure of handing you enclosed the first of the following six Sets of Exchge drawn by Backus Casamajor & Nuiry of St Jago de Cuba 11 July on your firm in favor of & endorsed by Elin Scott & Co for 800\$ 900\$ 1000\$ 1100\$ 1200\$ & 1500\$ amounting to six thousand five hundred dollars on account of Miss Cole and to be invested in her name in the Camden and Amboy Rail Road & Canal

With respect and Esteem I am

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ditto [G G & S Howland N York]

23 July 1834

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of the following three Sets of Exchange Viz Backus Casamajor & Nuiry dated 13 June in favor of Baradas y Sobrino on your firm for \$1200 W D Quarrell dated 17 July in favor of Don Juan de Franciso Martin on Buchanan Dennistown & Co for \$1200

Nath: R Darrell dated 22 July in favor of William James Harvey on Tucker & Lauries for \$1500 amounting to Three thousand nine hundred dollars ---- \$3900

to be placed to my credit & in my name in the best & most advantageous Security - I am

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ditto [G G & S Howland N York]

23 July 1834

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Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of the following 3 sets of Exchg on a/c of and to be invested in the name of Miss Cole Viz. Backus Casamajor & Nuiry's dated 13 June in favor of Messrs Barada Y Sobrino on your firm for \$800 \$900 \$1000 amounting to Two thousand seven hundred dollars I am

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Messrs G G & S Howland N York

Sp Town Jama 23 July 1834

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I send you the second of the following nine Sets of Exchange on acct of and to be invested in the name of Miss Cole Vizt 6 Bills drawn by Backus Casamajor & Nuiry dated 11 July on your firm in favor of Elin Scott & Co for

\$800 \$900 \$1000 \$1100 \$1200 & \$1500 --- \$6500

3 Bills drawn by ditto dated 13 June on your firm for \$800 \$900 & 1000\$ --- \$2700

Amounting to Nine thousand two hundred dollars - -- \$9200

The first of which are sent by the Brig Duroc of Newhaven, Miss Cole has requested to me to inform you that she wishes the whole of her January Dividends to be remitted to her here, but probably Bills may not always be on Sale and it might be better to draw Bills from hence, but upon this point you can favor me with your advice and opinion for her guidance

She has also requested me to return her best thanks for the trouble you have taken in procuring & shipping the Cow for her which has arrived Safe and is now recruiting for a few days at the pen of my friend Mr Scott near Kingston

I am

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ditto [G G & S Howland N York]

23 July [1834]

Dr Sirs

The Orbit arrived on Sunday and yesterday I received your esteemed favor of the 21 June last, on the day previous I heard from my friend Mr King who mentions your great Kindness and friendly attention to him for which I feel much indebted to you, he is an honourable upright man & we have been on terms of intimacy & friendship now about 20 years, his lady is of a very old family in this Island being the daughter of the late Revd Mr Campbell Rector of St Andrews & sister of the present Rector, she is agreeable kind hearted and genteel, I would not have ventured to request your notice of them had they not both been in every respect unexceptionable

I observe that the Insurance has been effected on 16,000\$ but as 400 Dubs were only shipped by the J W Cater I hope it has been transferred to the present packet which sails on Sunday

The Cow sent for Miss Cole has arrived and I regret that it has caused you so much trouble, the Agents or Owners &c of these packets do not appear to be very accommodating, neither are the provisions laid in for passengers sufficient, several complaints have reach this [c.o. City] Country of the state to which they were reduced

I have to thank you for the Atlas which came safe to hand last night, it is the same Edition as that alluded to in my former letter to you the Editor should publish an Appendix containing the Improvements and alterations to the latest period, if printed in the same form the sheets might easily be pasted in near to the Maps they relate to

The Notarial Copies of the 113 Shares purchased for me in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road & Canal have been duly received & I observe the prices at which you sold the Dubloons altho lower than I had expected, they are no doubt the highest that could be obtained. Were it not that we are naturally under some alarm & anxiety as to the effect of the new system which comes into

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operation next week, I should withhold my present shipment until they rose but I wish to have as little money by me as I can possibly help, I have quite enough in jeopardy without risking what I have collected - I now enclose you the Second of the following Eight Sets of Exchge. Viz Elin Scott & Co dated 5 July on your firm in my favor for \$6000

Backus Casamajor & Nuiry 4 Sets dated 11 July on your firm in favor of Elin Scott & Co	600
	700
	800
	900

Backus Casamajor & Nuiry dated 13 June on your firm in favor of Baradat y Sobrino - 1200
W D Quarrell dated 17 July on Buchanan Dennistoun & Co in favor of

Don Juan de Francisco Martin -	1200
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Nath R Darrell dated 22 July on Tucker & Laurie in my favor -	<u>1500</u>
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Making together Twelve thousand nine hundred dollars -	<u>\$12,900</u>
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the first of which are send by the Duroc of Newhaven, the amount you will be kind enough to invest as you may from time to time receive it in such Security as you may consider most Safe and advantageous

With respect and esteem I am

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David Lewis Junr. Esq Philadelphia
Dr Sir

23 July [1834]

Since addressing you on the 12 June I have received your favor of the 14 of that month and am very much obliged to you for the Charter, Report & plan of the Camden & Amboy Rail Road & Canal as they afford such a full explanation of the whole concern - I have lent them to some of my friends who are disposed to invest money in the States - What is the dividend paid this month for the last half year?

Any dividends you may receive on my a/c I wish to be invested in such Security as you may approve

With respect I am Dr Sir Yr faithful hble Sevt

PS Can you Send me the Reports and plans of any other Rail Road or Canal which you could recommend as a safe and lucrative investment?

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Mrs Millward
My Dr Madam

25 July 1834

Annexed I beg leave to forward my A/c from 1830 up to the present [c.o. period] time, it has been delayed from time to time in consequence of Mr Mendes only making partial payments on acct. of his Bonds, the two first of which are fully paid & Credited, the 3rd is on Judgmt & the 4 & last comes due next month and will be put in suit for the Octr Court unless previously paid which I cannot expect that it will be, you will observe there are several Law a/cs charged, they are chiefly for issuing Writs on the Judgmts assigned to you by the Exor of Mr Harrison & there is one for taking judgmt against Mr Marcus⁴⁷⁵ for Bathshebas Wages which has been paid & is credited if you wish for the particulars of any or all of these a/cs they shall be immediately sent to you, As for the Negroes I have not seen one of them for many months and I know not where they are to be found should it be necessary to produce them for Valuation to enable your representative to obtain the compensation money

I August no disturbance expected altho' Negroes wont work. remembrances Mr & Mrs Allen &

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family

I am HJJ

PS Enclosed I send you the Second of E Pantons Bills on W Linwood London for £100 Stg at 12½ P ct prem the first of which I sent to you by last pkt

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Mrs Weekes
My Dr Madam

Sp Town Jama 25 July 1834

By the Ship Henry Davidson which sailed the beginning of this month I forwarded to Mr Hawthorn copies of the Recvrs a/cs with Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates for 1831 & 1832 to be handed over to you and as they are full & complete I do not think it necessary to offer any observations upon them but shall be happy in transmitting any further information you may require, the a/cs for last year have not yet been laid before me, Mr Downer the Surety for Mr Heath having lately died I shall direct your Solicitors to call upon him to enter into fresh Security as Recvr - Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of W Heaths Bills on Messrs Bernard of Bristol in your favor for £500 Sg the Premm upon which I believe will be 12½ P ct as he has not stated the rate in his letter, but that is what they are selling at I was in the hope of obtaining a remittance also from Mr Miller but he has not replied to my application by post -

As I shall have occasion to forward the 2 bill by next pkt I will take that opportunity of replying to Mr Philip James friendly letter of the 2 April last & in the meantime I beg to offer my kind regards to him & to your family
I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
Dr Sir

25 July 1834

Since I [c.o. last] addressed your firm on the 30 Ulto I have looked over [their] your a/c to 30 April last which appears to be perfectly correct

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6 June and observe the Sales you have made of the Coffee from Mr Bouchers properties, it is to be regretted that the prices should be so much lower this year as the Crops are tolerable altho not so good as were expected, you should keep your eye upon the Consignments to Mr Green & ascertain what he gets for them

Mr Dare⁴⁷⁶ should have been more just in his transactions relating to Mrs Hugo James's affairs & he would have escaped a Chancery Suit which I understand has been instituted against him, he had so little regard for poor Duncans feelings or situation I am not surprised at Mr Byles looking so sharp after him

I thank your for your attention to my requests my Sons hair has I understand by the last pkt been forwarded to you, the Books by the Velocity came Safe to hand

By the Columbus Captn Sainthill I forwarded to you copies of all the Answers in "Gordon vs Garrigues" which I hope you will receive before you send out any further instructions

The Revd Mr Panton⁴⁷⁷ called upon me when in town and said that the Bill for £100 which he presumes the presumes the [sic] present money is intended to replace has been paid to his Wife by Mr Morrison of Harriett Row Edinburgh and is now in his hands Mr Vidal sent your letter to him this morning from which it would appear that Mrs Pantons friends had paid that sum into your hands for her use, it may still however be intended to take up the former Bill as stated by her husband I shall be glad if it prove otherwise and that I receive your future instructions to pay her that sum

I have again applied to Mr Vidal upon the subject of Duncans debt to your firm which he would be glad to have secured to you were it in his power Mr Cargill informs me that Mrs Duncan will return

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to this Country the latter end of the year & will administer on his Estate on her arrival you had therefore better address her on the subject previous to her quitting England

[pencil line beside this paragraph] Mr Heath has at length sent me up a Bill for £500 Sg which I have forwarded to Mrs Weekes by the present pkt I now enclose you the Second of the following thirteen Sets of Exchg the first of which were forwarded by the last pkt - (see former letter) - in all Three thousand four hundred and seventeen pounds 17/ Sg also the 2 of my Bills on your firm in your favor for 1000£ Sg on a/c of my Son Richard Boucher James

My own money as well as my Sons I wish to be invested in American Securities and by the papers it appears that the Ohio 6 P ct State Stock was the lowest and as I think it more secure that the Mississippi or Alabama I will thank you to make inquiry respecting it and if you should not discover anything objectionable, to purchase what may be necessary for us -

Enclosed I likewise send the first of Alfred Sainthills Bills on Henry Fletcher & Son of London in favor of Patey Sewell & Co for £159.9.6 Sg and of J G Vidals on Robert Sympson at Messrs Mitchells in my favor for £634.18.5 Sg also John Blairs on Charles Payne & Son of Bristol Pble in London for £175.18.1 Sg in my favor which place to my Credit

I am

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

25 July [1834]

Dr Sirs

I addressed you on the 30 Ultio requesting your assistance in receiving & investing some money for an elderly respectable Lady in this Town & I now enclose you the 2 of the following seven sets of Exchge (see former letter) In all Two thousand five hundred and seventy pounds 17/10 Sg to be invested in the most secure fund in her name

I had hoped to have sent you some further Bills but there has been some mistake about them

I am

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ditto [Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden]

26 July [1834]

Enclosed I send you the first of Yates & Cockburns Bills on Davidsons Barkly & Co in my favor for £600 Sg it came to hand too late for the packet yesterday

I am

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To David Lewis Jun Esq Philadelphia

13 Augt 1834

Dr Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8 July last and am much indebted to you for the very Satisfactory information which it conveyed to me I however still give a preference to the Pittsburgh Bank & request of you to invest the remainder of my funds including the dividends you have received, in that Stock in your name in trust for me. I had intended to have visited the States this year & have not given up the idea of doing so, although I may be obliged to postpone my trip until next year, I do not therefore wish the Certificates sent down here but if you have no objection they may be lodged in the hands of my friends Messrs Howlands of N York, you receiving & investing the dividends as they become payable, or to arrange the investment that no difficulty can occur in case of any accident befalling either of us

It appears that a packet is about to be established between your City and this Island which will afford an opportunity of more frequent & direct communication - Will you be kind enough to

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inform me what is the rate of Insurance on Specie by that vessel as well as the Commission &c charged for effecting it

I am not very partial to Banks & shall feel obliged by your informing me of any other safe & lucrative mode of investment with the price & dividend

I am &c

PS What do sovereigns pass for in your State & would they prove a favourable remittance?

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Messrs G G & S Howland N York
Dr Sirs

Spa: Town Jam: 13 Augt 1834

The John W Cater has brought me your favor of the 12 July advising me of the Sale of the 400 dubs consigned to you by that vessel and of the amount being invested in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road - In my last I informed you of the arrival of the Orbit which was to have sailed on the Sunday following, but on the day previous it was announced in the newspapers that she was to be hove down to be repaired, the J W Cater came in before she was put to rights by which she lost her turn and there was no July pkt, I hope however my insurance stands good for this opportunity as I have requested my friend Mr Scott to convey to you 1000 Patriot & Columbian Dubs to be invested in the safest and most lucrative Stock according to your Judgmt, the price of the Camden Rail Road being high & the return at present moderate I think that I have sufficient in it, a Bank at Louisville Kentucky similar to the Pittsburgh Bank, making a semi annual dividend of 4 p ct & now at par as well as the Agricultural Bank of Natches Mississippi dividing [sic] 10 P ct p annum price 130 have been strongly recommended to me, I think I should give a preference to the latter altho' I am not partial to Banks -

By the Law establishing the value of Dubloons it would appear that Mexican & Patriot or Columbian are all of equal value - but possibly a Premium may at times be offered for the former, I have not the Law to refer to as Elin Scott & Co only recd one copy the other having miscarried or having been obtained by some other person - I have another shipment of Specie to make you at present it is in Patriot Dubs & parts - parts of Mexican Dubs 8 4 & 2\$ ps: pillared Macarani & unpillared ditto of pistareens as I believe they are called - Let me know what each pass for with you as well as Sovereigns & whether either will prove an advantageous consignment or which is the best, if you disapprove of either I will endeavour to change it for some other coin - I shall not ship until I hear from you, in the meantime you will effect Insurance on packet or packets to the amount of 13,000\$ provided the premium is low, indeed I hope that altho' my present shipment is in August no additional premium will be asked, as the Agents here offered to endorse my shipment on their policy at 1¼ p ct including Commission which is the same rate as you have charged me

Mr David Lewis junr of Philadelphia having invested some funds belonging to me in the Pittsburgh Bank and not wishing the Certificates to be sent to me, being in expectation of one day visiting the States, I have authorized his lodging them in your hands for me, should it meet his approbation and should he send them to you I shall be obliged by your placing them with those now in your possession & taking care of them for me

Miss Cole has requested me to thank you for the trouble you took in procuring the Cow for her, but it does not appear to have been well treated on board Ship as Mr Scott informs me it was in very bad order when it arrived, it now gives only from 3 to 4 qts of milk a day but it will I hope increase as she improves

I beg to offer my kind remembrances to Mr Edgar Howland should he have returned from his late intended voyage and am with respect & Esteem, Dr Sirs Yours faithfully HHJ

PS. Be kind enough to forward the enclosed letter to my friend Mr King -

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[In a different hand]

John Grieve Esq⁴⁷⁸
10 Gloucester Place
Edinburgh

Spanish Town Jamaica 16 Aug 1834

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 28 June last nothing can be done here towards realizing the claim of Green's este on Stogdons este until the appeal is heard & disposed of, several of Mr Green's Creditors are trustees or Guardians & are fearful of committing themselves by a compromise the appeal [c.o. therefore] should not therefore be longer delayed but vigorously prosecuted & I think [illegible] be decided in favor of Greens representatives Mr Whitehorne⁴⁷⁹ the Solor from this Country is now in England & I think may be heard of at Messrs Higgin Whitely & Co⁴⁸⁰ who failed or of the latter Gentleman who I understand is carrying on business in London Street Fenchurch Street

The abolition act will have a most unfortunate effect upon all West India property but how the compensation is to be appropriated it is difficult to understand, the Receiverships on Stogdons este has been dismissed many years & the properties are now in the possession of the Mortgagees who they are I do not rightly understand as no acct has been recorded since 1822 at which date Mess Miles & Kington made a balance due to them of upwards of £40000 Sterling

On application to the Master I find that on the 30 July 1829 the demand of J Whittaker was reduced to £2334.4.1f Cy & if Green's claims could be established as next in priority the money derived from the compensation would considerably more than pay them both but at present no step can be taken here towards obtaining it

I am not aware of any further information which it is in my power to afford the Trustees of Mr Edgar's Este

I am &
HJJ

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[In a different hand]

Spanish Town Jamaica 16 Aug 1834

My dear Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the following bills to be placed to the credit of Miss Cole viz	
Longmore & L'hoste on Robert Kite in favor of Sarah Cole for Stg --	£2100
John Cargill on John Atkins & Son in favor of A Barclay & Co --	300
W Walcott on Pitcairn & Amos in favor of Cater & Tryrrile --	<u>100</u>
In all Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling --	£2500

I have at same time to advise you of a bill for fifty pounds sterling drawn by her on your firm in favor of Charles Wilton Esq at 90 days sight which you will please to honor & charge to her account as she could not procure a bill for so small a sum at an increased premium beyond the current rate of 12½ per cent

I am &c
HJJ

Mess Hawthorn & Shedden

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[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]
My dear Sir

Spanish Town Jamaica 16 Aug 1834

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The packet has not brought me any letter from you & I have nothing very particular to communicate except that the negroes have upon the whole behaved better than could have been reasonably expected, they have been very refractory in St Anns for which they have been severely punished they have again gone to work & the troops have returned to Kingston, there will however I fear be continued misunderstanding between the managers & the apprentices & Knowg that the former cannot inflict any sort of punishment the latter will try their patience & forbearance to the utmost

Mr Cargill has informed me that Mrs Duncan is to leave England in the packet this month & on her arrival is to administer upon her husbands Este

I requested Kerr to try again & dispose of the Falmouth Water Company shares & he says only £15 is offered which I fear will be prudent to take as no dividend has been paid this year & it is proposed to call upon the shareholders for a farther instalment, he is to make further inquiry Mr Jackson has paid the amt advanced & charged to me but you should have sent out the particulars of Freshfields Slave bills for his information

I find that Mr Salmon has shipped to you 15 more Tierces of Coffee by the Marlborough which I imagine is all the crops & if all the debts & legacies are paid out of the proceeds we shall be obliged to consign the next to Mr Crabb himself, I fear from his silence that he is not altogether pleased or that he may have been disappointed in his expectations

Enclosed I send you the first of the follg sets of Exchange to be placed to my credit & invested when at maturity viz

Wm Reeves on Edwd Jeffries & Hy Esdaile ⁴⁸¹ in my favor for -	£415.0.7
Robert Fairweather on Davidson Barclay & Co in my favor of	300
W M Kerr on T R Bartrum in my favor for --	200
J W Turner on C Payne & Son of Bristol payable in London in my favor for	<u>180</u>
One thousand and ninety five pounds & seven pence	£1,095.0.7

Also the second of the following, the first of which were forwarded by last packet

A Sainthill on H Fletcher & Son in favor of Patey Sewell & Co for Stg	159.9.6
J G Vidal on R Sympson in my favor ----	634.18.5
J Blair on C Payne & Son in my favor ---	175.18.1
and Yates & Cockburn on Davidson B & Co in my favor the first of	
which was sent p Velocity	<u>600</u>
	£1570.6 -

I must request of you to forward the undermentioned books by the first vessel addressed to Messrs Elin Scott & Co Kingston

Mr Miller being in St Ann on duty has been prevented sendg me the promised bill for Mrs Weekes 18 Augt

yesterday evening I recd the enclosed bill on your firm for £500 Stg from Mr Miller on acct of the arrears of Mrs Weekes annuities of which you will place to her credit Stg 373.16.3

and to mine ---	<u>126.3.9</u>
	500

Bills are at 12.5 p cent premium & money scarce

I am &c HJJ

Robert Hawthorn Esq

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[In a different hand]

[P H James Esq]

Spanish Town 18 Augt 1834

My dear Sir

I requested our mutual friend Mr Hawthorn to thank you for yr friendly communication of the 2

April last & to state that I would take an early opportunity of replying to it by last packet I had a bill of Exchange for £500 Stg to remit to Mrs Weekes upon which occasion I deemed it proper to address her, but the second bill I now enclose to you with a request that you will hand it over to her with the accompanying acct which I hope will be found & acknowledged to be correct, Mr Miller having been on duty in St Ann, in consequence of the negroes on several properties having refused to work now they are declared to be free without being paid, did not send me his promised bill until yesterday evening it is drawn in my favor for £500 St & with premium at 12½ P cent is equal to £787.10 the amt credited in my acct. I have remitted it to Mr Hawthorn with instructions to place to the credit of Mrs Weeks £373.16.3 Stg which will I hope be satisfactory, Mess Bernards should be applied to to authorize Mr Heaths drawg a bill on acct of Mrs Week's annuities when the crop is shipped as is done by Mr Miller instead of which she is now obliged to wait until their acct current arrives in June follg I assure you that Mr Heath is a most unpleasant man to transact business with Mr Miller has sent up his acct with Rose Hall for last year & I have proceeded to slate them but Mr Heath is going to see about his acct with Palmyra

The first of Augt has passed off as quietly as could reasonably be expected, In St Anns the negroes positively refused to work without they were paid, some special magistrates were sent there with a body of troops, some of the most refractory were tried & severely punished with the cat upon their backs & shoulders when they consented to work as the law directs them in some other parts some examples have been made not however until persuasion & remonstrance were found unavailing, it is however a very bad law for all parties & causes much dissatisfaction We must submit & try & make the best of it, We are also annoyed at the proceedings of the Commissioners of compensation who really appear to be causing as much unnecessary trouble & expence, the negroes are all to be valued & the Valuers are to be paid so much p hundred Certificates are to be taken from the Secretarys office of the last return under the registry act without which the valuation cannot take place, now there is only one set of books contg these returns & probably one of them may contain returns of 2 or 3 parishes, thus how are they to be obtained or how long will it be before the Certificates & valuation of 300000 negroes can be completed, What is the use if the Certificates does not contain the names of the negroes but only of such as were born or who died between 1829 & 1832 when it was made, why are they to be valued, we are not to be paid the value & then nothing will be allowed for invalids or old helpless negroes whereas they must be maintained at the expence of their master for the next six years, it is a complete fraud and robbery

You are under a mistake in respect to Allens Este, having been nonsuited in the action brought against him as the surety of Palmer, it was proved at the trial that at the death of Allen the receivership was in debt to Pallmer & that the greater part of the balance due from the latter accrued during the period when he had no surety I contended that Phillpotts his subsequent surety was liable for the whole deficiency but the matter was comprised between Mr Miller Mr Heath & Mr Phillpotts & you have now only a judgt agt Mr Pallmer's este to look to

The Recrs are I understand the proper persons to give in for the Compensation but a Counter Claim shall be lodged on behalf of Mrs Weeks which will tie it up but I fear she will only get the Int on the amt as yet we scarcely know how it will be appropriated

As yet you see I have not been [c.o. appt] able to get away as I proposed it is however still my intentn to take a run off & I feel very much indebted to you for the kind interest you have taken in forwarding letters for my introduction to your friends which will be a great assistance to me & when I visit Canada I will make enquiry after your land but you should get Mr Cameron to keep an eye upon it or some squatter may take possin of it - Such Changes are taking place here that it is impossible to anticipate what may be the result of them I much fear that my business as Master as well as many other parts of the profession will be nearly at a stand or what is as bad the payts will be worse than they are now & they are I assure you bad enough, I have however not been extravagant neither have I allowed my childn to be brought up so we shall therefore be satisfied

with a little

During the June Court I had the pleasure of seeng your Brother in town for the first time but we did not meet as strangers havg freqly corresponded with him

I must now beg of you to offer my kind regards to Mrs Weeks & your family

I am &c HJJ

P H James Esq

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[In a different hand]

Spa Town Jamaica 22 Sep 1834

Dear Sirs

I have been waiting to see if the premiums would ease but finding that it is likely to continue at 12½ p cent I have now to advise you of having drawn a bill on your firm in favor of Robert Hawthorn Esq for three thousand pounds sterling on acct of my Brother William Rhodes James which I hope will be duly honoured at one time he proposed sending me out some more sovereigns but they do not pass freely here & never in any great quantity they could be procured lately at 50/10 & 31/8 currency

I am &c

HJJ

dup: 7 Nov p Sheldrake

Mess A E Fuller & Co

Merchts

London

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[In a different hand]

[Robert Hawthorn Esq]

Spa town Jamaica 22 Sep 1834

My dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 17 July as well as the letters of your firm of the 8 Augt last

Mr Jones was in this town last month & was to have sent me proposals in writing for the purchase of Passley Gardens at the expiration of the present lease but I have not since heard from him, however he wished me to state that he would give Two thousand and one hundred pounds currency payable by instalments of £350 Stg at the current premium he is anxious to know your determination that he may in case of your declining this offer look out elsewhere - I sent the registry Certificate to Mr Mein who will attend to the valuation of the negroes & I will then put in the claim for compensation

Mrs Duncan has arrived but has not yet come up here as Mr Cargills house is painting I applied for the broach which you proposed sending by her but she replied that she has neither letter nor parcel for me, the spare glasses by the John I have received safe

From the accompanying copies of letters &c you will learn the particulars of Mrs Lindsays death I had sent her ten pounds by Mr A R Jones which had not I imagined reached her & as your nieces did not appear likely to benefit by her Will I applied for it to be returned however it was disposed of by her previous to her death you will observe what Mr Vidal says of the Will

Enclosed I send you the second of the follg bills of Exchange Vizt

Wm Reeves on Edwd Jeffries & Hy Esdaile in my favor for £415.0.7

R Fairweather on Davidson Barkly & Co --- 300

W M Kerr on T R Bartrum --- 200

J W Turner on C Payne & Son --- 180

one thousand and ninety five pounds & seven pence sterling	1095.0.7
Also William Millers on your firm for £500 Stg of which your will place to the	
Credit of Mrs Weekes ---	373.16.3
and to my credit ---	126.3.9

I also forward the first of my bills on A E Fuller & Co for three thousand pounds sterling on acct of my Brother who at one time proposed sending out Sovereigns in payt of my advances for the contingencies of his este but they do not pass freely, My Brother says the money is ready for me sho' that however not now be the case you must not press the payt of this bill

Matters are getting worse here every week under the new system the negroes will not work some severe & coercive measures must be adopted to keep it going to the end of the apprenticeship & then it will be in vain to attempt pursuing such measures any longer

There is little or no business doing & I am seriously disposed to round up my Concerns and go elsewhere there is no prospect or inducement to remain here

Mr Gordon has taken out a Commiton to examine Witnesses
Your Counsel have not advised whether you sho' go to Commiton
I am H J James

Robert Hawthorn Esq

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[HJJ's handwriting]

Mrs A M Millward

Spa Town Jama 23 Sept 1834

My Dear Madam

It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the Negroes belonging to yourself & daughter have all been valued and I am now preparing the Claim to be put in for the Compensation

Enclosed I send you a bill of Exchge drawn by S S Ashman⁴⁸² in my favor on E F Green of London for £117.14.3 Stg and I will by next Pkt advise you how to divide the amount between you & your daughter as the parties from whom I expect payments on both your accounts have not yet complied with their engagements

With my kind regards to your daughter & family
I am &c

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York

Spa Town Jama 24 Sept 1834

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of the three following Sets of Exchange on your firm to be invested in the name of Miss Cole when at maturity Viz

Backus Casamajor & Nuiry's Bills dated 13 Aug in favor of B Trenard at 90 dys sight for	
\$1000 & \$1386.10Cts -----	\$2386.10Cts
Elin Scott & Cos Bill dated 19 Sept in favor of Miss Cole at 90 ds st for	<u>\$6600</u>
Eight thousand nine hundred and eighty six Dollars & 10 Cents	\$8986.10Cts

I am

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ditto [Messrs G G & S Howland New York]

Sp Town 2 Octr [1834]

Dr Sirs

Annexed I send you a power of Atty to receive the dividends on the Investment in the name of my friend Dr Turner on whose account I expect to make you a further remittance shortly

I am

ditto [Messrs G G & S Howland New York]

2 Octr 1834

Dear Sirs

Your esteemed favor of 29 August last by the James Monroe has been duly received and I thank you for your prompt attention to my wishes the Almanacs Report & Rail Road Journal having all come safe to hand by that vessel, the latter is too voluminous for me to wade through but you can continue it until the end of the year, there is a map published by the same Editor which from its description appears to contain all the information I require and which I shall be obliged by your sending to me - A Map of Rail Roads & Canals

The Notarial Copies of the 47 Shares in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road have all been received but as the price has got up so considerably I must look out for some other modest investment I feel much obliged by the confidence you express in the negotiation of any Bills bearing my signature and had not the premium in America fallen so low I should have made my remittances to you instead of sending them to England upon the subject of investment I have not yet heard from my friend there The Sketch of your a/c appears to be correct and annexed I send you a power of Atty to receive any dividends that may become due to me

I am

[Loose letter between 114-115]

addressed:

Herbt. J. James Esq,
Spanish Town,
Jamaica

- p Packet -

stamped: LS 3 OC 3 1834]

Herbert J. James Esq,

London 3 Oct 1834

My dear Sir

Your several favors to myself and our firm of 25 & 26 July - 16th, 16th & 18 Aug. are duly to hand with their enclosures. With the exception of Mr Reeves's Bill p £415.0.7 on Jefferies & Esdaile noted for want of advice, all the Bills on your Account and on Account of Miss Cole are accepted. You need not be uneasy about Reeves's Bill

We shall make the investments when these remittances are realised agreeably to your instructions : it is needless to give you the present prices of American Stocks as they may vary considerably in the interim

The Bill p £500 on a/c of Mrs Weekes's arrears shall be appropriated as you have directed.

The Books shall be sent by an early conveyance also the broach with your late Son's hair, we trust the Spectacle Glasses sent you by the John Captn Munro were safely delivered. All the Papers connected with Mr & Mrs Gordon's suit I have handed to James Freshfield & told him on my part to do what is right & straight forward I am not going to worry myself about folly & knavery that I cannot prevent.

Pray pay Mrs Panton the £100 which remains in our hands & Mrs Duncan being now among you I hope you will urge the payment of our claim forthwith I know she feels as she ought upon the subject

I shall be much obliged to you to complete the sale of the Falmouth Water Companys I have at

whatever may be the market price & if without considerable expence you could let the Surveyor run over the lines of Passley Garden Estate & the Provision Grounds & let us have a Diagram of them it would be desirable

I am very much obliged to you for your hint to keep an Eye on Mr Green's sales of Mr Boucher's Coffee but we never adopt any partial line of conduct for personal purposes, we know generally what is doing in the markets; & the utmost value of West India Produce on any particular day you may rely is obtained; for daily variation we cannot be responsible & we should be extremely happy to learn that Mr Green's Sales had been more fortunate than ours though we might regret that we had been unlucky in our days of Sale. I do not think Mr Cragg is otherwise than pleased with you. I will send you the particulars of Freshfields Laws Account in Wm. Jacksons business it did not occur to me that they might be wished for.

We sincerely trust the apprenticeship system will work it has commenced better than I expected though I am among the Sanguine. With regard I am

My dear Sir

Yours very sincerely [no name]

By desire of your Brother I sent £100 to Miss James⁴⁸³ upon an occasion whereon I beg to offer you my warm congratulations [from Robert Hawthorn].

[In a different hand]

Duplicate

Herbert J James Esq

London 7 August 1834

Dear Sir

We have to Acknowledge your favor of 30 June this morning received by the packet containing remittances to the amount of £2570.17.10 which are all sent for acceptance.

We shall have much pleasure in investing this sum when received for Miss Sarah Cole in Consolidated 3 p Cents, of which we will take care to advise her, & send her a power of Attorney to execute to enable us to receive the dividends for her.

We are dear Sir

Your most obdt Servants

Hawthorn & Shedden

Original p Packet

Duplicate

Herbert J James Esq

London 8 Aug: 1834

Dear Sir

We yesterday received your two favors of 30 June p Packet & note the contents - Your remittances amount £3417.17/- are sent for acceptance & will be at your credit when in cash. Your Bill upon us on account of the Estate of the late Mr Boucher meets due honor. The Sophia Captn Barclay with the Coffee has arrived.

We are dear Sir

Your most obdt Servants

Hawthorn & Shedden

Original p Packet

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ditto [Messrs G G & S Howland New York]

Kingston 3 Octr [1834]

Dr Sirs

Having come over here upon business I have been enabled to procure the enclosed 3 bills on your firm to be placed to the credit of Dr Turner & invested in his name, they are all drawn by Backus Casamajor & Nuiry on 16 Sept in favor of Elin Scott & Co for \$500, \$300 & 200\$ in all One thousand dollars

I am &c &c

p HMS Arachne

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ditto [Messrs G G & S Howland New York]

Spa Town 17 Octr [1834]

Dr Sirs

Be kind enough to effect Insurance on 1850 Sovereigns to be shipped by the first Pkt to New York & advise me as early as possible of your having done so

I am &c

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David Lewis Junr Philadelphia

Spa Town 17 Octr [1834]

Dr Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 26 Aug & 13 Sept last and am particularly obliged to you for the information conveyed to me in the latter which will be very useful to my friends as well as myself

I am pleased to learn that lodging the Certificates of the Pittsburg Stock in the hands of Messrs Howlands is agreeable to you, there is no occasion to enter into any explanation of the circumstances to them, I merely requested them to take care of them for me, you will of course receive the dividends & invest them for me In consequence of the low Premium in American or London Bills I have been obliged to remit to the latter instead of the States as I wished & intended and the Commission on negotiating British Bills is a very serious drawback upon such remittances or I would not leave the money in England

I am very respectfully &c

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Messrs G G & S Howland New York

17 Octr 1834

Dr Sirs

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th [c.o. instant] September last covering my A/Ct to that date which appears to be perfectly correct, also Notarial Copies of ten shares in the Eagle Fire Insurance Stock of one hundred & sixty six shares in the North River Fire Insurance Stock of Sixty four shares in the Howard Insurance Stock and Fifty shares in the New Orleans Canal & Bank⁴⁸⁴ Stock instead of 59 as stated in your letter, You are no doubt satisfied of the stability of the latter but from the last half years dividend not having been paid the impression upon our minds here is not so favorable - am I not entitled to all arrears of Interest or dividends? or only to that accruing for the present half year? I beg to thank you for your promptness in investing my remittances as well as for your replies to my several inquiries on behalf of a friend - Under date of 3 Instant I addressed a few lines to you which I understand have been forwarded by HMS Arachne to effect insurance on one thousand eight hundred and fifty sovereigns by the first Pkt and my friend Mr Scott will ship them by this opportunity the John W Cater to sail on Sunday with such other Specie as I may be enabled to get down to him in time. The Louisville & Portland Canal and Newcastle & Frenchtown Rail Road have been recommended to me as profitable & safe investments

I shall be obliged by your favouring me with some information respecting the New Orleans Canal & Bank & the distance & object of the former

I am

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Mrs Millward

Sp Town Jam 7 Nov 1834

My dear Madam

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19 Augt & regret very much that Mr Pantons Bill for £100 should have been noted for non acceptance I however trust and am assured by him that it will be paid when at maturity

Enclosed I send you the 2 of S S Ashmans Bills on E F Green of London for £117.14.3 Stg the first of which I forwarded to you on the 23 Sept of this I must request you to pay your daughter £70 & keep the balance of £47.14.3 yourself Mr Vidal has to make me a payment on account of poor Browns Estate when I shall be enabled to make you a further remittance

I am preparing to make a movement early next year &c yours & Daughters negroes all valued - claim will be put in and counter claimed against Mr Mendes who is unable to make any payment on account of his Bond

I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

7 Nov [1834]

My Dr Sir

Since I addressed you on the 22 Sept last the ring & broach which Mrs Lindsay directed to be given to her nieces have come to hand and I will forward them to you when I can learn of a safe opportunity they do not appear to be of much value

Enclosed I send you the 2 of my bills on A E Fuller & Co in your favor for £3000 Sg

You will no doubt have become acquainted with the marriage of my daughter and I have promised to make her an allowance of £200 Sg a year. I requested my Brother to have £100 sent to her just previous to her marriage if that has been done you need not send anything more until 1 March & then continue to remit to her £50 qtrly but should my Brother have omitted to do as I requested you will be kind enough to send her £50 on 1 December or as soon after as you receive this & that sum qrtly afterwards, the allowance to Mrs James is for the future to be £250 instead of £300 P ann, having only 3 instead of 5 Children to provide for now

The House of Assembly are now sitting & almost all the planters have been ordered up from Trelawny & St James to be examined before the Committees appointed to inquire into the Cause of the Negroes not working &c &c Jarrett⁴⁸⁵ & Kerr are both with me

The Passley Garden Negroes have been valued in number 127 but for what sum I have not been able to ascertain since 1832 there has been an increase of 9 and a decrease of 6 the claim for compensation will be put in next week

I am

PS. Mr Crabb has never sent us any statement of the funds which came to his hands belonging to Mr Bouchers Estate he now directs us to order the proceeds of this Crop to be handed over to him at once and we are to draw on him for the Legacies &c to this I cannot consent but as all the Legacies and Debts will very shortly be paid we will then make up our accounts & pay him any balance that may be due from us therefore send out the a/c Sales & your A/C as soon as you possibly can after the former becomes due do not wait for 30 April or any other particular date

Messrs Bernard of Bristol will not allow Int on the balance in their hands from 30 April until drawn for by which there is a loss to Palmers Estate of about 7 months Int I have written to Mr

Heath that it may compel the parties interested to apply for a change of Consignees---

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Messrs G G & S Howland N York

12 Nov 1834

Dr Sirs

By the Orbit I have recd your favor of the 28 Septr last, and observe that Mr Lewis had lodged with you a Certificate for 84 Shares in the Pittsburg Bank, it was in consequence of their standing in his name that he suggested their being placed in the hands of some friend for my security

I now enclose a Second bill of Lading for 1650 Sovereigns & 200 Col: Dubs: and another for 200 Sovereigns 488 Whole & 39 hlf Col: Dubs - 4 whole & 23 hlf Mexican Dubs 452 Dollars in parts of Mexican Dubs 600 dollars in parts of Col: Dubs. 24 dollars 35 hlf & 226 quarter dollars in old Spanish Silver Shipped p John W Cater 18 October last and which I hope you have received safe the first bills of lading were forwarded by our friend Mr Scott I am &

200

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19½

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11½

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town 28 Novr 1834

My Dr Sir

I am happy to learn from your favor of the 30 Octr last that all the Bills remitted to you had been accepted with the exception of Mr Reeves for want of advice, the fact is that the packets sail before many persons in different parts of the Island know of its arrival the present regulation is most inconvenient

I sent Mr E Panton a note of what you wrote respecting the £100 to be paid to Mrs Panton & her husband called on me yesterday, but as I have remitted everything I could collect except what is absolutely necessary to pay my way I could not conveniently give him the Cash and he is to draw upon you at a short sight say 30 days - Bills are getting up

Mrs Duncan is staying with Mr Cargill but as yet nothing has been done in her husbands affairs I understand it to be her intention to return to England soon after Xmas

I have requested Kerr to sell the Falmouth Water Comy shares and have written to Mr Jones respecting the Survey of Passley Garden

From the papers you will learn how very unsatisfactorily the Apprenticeship is going on, working it is not, and the general opinion is that there will be another rebellion very shortly, the Plantain Garden River district is all but in open rebellion at this time - Mr Miller left town about a fortnight ago & has been taken sick which prevents his return this Session

I am

Dare & ux to England via America

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Messrs G G & S Howland N York

Spa Town Jama 17 Decr 1834

Dear Sirs

Mr John March⁴⁸⁶ a very old acquaintance of mine and respectable member of this community being desirous of investing some money in the States I have much pleasure in introducing him to

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you being assured that his interests cannot be intrusted to any persons more deserving of his confidence

I am Dr Sirs
yrs faithfully & respectfully

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ditto [Messrs G G & S Howland N York]
Dr Sirs

17 Decr 1834

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your 2 favors of the 22 Novr as well as your letters on the Subject of Miss Cole & Dr Turners remittances, which I have handed over to them and they have expressed their satisfaction at what you have done on their behalf, I have also to return you my thanks for your attention to my interests in the disposal of the Specie Consigned to you and the several investments made on my account

Copies of the Certificates for the 28 Shares in the New Orleans Canal & Bank, for 100 Shares in the National Bank for 200 Shares in the Union Bank & for the 59 Shares formerly purchased in the New Orleans Canal & Bank have been safely received & enclosed I return the former erroneous copy of the last for 50 Shares instead of 59, the information relating to the latter is perfectly satisfactory

The Rail Road Map is a very poor production but the accompanying descriptions may be more useful the other Map is far superior

My friend Mr King has returned safe with his Wife & I beg to offer my thanks for your kindness and attention to them of which he speaks most warmly

The Oysters which you have been kind enough to send me have proved most excellent and my friend Mr Scott informs me that he has a btl of Apples to forward to me by your directions for which I feel particularly to you and were it not that I have serious intentions of visiting the States next Spring I should trouble you for a regular supply of such articles for my table in preference to getting them out from England

The new dollars having been assayed at the Mint in England I send you enclosed a statement of their weight & fineness which may probably be of some use to you in your mercantile transactions

I am

PS. I have by this opportunity given a letter of introduction to you from Mr John March, a large land proprietor in this neighbourhood who will remit to you Bills for the purpose of making an investment in the United States Bank, and it is not improbable but he may pay you a visit in the Spring -

At your convenience you can send down the original Certificates purchased for Miss Cole

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia
Dr Sir

Spa: Town Jam. 17 Dec 1834

It was my intention to have acknowledged the receipt of your favor of the 13th Octr last by the return of the Pioneer for your Port but I only learnt of her departure being fixed, the day before she sailed and then it was too late to send the letter to Kingston - I now return you many thanks for the papers relating to the Stocks recommended by you and so soon as I can lay my hand upon a remittance shall request your investing the amount in such as you may give a preference to, suggesting my wish that you would rather select that Stock which is not much above par, as altho the dividend payable on each Share may warrant its being sold at a high price, still it may so happen that at the time I may wish to sell, it may have fallen considerably and I may be a considerable loser in consequence

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I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

17 Decr 1834

My Dr Sir

Under the idea that you wish to receive the earliest intelligence concerning your relations here I am induced to inform you of the death of Mrs William Gordon late Mrs Cole, I had understood from Dr Turner some weeks ago that she was ill and that he had little expectation of her recovery altho it might be some time before she died, but I did not think of making any further inquiry about her and was much surprised on the 10 Instant on receiving an invitation to her funeral, she has left a Will⁴⁸⁷ the contents of which I have not yet been able to ascertain, Dr Turner told me that he had been requested to Witness it and that he had previously asked her whether she knew what it was she was about to sign and whether she was aware of its contents she replied that she did I will send you a copy as soon as it can be obtained

By the Athol which conveyed to England a detachment of Artillery which has just been relieved, & some invalids I have forwarded a parcel to your address intended for Mr Philip James, it contains office copies of some deeds relating to the Legacies under the Will of Mrs Mary James which my legal advisers consider may be useful to him should he be disposed to put in a counter claim to the compensation for his fathers Negroes & which Messrs Stirling Gordon & Co are most anxious to obtain altho his claim is prior to theirs you had better inform him of its arrival before you forward the parcel to him as he may wish it to remain in London until he goes up

The books and broach came to hand this morning for which I am much obliged to you

I am

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[In a different hand]

[P H James Esqre]

Spanish Town Jamaica 1st January 1835

My Dear Sir

By the last packet I transmitted to you an Affidavit of the search made in respect of the legacies mentioned in your favour of the 5th Septr: last and by the Athol (Transport) which sailed a few days before Xmas were forwarded addressed to our friend Hawthorn office Copies of the Will of Mary James Conveyance In Trust from James to Hutton to secure certain Legacies of £6000 under the Will of Mary James & Assignment from Eliza A Jackson⁴⁸⁸ to P H James of her Interest therein, the parcel was placed under the care of Dr Davis of the Royal Artillery.

You did not intimate to me for what purpose the Affidavit was required, I therefore put the matter Entirely in the hands of my legal advisers to do what to them appeared proper - and they conceiving it might be your wish or intention to put in a counter claim for the Compensation for the negroes on which these Legacies are secured and being aware that it was the intention of Stirling Gordon & Co (whose security is junior to yours) to endeavour to obtain it, recommended that the foregoing papers should be sent to you, and which I hope you will approve of. Hawthorn is to acquaint you of their arrival and you can direct him how to dispose of them

I was glad to get the Bill in any shape from Mr Heath, had I returned it to him to be altered, I should have lost the opportunity of sending it by that packet and the payment to Mrs Weekes would have been delayed considerably more than the 23 days of which you complain, be assured that I have done the best I could for Mrs Weekes

A Counter claim shall be put in on behalf of Mrs Weekes for the Compensation for Palmyra and Rose Hall negroes but you are under an erroneous impression in respect to any claim upon the late William Allen's Estate as the security of the late Receiver J R Palmer, [c.o. at] the recognizance was

put in suit and a judgment recovered against J R Palmer but not against W. Allen as a ballance was thence to be due to Mr Palmer at the time of the death of Mr Allen and the Court did not consider his estate liable for any thing which subsequently came to the hands of the receiver.

Xmas you will be pleased to hear has passed off quietly and the apprentices returned to their Work obediently on Monday last and we fully expect they will do the same next Monday when all their Holidays will be at an End not that I believe they will do much or anything equal to what they have been in the habit of doing, altho' that could not be compared to a day's work of a man in England I offer my Kind regards to Mrs Weekes and your family and wishing you all many happy returns of the Season

I am &c HJJ

P H James Esqre

Falmouth [*crossed out in pencil*]

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[*In a different hand*]

[Robt Hawthorn Esqre]

Spanish Town Jama: 1st Jany 1835

My Dear Sir

On the 17th Ultro: I addressed a few lines to you by the Athol Transport Informing you of the death of your relative Mrs Gordon I have not been able to get a Copy but I understand she has bequeathed everything to her husband I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favours of the 22 Octr & 7 November and to thank you for the Books & Broach which came safe to hand. To Mr Jones I sent an Extract from your letter declining his offer and to Mr Brymer⁴⁸⁹ I conveyed your thanks for his kindness to Mrs Lyndsay⁴⁹⁰.

I have written to Portland to ascertain the expense of the survey of Passley Garden before I give directions for its being done to Mr Jones it is perfectly agreeable

[*tick in pencil*] It appears you have put a wrong construction upon what I wrote respecting the Investment of my funds in the Ohio 6 p cent Stock to which I only gave a preference over some of the Western States, and as yielding a better rate of Interest, however I shall be satisfied with whatever you may do for me, if you have not already commenced a Correspondence on my account with any house in New York I should wish you to address Messrs G G & S Howlands & Co who have hitherto transacted all my business in that City and to my satisfaction, when I next write to them I will state the probability of your communicating with them on my affairs, the Dividends may be paid in England provided you approve of it, and can inform me of the charge for the same it might save some delay and risk. You will be pleased to learn that the negroes returned to their work quietly last monday and there is every [c.o. probability] expectation of their doing so next monday when their Holidays will be [c.o. cease] ended but they do not work as they ought and it is yet very doubtful how the Crops will be taken off as in some places they will not give up their time for money and the period allowed by Law is by no means sufficient for that purpose Wishing yourself and family many happy returns of the Season

I remain &c HJJ

Robt Hawthorn Esqre

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[*HJJ's handwriting*]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

23 Jany 1835

Dr Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 12th Novr last and have acquainted Miss Cole [c.o. of the] with the investment made for her in the purchase of £3000 3 p Cent Consols

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which is perfectly Satisfactory and enclosed I return the power of Atty to receive the Dividends
exempted by her and which she wishes to be invested when received
I am

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Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth

23 Jany 1835

My Dear Madam

Enclosed I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the first of W Millers Bills on Messrs
Hawthorn & Shedden in your favor for £400 Sg at 20 p ct prem I have also applied to Mr Heath for
a payment on your a/c but have not yet received an answer to my letter

My Report upon the Recvrs a/cs to 31 Dec 1833 being now filed I shall by an early opportunity
send you an abstract of the same

I beg to offer my Kind regards to Mrs James & your family and am &c

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Mrs A M Millward

S T 23 Jany 1835

My dear Madam

I am extremely sorry to perceive from your favor of the 14th Nov last that Mr Pantons Bill for
£100 Sg has been protested for nonpayment altho he assured me when I informed him of its having
been noted for non [c.o. payment] acceptance that produce had already been sent to Mr Linwood to
meet it and that he would immediately make a further shipment for that special purpose, I sent him
a Statement and he has promised to bring up the amount from Kingston when he returns from
attendance at the Surry Assizes next week, the enclosed Bill having however been sent to me by
post I transmit the same to you on a/c of the above, it is drawn by W Miller on Hawthorn &
Shedden of London in my favor for £84.12 Sg & is equal with prem @ 20 p ct & Stamps 5/10 to
£142.8.4

Mr Mendes has Executed a Release & power of Atty to you to receive the Compensation for the
Negroes on Mount Pleasant under Mortgage to you which I shall forward by an early opportunity - I
have not been able to get any money from him lately - regards to family &c

PS Mr Cargill who sails for England early next month will take the Deed, it will be directed to the
care of Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden to whom you will apply for it

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Robt Hawthorn Esq

Sp T 23 Jany [1835]

My Dr Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of [c.o. your] letters from your firm under date of 19 Nov
& 3 Dec last with a copy of a letter to Messrs R Lenox & Sons on the subject of my affairs

[tick in pencil] The investment of my funds in the Ohio 6 P ct Stock is perfectly satisfactory and I
approve of the directions sent to your Correspondents to have the Certificates renewed in Similar
sums in preference to taking one Certificate for the whole, in my last I mentioned that Messrs G G
& S Howland were my Correspondents at New York but I have no intention of employing them in
this matter it will remain in the hands of Messrs Lenox & Sons & I shall request them to remit the
dividends to you to meet the payments to my family unless there is any mode of receiving them in
England

I am so Satisfied of your honourable & friendly conduct in all transactions in which you have
been concerned for me that I hope I may never feel disposed to question any charge you may make
for your trouble or advance on my account

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Mr Brymer has acknowledged the receipt of my communication and was to write to Mr Bolton⁴⁹¹
Mrs Buntings⁴⁹² Atty on the subject

I have not yet ascertained the expence of surveying Passley Garden but Mr Jones wrote me that it was his intention to be in Kingston in all this month and would pay me the years rent when he will I make no doubt be prepared to answer my inquiry he adds "should the present determination be adhered to of not selling I rely on a preference of a renewal of my lease at the expiration of the present one should he be disposed to further lease the Estate," also in a PS "If there is any doubt as to the Security of the purchase money in case of Sale in these critical times I could pay a considerable part down" Messrs A Stewart & Co of Port Antonio have written to me offering to lease the same for the remainder of the Apprenticeship term under the impression that the lease to Mr Jones had expired, I replied that I would transmit to you any hard points they might be disposed to make in answer they write "If we conclude to make an offer for Passley Garden will avail ourselves of you kind offer we were however mistaken as to the expiration of the present Lease

By Mr Cargill who sails for England in a few days I propose sending the Ring & broach which Mrs Lyndsay left to her nieces. Mrs Duncan is to accompany him and is to return with him and his Wife⁴⁹³ either the end of this or the beginning of next year I regret that nothing has been done in respect to the affairs of her husband but Mr Cargill says that he has promised to call upon you and explain matters he will also take charge of a copy of Mrs Gordons marriage Settlement & a parcel for Mrs Millward who will apply to you for it

Enclosed I send you a copy of Mrs Gordons Will her husband has proposed terms to your Solicitors the particulars of which they will no doubt forward to you

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town Jama. 10 Feb 1835

Mr Jones called upon me yesterday & paid me by Kingston Acceptances £400 for the rent of Passley Garden Estate for which I hope to procure a Bill & remit it by next pkt - You will observe that he is very anxious to retain the possession of Passley Garden upon some terms or other and I requested that he would at once put his proposal in writing that you might have an opportunity of considering them & sending out instructions when you had come to a determination what you would do, the Surveyors charge will be from £100 to £150 which I consider most extravagant, I will inquire of another & let you know his terms and you can inform me what you will give

The Pkt arrived late on Saturday evening & returns tomorrow so that you must not expect to receive many answers to your letters of 1 Jany

I have Charged Messrs Bernard with Int & if they are dissatisfied they must apply to the Court on the subject I have mentioned the matter to Mrs Weekes & probably she may write to Mess Bernards, this is the Second Pkt that will have sailed since I wrote to Mr Heath without receiving any answer from him

A letter dated 14 Jany came to hand this morning from Messrs Robert Lenox & Son accompanied by a power of Atty to enable them to receive the dividends on my investment in the Ohio Stock the first of which will be payable therein July next the January Dividend you must obtain from the Sellers [c.o. of] the Certificates not having reached them in time to be transferred before the boooks [sic] were closed and which you will be kind enough to look after, As it is my intention to quit this for a few months at least some time this year I think the Certificates may as well remain in their hands until I determine how to dispose of myself afterwards

Mr Cargill & Mrs Duncan sailed for Liverpool in the Anfield on Saturday and by him I sent the broach & ring for your nieces as well as a copy of Mr & Mrs Gordons Marriage Settlement and a parcel for Mrs Millward

The Spectator Newspaper I wish to be discontinued, it always was a Whig but now it has become

too much of a radical I am doubting whether to order another as my time here is likely to be short

It is to be hoped that some plan may be devised to enable the Planters to take off their Crops as the present system does not work well the proprietors [c.o. planters] & Attornies & Overseers &c are all [c.o. at the] completely at the mercy of the Negroes who can ruin one & all of them at any time they choose, on some properties they are behaving tolerably well giving up their half Friday for their former allowances & working that is manufacturing Sugar from 4 in the morning until 8 or 9 at night receiving money for their extra time & probably on the other properties adjoining the Negroes will not do either & they cannot be compelled. On Passley Garden Mr Jones told me they only made 3hhds of Sugar in a week & on the next Estate which is stronger handed only 1 ½ were made on P Garden they will not work for money but will exchange time or work a few hours extra one day to be made good on another most Estates on which Extra labour is obtained will have to pay £100 to £150 or more in Cash on others it will cost from 10/ to 20/ p hhd Persons sending out Emigrants cannot be too cautious in their proceedings. 500 arrived lately from Bremen & were distributed amongst different Proprietors they have become dissatisfied several have died & most of the others are wandering about the Country unfortunately here the death of one person leads to the death of many others amongst young people & strangers & frequently on returning from a funeral they are known to give themselves up & in a very [sic] days are themselves borne to the grave, Soldiers go often this way & I much fear it will be the case with the Emigrants, the Negroes are very jealous of them & say that they are come out to starve them, we are beset with difficulties & I wish that I could discover something more cheering in the prospect before us I have no landed property & only a few Negroes about my house but I have abundance of debts owing to me which I should be glad to get in

I am

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall⁴⁹⁴ New York

Sp Town Jam 10 Feby 1835

Dr Sirs

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of Messrs G G & S Howlands letter of 15 Dec last and of the present firms communication of 15 Ulto both of which have been delivered to Miss Cole with their enclosures and I am directed by her to acknowledge the correctness of your Account Current with the exception of an omission on your part to charge her for the Cow which you were kind enough to purchase for her

I have now to advise you that on the 24 Ulto Miss Cole drew a bill of Exchange on Messrs G G & S Howland at 60 days sight in favor of the Honble Robert Allwood for Eight hundred dollars on account of the January dividends recd on her Certificates and particularized in your favor & which you will honor & charge to her account, With respect & Esteem

I am

The Signature of Miss Cole - Sarah Cole (signed)

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall N York

S T 10 Feb 1835

Dr Sirs

I am now in receipt of your favor of the 15 & 16 Ulto & 15 Decr from the late firm accompanied by Notarial Copies of the Certificates of Investments made for me in the Gas Light Compny Fulton Bank & Eagle Insce Fire and A/Ct which latters appears to be correct altho Insurance is charged on the full amount of the last shipment of Specie p J W Cater and in your letter of 22 Novr you write "We duly effected Insce on the Sovereigns, but the J W Cater brought us the first intelligence of your further shipments by her, this charge was saved on the Dubloons & small change" the July

dividend on the N Y State Stock has not I presume been applied for but will be credited with the January payment

Dr Turner having after the remittance to forward will address you himself by this opportunity and so will Mr March

The Gas Stock bears so high a premium that I should prefer an investment in future in a Security as little above par as possible as in case I should at any time be obliged to sell it may so happen that these Stocks may have fallen considerably

My friends Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of London have made a purchase for me in one of the U S Securities and not being aware that I had any mercantile friends there have directed their Correspondence to transact the business for me should they however on any subsequent occasion address you on my behalf I have no doubt of your friendly attention & assistance

I observe the alteration in your firm & Mr Scott has sent me an extract from your letter to him, I wish you every success & shall not withdraw my confidence having no ground for doing so and fully believing that you will pay every attention to the interests of myself & friends

I thank you for the 2 newspapers & shall be obliged by your opinion as to the prudence of a sale of the Shares in the US Bank when a premn can be obtained for them as in the event of the Charter not being renewed of course the Stockholders must be paid off and that at par then will there be a large sum to be invested in other Securities which will most probably rise in price in consequence of their being in such demand, in England it is expected that the President will press for the sale of the Shares held by your Government but of course you will understand better what is likely to be done

In your last was enclosed the Notarial Copy for the 50 Shares in the N O Canal Bank which you directed me to return to you, it was I presume put up by mistake, Shall I destroy it or send it back?

I shall not fail to make your remembrances to my friend Mr King and I thank your friendly wishes and remain with sincere regard yours faithfully

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Messrs Robt Lenox & Son N York
Dr Sirs

11 Feby [1835]

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14 Ulto accompanied by a Power to enable you to receive the dividends on the Certificates of the Ohio State Stock transferred to me which shall be executed & returned to you by some other opportunity as I shall not be able to go before the American Consul in Kingston before this vessel sails - I presume that you have written to Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden respecting the January dividends which are payable to the Sellers I should have thought their Agents would have paid them over without hesitation, I wish such sums as you may receive to be remitted to Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden on my account & when you have a little leisure I should wish to be favored with your opinion upon this Stock & the management of the affairs of that State

It is my wish and intention to visit the U States in the course of this year & therefore the original Certificates may as well remain with you for the present merely sending me the notarial Copies of the same

I am very respectfully &c

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden
Dr Sirs

Sp: Town Jam 25 Feb 1835

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 13th Ulto with your a/c with me as Admor of the late Henry Tuming & also with Miss Cole, the former appears to be correct the latter I have handed

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over to that lady but have not seen her since to ascertain her opinion upon it, it appears to me to be correct, the Stock receipts shall be given to her on their arrival

I am

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Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth Devon

25 Feb [1835]

My dear Madam

I have now the pleasure of forwarding enclosed the first of Wm Heaths Bills of Exchange in your favor on Messrs C C & W C Bernard of Bristol payable in London for £400 Stg at 20 P cent prem on a/c of your Annuity also the 2nd of W Millers on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of London for £400 Stg the first of which was forwarded to you on 25 Ult

I am sorry to learn from the northside that the Crops are making very slowly partly owing to very bad weather & partly to the laziness of the Negroes

With my best regards to Mr James & your family

I am

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Mrs Dorothy Little - S G Little⁴⁹⁵ Esq Solicitor Bristol

25 Feby [1835]

My Dear Madam

I duly recd your favor of the 30 Oct last with the usual Certificate to enable me to receive your Annuity from the Clergy fund Forty Pounds Cy with which I have procured the enclosed Bills of Exchge drawn by John Blair at 20 ds st in your favor on Messrs Charles Payne & Son of Bristol for £23.16.2 Stg equal with pm @ 20 P ct to that amount &c &c &c

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Robt Hawthorn Esq

26 Feb [1835]

My Dr Sir

In my last letter I informed you that Mr Jones had paid me £400 on a/c of the rent of Passley Garden Estate and I now enclose you the first of Rob Allwoods Bills in your favor drawn at 90 ds st on Messrs G W S Hibbert & Co of London for £211.3.3 Stg equal with pm @ 20 p cent & Stps 7/6 to £355.2.6 the balance of the accompanying a/c with your nieces which I shall be happy to learn proves correct & satisfactory

I am

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Mrs A M Millward

26 Feb [1835]

My Dr Madam

The enclosed Bills having been transmitted to me and being in expectation of receiving some money on your a/c very shortly I have thought it might be more convenient to you to receive something at once, I therefore beg leave to forward the first of G Wrights⁴⁹⁶ Bills of Exchge in my favor @ 90 ds st on Thos Rossiter⁴⁹⁷ Tiverton payable in London for £100 Stg also first of W Heaths in my favor @ 90 ds st on C C & W C Bernard of Bristol pble in London for £72.17.4 Sg likewise the Second of W Millers on Hawthorn & Shedden of London for £84.12 Sg the first of which I forwarded to you on 23 Ult

By Mr Cargill who sailed in the Anfield for Lpool the beginning of the month I forwarded Mr Mendes release & Power of Atty to you to receive the Compensation on the Negroes Mortgaged to

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you it is addressed to my friends Hawthorn & Shedden of London to whom you can cause application to be made for it

I hope to be enabled to make you a further remittance by next Pkt With my Kind regards to your daughter & family

I am

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ditto [Mrs A M Millward]

5 March [1835]

My Dear Madam

Another Pkt has arrived & sails again tomorrow I have only now to enclose the first of R Allwoods Bills on Messrs G W & S Hibbert & Co of London for £300 Sg with the 2 of W Millers on Hawthorn & Shedden for £84.12 Sg G Wright on T Rossiter for £100 Sg & W Heath on C C & W C Bernard for £72.17.4 Stg

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq

5 March [1835]

My Dr Sir

The first Feby pkt arrived on the 3rd Inst & sails again tomorrow I have now only to enclose you the 2nd of R Allwoods Bills on Messrs G W & S Hibbert & Co for £211.3.3. Sg in payment of the balance of my a/c with your nieces

In a letter which I have just received from my friend W M Kerr he writes James Lawson⁴⁹⁸ is just arrived from America I dont know what are his plans yet

I am

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Mrs Weekes

5 March [1835]

My Dr Madam

I now beg leave to forward enclosed the 2nd of W Heaths Bills of C E & W C Bernard in your favor for £400 Sg the first of which I transmitted to you on the 25 Ulto

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R Hawthorn Esq

28 March [1835]

My Dr Sir

Your favor of the 16th Ulto came to hand yesterday morning & the Packet is to sail again on Monday morning at 11 o clock as the Steamers⁴⁹⁹ can get out of Port Royal at any time

I should have had much pleasure in the delivery of your letter to Mrs Simcocks but unfortunately she departed this life on the 12 Inst an abstract of her Will is intended to accompany this - Abstracts or Copies of Mrs Gordons Will & Deed of Settlement have already been forwarded, if my recollection is correct the latter was recorded the day on which the Will was executed about a fortnight before her death, so that [sic] was no opportunity of conveying the intelligence to you at an earlier period

Not being aware that Bills were likely to fall I made my calculation for 20 p ct prem but finding that 18 only was current I received back 2 p ct equal to £5.18.3 which is placed to the credit of your nieces - By the Stately I have addressed a parcel to your care for Mrs Weekes containing the Rose

Hall & Palmyra a/cs for 1833 - I am now endeavouring to arrange my affairs so as to leave this in June for America

I am

PS. Mr Gordon has advertised for sale the house in this town & pen in Liguanea belonging to the late Mr Simcocks Abstract of Trust deed 1806 Simcocks to Campbell & al Mr Simcocks Will & Mrs Simcocks Will sent herewith

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J H Byles
My Dr Sir

Spa Town Jam 28 March 1835

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the 26 January last - shall quit this in June I do not think that Vidals debt will be settled by that time but it shall be put in such a train as to insure an early settlement of it

The Title to the house cannot be found anywhere and the impression upon my mind is that you may have left it with your Atty Mr Stewart who omitted to record it and as his Papers have long since been put out of the way by his Successors who are since dead there does not appear to me be any chance now of finding it

A Book kept by Brown & Duncan has been found in which there is a list of Debts a copy of which was forwarded to you in 1819 a few of which were then considered "good" but whether they have since been paid does not appear You can refer to it & then send out further instructions respecting such as have not been settled

Mrs Cargill⁵⁰⁰ dead - Cargill took home an Abstract of the Agreement between Vidal Duncan & Dare which no doubt you will have an opportunity of Perusing & you will then be better able to advise her of her rights &c &c &c

I am

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia
Dr Sir

Sp Town Jam 2 April 1835

Enclosed I have the pleasure of handing you the first of Backus Casamajor & Nuirys four Sets of Exchg dated 26 Feby last @ 60 ds st in favor of J G Gibson on John Welsh of Philadelphia for \$1400

1250

1200

1150

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in all 5000 dollars which you will be kind enough to invest for me as to your judgment shall appear most profitable and secure, probably it might be better to discount the Bills & invest the amount at once so as to obtain the dividends payable in June or July

I observe by your favor of the 19 Decr last that you had recd a dividend on my Shares in the Pittsburg Bank which of course you will invest with any other monies in your hands with the above Bills & send me your A/C

Will you have the goodness to favor me with any information you may be able to obtain respecting the New Orleans Canal Bank as some of my friend here are interested in it and are alarmed because it has not paid the Dividends regularly

I am very respectfully

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16th April The Second of the above Bills are enclosed HJJ

Messrs Robt Lenox & Son N York
Dr Sirs

16 Apl [1835]

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 21 Ulto and of the Notarial Certificate of my investment in the Ohio 6 p ct Stock, Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden have informed me that the January dividend would be paid to them this month & enclosed I forward a power of Atty for you to receive them in future

I am sorry to find that you do not approve of this stock and shall feel obliged by your favoring me with the particulars of any you can recommend together with the price and dividends for the information of myself and friends
I am yours respectfully

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall
Dr Sirs

16 April [1835]

I now beg to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 31 Jany 3 23 & 24 March last and Mr Scott has forwarded to me two Reports on the affairs of the New Orleans Canal Bank for which I am much obliged to you, but the letter which you refer to in your Correspondence with Mr Allwood has not come to hand, the last relating solely to Miss Coles business, her Certificates have all arrived safe and have been delivered to her but I regret to observe that in your A/Ct you have only Credited her for the Dividend on 55 instead of 65 Shares in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road 165 instead of 195\$ as stated in you letter of 15 Jany

I observe that the Cow has been charged to Elin Scott & Co that was not my intention however it does not Signify now they have promised to send me a note of the cost &c Miss Cole will draw on you for the same Dividends

I am with respect & esteem

Revd W D Longlands
My Dr Sir

18 Apl [1835]

It is many years since I heard from you or of any of your family I trust however that you are all well, I have been toiling until I have destroyed my health and am now advised to try a change of climate which I shall endeavour to do this Summer

Annexed I send my Account with your Fathers Estate as it is only lately that I have been able to obtain a settlement of poor Browns affairs with his late Copartners, the dividend on your claim is small and is I fear all that is likely to be received altho there are debts to a very large amount still owing but which are considered bad and irrecoverable for the balance I have forwarded to my friend Mr Robert Hawthorn the bill for £19.6.3 Sterling which he will hand over to you on your furnishing him with a receipt from the representative of your fathers Estate for the amount

Your friend the Marquis of Sligo⁵⁰¹ is our Governor now he appears to like the Country very well & is not disposed to quit even should he be superseded

I am

Robt Hawthorn Esq

Sp Town 27 Apl 1835

My Dr Sir

The two March Mails were brought to this Island on Sunday by a Steamer which returns tomorrow consequently persons residing in the Country will not have an opportunity of replying to any of their letters until the arrival of another Pkt and it appears to be more than probable that one of the present Pkts will return without any Mail [c.o. whatever] at all from this Island altho it is advertised that the Steamer is to carry up a bag of Duplicates to be put on board that vessel at St Thomas

I will do the best I can for your nieces in respect to Passley Garden and will send you the name of a respectable person to insert in the power from your Nieces when the youngest comes of age as you are anxious to sell why go to the expence of Surveying?

Mr Vidal claims a large sum from Duncans Estate & does not seem disposed to give up any legal right he may be possessed of we cannot agree in money matters, he has made me pay my Law a/cs with the late firm altho Duncan was indebted to me for some cash advance to him

The Lawyers here are of opinion that Mr Gordons claims to Mrs Simcockses property is good, I wrote to Mr Miller on the Subject and he directed his Solicitors Messrs Vidal & Allwood⁵⁰² to look into the matter

Enclosed I beg leave to trouble you with a letter for the Revd W D Longlands as I do not know his address, you can read & then forward it to him I also transmit herein Elin Scott & Cos Bill of Exchge in my favor on J B Elin for £19.6.3 Sg which you will please to get accredited & deliver to his Order on sending his Mothers receipt as Exix of her husband for the amount I hope you will excuse my giving you this trouble

I am

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall N York

15 May 1835

Dr Sirs

Since I last addressed you I have not been favored with any letter from you neither have I as yet received your reply to my communication of the 10 Feby last, for altho the original may have miscarried I fully expected to have received the duplicate, both of those relating to Miss Coles affairs came safe to hand & she has requested me to inform you that she will not require the June dividends here but will be obliged by your investing them for her, you can send down the original Certificate for the Shares in the Gas Light Compy on the return of the Packet

I am &c

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Rob Hawthorn Esq

Spa Town 23 May [1835]

My Dr Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 31st March & 15th Apl last, an extract from the former was immediately forwarded to Mr Jones and annexed you have a copy of his answer, the papers shall be put in hand without delay and I trust settled to the satisfaction of all Parties

I am glad to learn that my A/c has proved to be correct Kerr has sold the Falmouth Water Compy Shares at last for £15 each the amount with the difference of Premium on the Bill sent to you shall be remitted shortly I am forbidden to write much being threatened with an inflammation of my eyes Mr Lawson is I understand to embark in August for the purpose of bringing back a Wife with him & this is all I Know of his intentions or plans, Mr Cargill it is said is to return in December next there are 2 Counterclaims put in to the Compensation for Duncans Negroes - I do not really think that his Wife and Child will ever get one shilling from his Estate

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I am

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Mrs Dorothy Little - No 3 Lower Park Row, Bristol
My Dr Madam

Spa Town 23 May [1835]

I duly recd your favor of the 31 March & had expected as I requested my Mother to inform you to have been able to remit you by the last Pkt a Bill of Exchge for the amount of your Annuity however it arrived sooner than was looked & sailed before I had an opportunity of seeing the Gentleman from whom I have obtained the enclosed Bill of Exchge for £24.12.7 Stg in your favor drawn by John Blair on Messrs Charles Payne & Son of Bristol & is equal with 16 p cent Premm to £40 Cy the amount I received on your Account from the Clergy fund and I hope that you have long ere this received the former Bill which I sent to you

By the Kingston Captn Emerson which sailed a day or two ago I sent a small box of Sweetmeats for my daughter addressed to my Mother & shall be obliged by your requesting your son to afford her his assistance in having it cleared & forwarded to Dawlish &c &c &c

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden
Dr Sirs

8 June 1835

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30 Aprl accompanied by my A/c to that date shewing a balce of £584.12.4 Stg in my favor which appears to be perfectly correct and is satisfactory to me, as that sum together with the Ohio dividend which you were in expectation of receiving in a few days will be sufficient for my present purposes in England I shall request Messrs Lenox & Son to invest the July dividend in America instead of remitting it to you

Mr Green having sent out his a/c with Mr Bouchers Estate has enabled Mr Salmon & myself to make up ours in which we have Credited the balances in the hands of the Consignees on the 30 Apl in payment of what is due to us he will draw on Mr Green & I have drawn on you in favor of Mr Hawthorn for £720.15.3 Stg which will close that a/c the present Crop having been consigned to Mr Crabb Should that sum carry Int from 30 April last let it be paid over with the bill

I have to advise you of a Bill which I have drawn in favor of Mrs Cruchley at 10 days sight for £20 Sg and am &c

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir,

Sp Town 8 June 1835

I laid your letter containing the terms for a new Lease of Passley Garden with Mr Jones's assent before Mr Vidal to draw out the necessary Papers but he has returned them stating that nothing effectual or binding can be sent until your Niece comes of age and a joint Power is transmitted by them, which you will of course attend to

Enclosed I send the first of my Bills on your firm for £720.15.3 Sg which I wish you to invest with any interest that may have accrued thereon, it was to have been drawn pble on 30 Apl but Mr Greens a/c has only lately come to hand & unless you see any objection I should give a preference to the American Securities. I have sent our A/cs to Mr Salmon for his Signature and they will be forwarded to Mr Crabb by the next Pkt, he is not in the habit of replying to any particular parts of my letters and has not yet acknowledged the correctness of our last A/c, he writes very friendly to me but I cannot say that he pleases me neither he nor Messrs Freshfields have ever sent us any Statement of the Appropriation of the funds in England

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My movements are at present very uncertain I am most anxious to try a change of climate but if I go off it will be at the risk of losing the greater part of my outstanding debts so that I am completely puzzled what to do Kerr sails about the 15 for New York on his way to England Jarrett & Mr Miller have I believe sailed for the latter direct

You did not mention whether Cargill had explained to you the situation of Duncans affairs &c

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Messrs Robert Lenox & Son New York

9 June [1835]

Dr Sirs

[pencil tick in margin] I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14th Ultio Finding that I shall not have any immediate occasion for further funds in England I have to request that you will invest the July dividend on my Ohio Stock in Such Security as [c.o. you] may appear to you to be most safe & profitable, instead of remitting it to my friends Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of which I have advised them

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia

9 June [1835]

Dr Sir

I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favors of the 6 & 11 May accompanied by my a/ct shewing a balance due to me on 7 July next of \$719.99 which appears to be perfectly correct & I am much obliged to you for your early attention to my wishes the investment is satisfactory but it is not my intention at present to sell the Pittsburgh Stock

I thank you for the information respecting the New Orleans Canal Bank. the withholding the dividend was most imprudent as it might have obliged many holders to sell and would prevent persons purchasing which would keep down the price

I am

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

29 June [1835]

Dr Sirs

By the Whitmore & Orbit which arrived on the same day I received your several favors of 24 March 15 & 24 April 14 & 19 May with some duplicates & my A/Ct to 14 May for which I am much obliged to you - I observe that the Insurance on the Dubloons has been written back & the explanation you have kindly given in respect to the Gas Stock is very full & satisfactory

Miss Cole wishes all her July Dividends to be invested as I before advised you, as yet I am undetermined as to the disposal of my Shares in the United States Bank

Will you be kind enough to inform me at what periods the dividends are due on the different Stocks I have purchased? You do not appear to have received the dividends on the New York State Stock since Jany 1834 and I shall be glad to learn that the New Orleans Bank has declared a dividend, the withholding of it was most imprudent & might have caused considerable inconvenience to many persons holding Shares

I am

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

29 June [1835]

My Dear Sir

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The Packet has brought me your favor of the 14 Ulto & I thank you for the Statement of the dividend you have received on my Ohio Stock

Mr Jones having agreed to your terms I consider that he is to continue in the possession of Passley Garden, indeed had a Power been here the Lease would have been signed before this Mr Stuart occupies the adjoining property, but altho he has made more than one application respecting your Nieces Estate he has never made any direct offer for it

I regret to hear of Mrs Weekes's loss. Mr W Miller having quitted the Country his son W Miller junr⁵⁰³ has been appointed Recr of Rose Hall Estate & enclosed I send you his Bill of Exchge on your firm in my favor for £1000 Stg being the balance in their hands on 30 April last, on account of Mrs Weekes's Annuity, which I have no doubt will be duly honoured but I am unable to State how the same is to be applied for so late as Saturday the rate of Premn was not fixed in Kingston and the Packet Sails tomorrow, you can however inform Mrs Weekes of its arrival and I will write to her by the next packet Messrs Bernards A/c had not arrived by the first May Mail indeed Mr Heath expects there will be little or nothing in their hands

Enclosed I likewise forward the 2 of my Bills on your firm for £720.15.3 Sg by this opportunity our A/cs will be sent to Mr Crabb

I have not yet determined upon the time of my departure nor to whom I shall leave a Power to act for me

I am &c

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Robt Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

Sp Town 9 July 1835

Enclosed I send you the 2nd of W Miller junrs Bill on your firm for £1000 Stg of which you will place

to the credit or pay to the Order of Mrs Weekes when the same shall become due Sg -	907.17.10
to the credit of your Nieces in full of the balance from me on the annexed a/c	" 37.7.11
and to my credit	" <u>54.14.3</u>

making together Stg £1000

By this opportunity I have transmitted my a/ct to Mrs Weekes as it is very uncertain when I shall obtain a payment from Mr Heath, I was not aware when I last wrote to you of the death of Mr John Houghton James⁵⁰⁴ which occurred the latter end of last month the Island is generally in a sickly State

I am

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Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth
My Dr Madam

9 July 1835

Having received from W Miller junr a Bill of Exchge for £1000 Sg on account of the Arrears of Annuities due to you I remitted it to our friend Mr Hawthorn by the last Packet & shall request him by this opportunity to place to your credit or pay to your Order when the same shall become due the sum of £907.17.10 Sg being the Balance due to you on the annexed account which I hope you will find correct and satisfactory I have made application to Mr Heath for a payment but he had not received Messrs Bernards a/ct & was afraid that it would not shew any balance in their hands when it did arrive, he states that Palmyra has lost a considerable part of this years expected Crop from the indolence of the Negroes and the misconduct of the Stipendiary Magistrates, Counter Claims have been lodged on your behalf for the Compensation for the Negroes on both Estates for the Arrears of £15000 & upwards as well as the accruing Annuities

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I regret to observe in the papers the death of Mr John Haughton James, the Island is sickly throughout

With my best regards to Mr P James & your family

I am

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Messrs A E Fuller & Co London

Dupt: 28 July

9 July 1835

Dr Sirs

I beg leave to advise you that I have this day drawn a Bill of Exchge on you in favor of W G Stewart for £500 Stg on a/c of the Contigencies of my Brothers Estate which I have no doubt will be duly honored

I am

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

16 July 1835

Dr Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 18 Ulto with Miss Coles Certificate for her Shares in the Gas Light Company Stock which I have delivered to that lady

I am glad to learn that you have seen Mr March, since he sailed my plans have been materially altered and the time of my departure is now very uncertain, the friend to whom I intrusted my letters intended to go by the Orbit did not I find send them to Mr Scotts Country house until the vessel had sailed which will account for your not hearing from me by that opportunity

I am

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Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth

2nd bill 22nd Augt

Sp Town 8 Aug [1835]

My Dear Madam

Enclosed I have the pleasure of forwarding the first of Wm Heaths set of Exchange on Messrs Bernards of Bristol in your favor for £400 Sg but he has not paid any attention to my repeated requests to make it payable in London, I did not like to return it for that purpose but will when I acknowledge the receipt of it urge him to direct those Gentlemen to pay it in London

I beg to offer my best regards to Mr James & your family & remain with much respect Yrs faithfully

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David Lewis junr Philadelphia

Sp Town Jama 13 Aug 1835

Dr Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of Elin Scott & Co Bills of Exchange on Messrs Howland & Aspinwall of [c.o. Kingston] New York in my favor of Eight thousand & six dollars & 47 Cents endorsed to your Order the amot of which I must request of you to invest as may appear to you to be most advantageous & secure it is drawn at a longer sight than I wished and I submit to you whether it might not be better to discount it some short time before it becomes due in order to obtain the January dividend on the investment

I am very respectfully &c

MS p Pilot

Dup P Orbit - 17 Augt the Second of the above Bills is enclosed HJJ

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Messrs R Lenox & Son New York

Sp Town 17 Augt 1835

Dear Sirs

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 8th Ulto and am obliged to you for your punctuality in remitting the dividends you had received on my Ohio Stock altho' you will observe from my letter which has no doubt since come to hand that I had wished the amount to have been invested by you in the States, however it is a matter of no consequence and you can invest the next instead

I am

PS I hold some Shares in the U S Bank & shall be obliged by your advising me whether you consider it most prudent to keep or sell them at once

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

Spa Town 17 Augt 1835

Dr Sirs

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 14th Ulto and am obliged to you for the information contained therein as well as for the Report of the N O Canal Bank which I think shews that the Bank is secure the Managers appear to have been rather timid but they erred on the safe side, it would not be prudent to invest anything more in it, as the loss of another Dividend might prove highly injurious as well as most inconvenient - Be kind enough to keep me advised of the price of the US Bank

Our friend Mr Scott embarks in the expected Packet for England but will not be absent be [sic] long, he had intended to have gone by way of the States but thought it would detain him beyond the time he could conveniently spare

I am Dr Sirs Yrs faithfully & respectfully

Messrs A E Fuller & Co

dupl. Septr

Spa Town 17 Augt [1835]

Dr Sirs

I beg to advise you that I have this day drawn a bill of Exchange on you in favor of Messrs Elin Scott & Co for £700 Sg on account of the Contingencies of my Brothers Estate which please to honor & charge to him

I am

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Sp Town Jama 29 Augt 1835

Dr Sirs

On your receiving from Mr Wm Morrice⁵⁰⁵ of St Mary Axe London the Agent of Mr James McCatty⁵⁰⁶ the Exor of the late John Thomson⁵⁰⁷ deced the sum of £900 Sterling free of all charges you are hereby authorized to apply to the Commrs of Compensation and withdraw the three Counter Claims entered on my behalf against the said John Thomson for the amount of my Taxed Bills as Master in taking the A/cs of his Exors in the Cause of Thomson vs Thomson

I am

Given to J McCatty

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall N York

Sp Town Jam 16 Sept 1835

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 21 Ulto accompanied by notarial copy of Certificate of 15 Shares in the Eagle Fire Insurance purchased for me and original Certificates of 8 Shares for Miss Cole which I have handed over to her and am much obliged to you for them the Papers announce a most destructive fire in your City a considerable part of which property was insured but not I hope to any extent at any of the Offices in which I am interested

I am

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D Lewis jun Esqr Philadelphia

Orig p J W Cater

Sp Town Jam 17 Sept 1835

Dr Sir

Dup. p

Enclosed I have now the pleasure of forwarding the first of the following Bills of Exchge Vizt
Chrystie Taylor & Co on Maitland & Kennedy of N York in my favor for \$1,000

Wright Shelton & Co on Jno L Hodge of Philadelphia in favor of Longmore & Shorte for 800

700

500

in all Three thousand dollars

\$3000

enclosed to your Order and shall be obliged by your investing the amount in such Security as to you may appear most advantageous and Safe and you may if you think it adviseable discount them before they become due for the purpose of investment at an earlier period

I am very respectfully

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To Robert Hawthorn Esq

Sp: Twn Jama 19 Sept 1835

My Dear Sir

The foregoing is a copy of a letter which I have given to Mr McCatty the acting Exor of the late John Thomson of Manchester and I am led by him to expect payment of my Claim early next year either out of the Compensation money or by an advance from Mr Morrice on the next years Crop which promises to be abundant unless injured by a storm

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 1 Ulto which came to hand this morning and I thank you for your attention to my requests - It is not my intention to trouble Messrs Freshfield & Sons again upon the subject of Mr Bouchers affairs, that which now appears to them unreasonable was you may recollect long since promised, could not a copy of the Inventory have been forwarded? it was not I imagine very lengthy, it will be a lesson to me in future not to recommend a party in this Country to send a Power to any person immediately interested in any matter but rather to a Stranger

I proposed to Mr Vidal an agreement for the Lease of Passley Garden, but that could not be executed any more than the lease itself or at all events it would not have been binding for want of authority to execute it on the part of you youngest niece - I will speak to him about the dft to be sent to England he is not in town today - The Compensation for their Negroes can be received by them when the Youngest comes of age the Number is 227, Portland 127 Negroes given in by me as Guardian,⁵⁰⁸ but it may be some time before it is reported upon as the Commrs get on very slowly here

It is not my intention to remain here longer than I can possibly help and had it not been for the novel course adopted by the present Governor and Chancellor I dont think that I should have been here now

With sincere regard

I am

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Rob Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

Sp Town Jam 10 Oct 1835

I am favored with your letter of the 1 Sept last and shall not now send home the draft of the Lease of Passley Garden as you propose transmitting a Power of Atty from your nieces as soon as the youngest comes of age

Messrs Freshfield & Sons have advised me that Mr Crabb objects to the charge made by the Exors of Mr Boucher for Commission on the Funds in England and have sent a copy of Mr Rennalls Opinion which is against us we however made it under the Sanction of an Opinion given here by Mr Batty grounded on a decision of Lord Belmores on the Argument of Exceptions to a Report I had made in which I had disallowed that charge and as it is uncertain how this point may be decided it might be as well if you have not already invested the money in your hands, to invest the balance the balance there appeared by your A/c to be due to the Exors separately & in such a manner as to enable you to better transfer the same with as little trouble as possible, and to reinvest any dividends that you may receive as I do not intend to touch any part of it, until our right to it is established, I have no reason to be pleased or satisfied with the conduct of Messrs Freshfields at any period during the progress of this matter and in the Case submitted to Mr Rennalls two Statements are made totally void of foundation and yet we are called upon to act upon the Opinion thus obtained from him

I am

David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia
Dear Sir

Spa Town Jama 23 Octr 1835

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15 Ulto accompanied by a Notarial Certificate of the Fifty Shares in the Bank of Louisville which I am glad to learn is in such a prosperous state, if there is no impediment to my holding the Shares in that Bank they may as well be transferred to my name at once which will prevent the necessity of sending the original Certificate to my friends Messrs Howland & Aspinwall of New York and in future the purchases may as well be made in my name at first

I shall have much satisfaction in learning that you have succeeded in making an advantageous investment of the Bills remitted to you of 8006.47 as acknowledged & \$3000 p J W Cater in September last as well as of the dividends on my former investments

I am

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York
Dr Sirs

Spa Town Jama 31st Oct 1835

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30 Ulto accompanied by my Account with you also Miss Coles which I have handed over to her, in mine there is a credit for 22\$ 50 Cts for 3/4 Divd on \$600 N Y State Stock to January 1834 which I think you will find has already been credited in a previous a/c

I thank you for the information relating to your Securities but with the exception of the N O Canal Bank they do not strike me as being very low considering that the dividends have been so lately paid

It is my intention to visit the States as soon as I can satisfactorily arrange my affairs, but am

almost afraid to venture there during the winter months after so long a residence in this warm climate altho I might be induced to go as far as Charleston if I knew the State of the weather during that season

With respect & esteem &c

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Mrs A M Millward

4 Novr 1835

My dear Madam

I duly recd your favor of the 14 July last but the Power of Atty which Captn Rees was to have returned has not yet come to hand indeed I hope you may have retained it as it will be of no use here, enclosed I now beg leave to forward another Power from Mr Mendes to enable you to receive the Compensation for the Negroes on Mount Pleasant mortgaged to you - the Assistant Commrs in this Country are very dilatory in their proceedings and I do not think I have yet reported upon this Claim, but you will be able to ascertain that in England there are 77 negroes, and according to my calculation made on the Valuers return the amount to be received by you under this power is £1280.8.9¼ Sterling upon which you will have to allow Mr Mendes⁵⁰⁹ the current Premium on Bills of Exchge You will be kind enough to let me know as early as possible what sum is paid to you that I may make a final Settlement with him

You can at the same time apply for payment of a claim I put in for 4 negroes in your name as Exix of J G Millward deced it is numbered 641 St Catherine⁵¹⁰ Mrs Allens claim is No 640 St Cath for 9 negroes⁵¹¹ and her Childrens No 639 St Cath for 2 negroes they were put in by me as Atty & Agent & therefore a Power is not requisite

I beg you to hand the enclosed Bill of Exchge for £64.3.9 Sg drawn by J W Turner on C Payne & Son of Bristol payable in London to your daughter, her house I am sorry to add is getting very much out of repair and will require shingling before long

I have to thank you for a very nice Cheese & a ham which I received a few months back they were in excellent order - by the Princess Charlotte which Sailed for Bristol on the 1 August I forwarded to the care of your friend Mr Windey⁵¹² a small box of Sweetmeats which I hope may prove acceptable

You no doubt expected to have learnt of my departure for some other part of the world but the novel course which the Chancellor intended to adopt has obliged me to remain here longer than I had anticipated, it will however enable me to close some little matters intrusted to me

Haughton has gone down to see his Grandmother⁵¹³ & family, he is very headstrong & perverse otherwise a nice lad, there are few if any of your old acquaintances residing in this town now I beg to offer my kind regards to your daughter & Children & my respects to Mr Allen

I remain &c

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

Sp Town Jam 16 Novr 1835

Dear Sirs

By the J W Cater I have recd duplicate of your favor of the 20th & original of the 27 Ulto, the original of the former has not yet come to hand

The dividends declared by the Union and Sutton Banks and Gas Company are very satisfactory and I am glad to learn that the fire to which I alluded will not occasion any reduction in the returns on my investments in the Insurance Offices

I beg you to accept my best thanks for the box of Oysters which has arrived safe and in most excellent order

With sincere regard I remain

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Rob Hawthorn Esq London
My Dr Sir

Sp Town 19 Novr 1835

By the Pkt I have recd your two favors of 28 Sept last accompanied by a Power of Atty from your Nieces which will enable me to complete the arrangement for a renewal of the Lease of Passley Garden to Mr Jones, no application has been made to me by Messrs Steward & Ramsay, I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your firm informing me of the purchase of \$4000 Ohio 6 P Cent Stock which is satisfactory and I am obliged by your attention to my request

I am

Robt Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

28th Novr 1835

Enclosed I now beg leave to forward three Powers of Atty to enable you to receive the Compensation on the following Claims put in by me Vizt

No 261 St John as Owner of 17 negroes	418.8.10 ³ / ₄
No 642 St Catherine as Owner on 3 negroes	62.12.11
643 St Cath as Owner in right of my Wife on 5 negroes	<u>100.6.11¹/₂</u>
according to my calculation on the Valuers returns Sterling	£581.8.9 ¹ / ₄ ⁵¹⁴

exclusive of Interest, I had wished to have joined Mr Sheddens name with yours but I could not at the time learn his Christian name, should there be any difference I shall be obliged by your favouring me with the particulars as what I receive on 261 I have to give credit for to the person to whom I sold the negroes

I am

Messrs R Lenox & Son New York
Dr Sirs

26 Decr 1835

[tick in pencil in margin] I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th Octr & 20 Novr last and annexed forward a power of Atty to enable you to receive the dividends on the \$4000 lately purchased for me by Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden in the 6 P Ct Stock of Ohio, which with the other dividends you will be kind enough to invest in my name in such Stock as you may consider most safe and advantageous sending me notarial copies of the Certificates

I am

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York
Dr Sirs

30 Decr [1835]

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 19 Novr last accompanied by your a/ct & the notarial Copy of the Certificate for 14 Shares purchased for me in the Union Bank Stock which are correct and satisfactory but it does not appear that the National Bank had declared any dividend at the usual period

I am obliged to you for the information respecting Dubloons but since the importation of Silver Coin from England they have altogether disappeared from circulation and no doubt are at a premium in Kingston but Bills are now so low that I think they would prove as good a remittance

as the former

Miss Cole wishes you to invest her January dividends

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season

I am

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P H James Esq Sidmouth

Sp Town Jam: 2 Jany 1836

My Dear Sir

Having occasion to address you on the subject of the annexed a/c I beg leave to forward to Mrs Weekes through you the enclosed Bill drawn by W Heath on Messrs Bernard of Bristol for £500 sg on account of her Annuities payable in London, also a copy of Mr Heaths replication to the Counterclaim put in on her behalf to the 'Compensation' I beg also to mention that her Solicitors' have become urgent for a Settlement of the Bills of Costs incurred in her defence to the Suit instituted by Mr J R Palmer amounting to £658.2.6 which accrued many years ago

I now call your attention to the annexed Law Bill rendered to me for the Searches &c made to enable you to put in your Counterclaim, to your further compensation, it amounts to more than I expected but a great part is for Cash advanced by Messrs Vidal & Allwood for Office Com'es of the different Deeds referred to upon which I shall be glad to receive your immediate instructions as I hope to leave this early in April

Wishing Mrs Weekes yourself & families many happy returns of the Season I remain My Dr Sir,

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia

Sp Town Jama 9 Jany 1836

Dr Sir

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 5th Ultro & observe the purchase you have made for me of 45 Shares in the Louisville Bank which is satisfactory and I am obliged by your attention to my interest. You can transfer it to my name after you have received the January dividend and should I not visit the States before June which is my present intention I will send a Power of Atty to enable you to receive my future dividends

I shall be glad to learn that the United States Bank succeeds in obtaining a fresh Charter, it is in my opinion much to be regretted that your President is so decidedly hostile to that Institution as it must be admitted to have been of material service to the States, I hope to be able to send you another remittance shortly, in the meantime

I remain &c

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Mrs Weekes Sidmouth

14 Jany 1836

My Dr Madam

On the 2nd Instant having occasion to write to Mr James I enclosed in his letter the first of W Heaths Bills on Messrs Bernards of Bristol in you favor payable in London for £500 Sg with a request that he would hand it over to you, I have now the pleasure of forwarding the second enclosed herein, a copy of Mr Heaths replication to your Counter claim was also transmitted at the same time - It is requisite that some provision should be made for the payment of the Solicitors Bills of Costs incurred on your behalf amounting to £658.2.6 an application might be made for payment of them by the Recers but then all the Parties to the Suit would be entitled and claim to be placed on a similar footing and their Costs amount to a very large sum which would prevent your receiving any part of your Annuities for a long time to come

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A Copy of the Receivers A/cs for 1834 has been prepared for you and will be forwarded by an early opportunity

I beg to offer my kind regards to Mr James and your family and remain &c

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John Grieve Esq 10 Gloucester Place Edinburgh

Sp Town Jama 22 Jany 1836

Dr Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1 Decr last and annexed send you a statement of the Counterclaims filed against the Compensation to be awarded for the Negroes belonging to Stogdons Estate from which you will observe that the Representative of Greens Estate has not been unmindful of the interests intrusted to him - to whom it will be paid remains to be decided by the Commrs in England

Mr Miles was in possession of Stogdons Estates previous to the appointment of a Receiver by whom he was dispossessed but on the hearing of the Appeal from that appointment at the Cockpit in England, it was rescinded and Mr Maguire entd into possession as Mortgagee, no order has been taken for him to account neither do I think it could be until the decision upon the present Appeal it is not the practice for Mortgagees to give Security & account for the proceeds received by them, it would therefore have been better if the properties had been allowed to remain in Receivership

In June last the Recvrs of Greens Estate addressed a circular to the Creditors to obtain their consent to the terms offered by Mr Miles for a Compromise of Mr Greens demand - to which I gave my consent on behalf of the Parties I represent but as I have not since heard further on the subject I am fearful that all have not agreed to it

I am Yrs faithfully & respectfully

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To Messrs Howland & Aspinwall of N York

Sp Twm Jama 30 Jany 1836

Dr Sirs

A day or two previous to the receipt of your letter of the 25 Ultro accounts had reached us by an arrival at the northside of the late destructive fire in your city⁵¹⁵ by which I am sorry that so many of your friends in this Island will be seriously injured I cannot say that I liked the investment, but as it was my intention to visit the States so early I thought no great loss could arise by allowing it to remain until I went I should hope that something may be done for the stockholders in the Insurance Companies or few people will in future venture their money in such precarious undertakings - I must confess that I am also under some alarm for the safety of the Gas Light Compy which I am fearful may suffer from a similar calamity & I shall be obliged by your favouring me with some information respecting that establishment the papers seem to intimate that the late fire originated in the bursting of a Gas pipe, I look with much anxiety for further information of the State of the different Companies in which I am a Shareholder in the hope that they may not have suffered to the extent that was at first imagined

I thank you for the Newspapers and also for the offer of letters to New Orleans but I now think of remaining until April and then embarking for New York or Philadelphia and shall direct my eldest son⁵¹⁶ to meet me in the States in which case I must request the favor of your attention to him until I go, by placing him in lodgings where he will be comfortably provided for & taken care of, he is only 18 yrs of age and has not been long removed from School, he must not therefore be allowed to have his own way altogether

Our friend Mr Allwood has in addition to the loss of his money to lament the loss of his faithful and affectionate Wife⁵¹⁷ who died last Sunday at the age of 62 leaving a large family of sons & daughters fortunately all grown up, it is a serious trial to him at his time of life

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I shall be glad to learn that your losses by the late calamity are of a trifling nature & remain with esteem
Yrs faithfully
PS I must request that you will not invest any more of my funds or of my friends in the New Orleans Canal Bank or too large an amount in any particular Bank

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Mrs A M Millward
My dear Madam

Sp Twn Jama 12 Feby 1836

On the 4 November last I forwarded a Power of Atty from Mr Mendes to enable you to receive the Compensation for the Mortgaged Negroes on Mount Pleasant but I am sorry to learn by the packet which arrived yesterday that our Mail by the steamer did not arrive at St Thomas's in time to be put on board the Packet which was to have taken it to England, I withdrew the the Counterclaim that I had been advised to put in here as your attorney but should there arise any difficulty on that score in England you can apply yourself there to withdraw it. I shall be glad to learn that it is in a course of payment - Mr Mendes has since made me a small payment and by a statement which I sent to him last month there appears to be still due from him nearly £500 Cy after giving him credit for the amount likely to be received for the Compensation and he has promised to settle it this month but I fear that he will be desirous of putting it off until a later period I have however threatened to keep the Writ issued against him until it is paid - Enclosed I send you the first of John Campbells Bills of Exchge on Stirling Gordon & Co of Glasgow in your favor for £160 Sg it should have been pble in London but in consequence of its not being so I obtained it at a lower rate of Premium - I must request of your to give £60 Sg of it to your daughter Mrs Allen the remaining £100 is on a/c of the monies I have received for you

Thomas Brown⁵¹⁸ delivered to me her letter and I paid him the 100/S as requested he has now got the Yams & other things & only waits an opportunity of shipping them to London, her house requires to be repaired, I fear it cannot be sold but under a Decree of the Court of Chancery or an Act of the Legislature or it would be adviseable to get rid of it at once - Why not take the Opinion of Counsel in England whether or not it can be sold.

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I am &c

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
My dear Sir

12 Feby 1836

I now beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of 14 Novr & 1 Jany last and am glad to learn that Mr Morrice was about to Settle my demand against the Estate of the late John Thomson, I hope there will be no difficulty in withdrawing the Counter claims Have you succeeded in obtaining your nieces Compensation⁵¹⁹ - Mr Jones has sent me an Order at 30 days sight for the last years rent of Passley Garden £400 which shall be remitted when paid the Lease & Bond have been forwarded for his execution and he led me to expect that I should see him in town this month

Above I send you a Statement of what I conceive to be due on Mrs Weekes's second Annuity, Mr Bernard has most probably included Interest in the calculation made by him, be kind enough to inform that Lady that on the 8 Inst I was served with Notice of a Counterclaim⁵²⁰ filed on 27 August last by Willey & Morris of Bank [c.o. Buildings] Chambers Agents for John Bonny The Rev Francis Moore & Joseph Croucher the Particulars of which I am unable to obtain as it does not appear that they were ever sent out to this Country but I believe it to relate to Ancrums demand against John Rose Palmer

By this Packet Powers of Atty will be forwarded to Mr Crabb to enable him to receive the

Compensation for Mr Bouchers Negroes⁵²¹ they would have been sent before had he not thought it proper to enter a Counterclaim against it throughout the whole of his Proceedings in respect to this Estate he has shewn the most marked distrust and want of confidence towards Mr Salmon & myself and has not for some months answered any of my communications to him - our a/cs have been regularly transmitted & no step has been taken with which he was not made acquainted - The Case & Opinion sent out from England were laid before Mr Batty who is considered to be a very able & clever Barrister and he is still of Opinion that we are entitled to the Commissions we have claimed, but I am perfectly aware how little chance a person in this Country would have in contesting such a point with a Party in England where they are striving to the utmost to be enabled to institute proceedings there against Persons residing here and obliging them to send their Answers home that Decrees may be obtained there which will of course leave little for the Practitioners here to attend to - I wish the question could be fairly brought before a Court in England as the practice has been to allow the claim here Had the Power to Administer in England been sent to an indifferent person would not Mr Crabb have looked to us for an Account of the Appropriation of the whole of our Testators Assets & Effects? I thank you for the friendly interest you have expressed upon this subject and can assure you that I am not neither is Mr Salmon disposed to persist in asserting this claim one moment longer than is necessary to satisfy us of our erroneous impression and I really wish that the matter was settled one way or another and am preparing our a/cs for last year which will shortly be sent to Mr Crabb

I remain

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Robt Hawthorn Esq

26 Feby 1836

My Dear Sir

I am glad to learn from your favor of the 15 Jany last that the Compensation awarded for my Negroes in St John was to be paid in the following week⁵²² and I thank you for the statement of the amount - Mr McCatty the Executor of Mr Thomson wrote to me shortly after the arrival of the former Pkt that Mr Morrice had stated in his letter to him that for want of a Power of Atty to you the arrangement entered into between us could not be accomplished "this I imagine must have been required to enable you to withdraw the Counterclaims filed on my behalf a letter not being I suppose, considered sufficient authority, instead however of a Power [c.o. of Atty] I send you enclosed 3 petitions countersigned by one of the Assistant Commrs here no 70 . 107 & 429⁵²³ had Mr Morrice paid my demand I could have withdrawn the counterclaims here and sent you a Certificate to that effect. I hope these will remove every obstacle to the settlement of this matter

Mr Jones has returned the Lease and Bond executed they have since been recorded & by next Pkt I shall remit you the rent of Passley Garden for last year

The packet brought me a long letter from Messrs Freshfield & Sons on Mr Bouchers affairs finding great fault with my conduct, they are not entitled to any explanation from me being merely the Agent for Mr Crabb, but I shall take an early opportunity of calling the attention of that gentleman to some parts of his own letters as well as to point out some misstatements in their's, and I think upon a review of our correspondence by any impartial person it will be found that the Exors have more cause to complain of Mr Crabbs conduct than he has of theirs It is our intention to give up the claim to Commission on the English funds altho' I suspect from a paragraph in Messrs Freshfields last letter that our right to them has been only defeated by what appears to me to have been to say the least of it very improper conduct on the part of Mr Crabb, fortunately however I had never set my mind upon them and I think it better to give them up than to incur expence in contesting a point with such powerful adversaries as would be arrayed against us upon this occasion

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Robert Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

Sp Town 12 March 1836

I have now the pleasure of sending you annexed my A/C with your Nieces & enclosed Messrs Tory McWhinney & Co⁵²⁴ Bills of Exchge in your favor on Tory Holt & Co Lpool⁵²⁵ pble in London for £211.15.9 Sg equal with Prem @ 14 p ct & stps 5/ to £338.5.3 Cy in payment in full of the Rent of Passley Garden Estate to 31 Decr last which I hope will prove correct & satisfactory. Mr Jones has promised to forward the remainder of the Vouchers for repairs to the Works shortly when copies shall be transmitted to you, the Bill being drawn on Lpool will not I imagine cause you much trouble, I sent the money to a friend in Kingston requesting him to procure a Bill on London & received this in return

From your favor of the 1 Ulto I observe that the Compensation for my Negroes in St John had been paid & that the Commrs had allowed my Counterclaims against Thomsons estate to be withdrawn which is very satisfactory and I trust that Mr Morrice immediately paid over to you the £900 Stng which I had agreed to accept in full of my demand, a similar arrangement was entered into on behalf of Mr Bouchers Estate but neither Mr Crabb nor Messrs Freshfield & Son have ever addressed one line to me upon the subject

I handed over to Miss Cole your a/c of the receipts & appropriation of her Dividends which appears to be perfectly correct as she will not require them in future they may as well be invested half yearly as they are received, She has requested me to look out for some Bills of Exchge for her and I think it probable that she will shortly make you a further remittance

I thank you for the Statement of the investment of the Dividends received on account of the Estate of the late H N Tuming which is correct

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David Lewis Junr Esq Philadelphia
Dr Sir

Spa Twn Jama 29 March 1836

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7 Jany last accompanied by my Account to 31 December which appears to be correct and I shall be glad to learn that you have succeeded in investing the balance of \$1503 in some safe security

Enclosed I forward the first of Elin Scott & Cos Bills of Exchge at 90 days sight in my favor on Messrs Howland & Aspinwall of New York for 2000\$ which you will be kind enough to invest as you may deem most secure either by discounting it or when it arrives at maturity

I am glad to perceive that the United States Bank⁵²⁶ has obtained a Charter from the State of Pennsylvania altho I think an enormous sum has been paid for it

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York
Dr Sirs

29 March [1836]

I now beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 23 Jany 6 & 8 Feby 4 & 5 March last also of a notarial copy of a Certificate for 15 Shares in the United State Bank and of my A/Ct to 4 March which appears to be correct, I have handed over to Miss Cole the letters Certificate and Account intended for her, the latter is also correct and she has requested me to advise you of her intention of drawing for the next Dividends instead of investing them as

heretofore the Papers you were kind enough to send by the Neptune were not delivered altho Mess Elin Scott & Co applied for them at the Post Office and Commercial Rooms⁵²⁷, those by the Orbit I have received and am much obliged to you for your attention in forwarding them, I certainly think the State of Pensylvania has made the United States pay dearly for the New Charter

I have had much pleasure in making acquaintance with Mr Thompson to whom you gave a letter of introduction altho I have only had an opportunity of seeing him twice when he came to this town

I beg to trespass again upon your kindness & attention towards the Nephew of my friend Mr Gayleard⁵²⁸ of this town to whom I have given a letter of introduction to your house he visits the States on his way back to England where he has studied for the medical profession & is admitted a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons he has been here but a short time but his friends have every reason to be pleased with what they have seen of him, he is desirous of visiting your Medical Institutions and will be thankful for your friendly assistance in promoting his wishes

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

29 March [1836]

Dr Sirs

Dr Gayleard the Nephew of my friend the Honble James Gayleard being about to visit the States on his return to England I beg leave to introduce him to your acquaintance and to solicit your friendly attention towards him during his stay in New York, he has been admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of London & is desirous of visiting your Medical Institutions and I shall feel much obliged by your assistance in promoting the object of his wishes

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Robert Lenox & Son New York

30 March [1836]

Dr Sirs

I duly received your favors of the 25 Decr & 24 Jany last but no earlier opportunity has offered for conveying a reply to the latter, however you have no doubt received my letter of the 26 December with the Power of Atty you required and I hope the instructions then sent will be considered by you as sufficient authority for the investment of the dividends received by you on my Ohio Stock

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

18 Apl [1836]

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward at the request of Miss Cole the first of J G Vidals 2 Sets of Exchg in her favor on Messrs W R & S Mitchell & Co for £525.18.4 and £474.1.8 Stg together £1000 which she wishes you to invest at maturity in a Similar manner to her former remittances &c sending her the Transfer Certificate

As I do not recollect whether the former power to you enables you to receive the dividends on all monies in her name in the 3 P Cents I think it right to mention that Dr Thos Lee Brodbelt invested her Compensation money⁵²⁹ in the purchase of £948.17.4 3 P Ct Annties but has not yet sent out a power for receiving the dividends or the Certificate to shew how she is described It is her wish that you should receive and invest them with the others received on her a/c should they be included with them but if not let them remain until she can communicate with Dr Brodbelt on the subject

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PS. Miss C will request Dr B to call on you - his address is No 24 Bentick St Manchester Sqre

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Sp Twn Jama 18 Apl [1836]

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 15 Feb & 1 March last advising me of the receipt of £900 from Mr Morrice and of £165.8.4. for my Compensation Claims, but it appears that No 642 is short Paid £4.6.8 for a non effective share the 2 head domestics at £29.3.1½ each only having been paid for as by a copy of the Valuers return which shall be forwarded by this opportunity the Man was not brought up for Valuation as he is a Cripple and unable to walk as far as the Court House but had I understood that his presence was absolutely necessary he should have been carried there, the trifle awarded for him is not of so much consequence but I have to pay 3/4 p week for allowance to Clothe him and pay Drs Bills for 4 years, what will then become of him and of a multitude of others in a similar situation I am at a loss to imagine Miss Cole has been short paid £95 Sg on her claim which I am endeavouring to get rectified

You will no doubt have made the proposed purchase in the Ohio Stock before this reaches you or I should be as well satisfied to have my money invested in the Pensylvania Stock if it could be procured at a reasonable rate I do not like too much in one security

Mr Vidal requests you will pay the amt of Messrs Vidal & Allwoods Law A/c against Mr P H James £55.5.10 Cy less 15 p ct Premium to Messrs Mitchells on his Account

Mrs Weekes should be made aware that her Counter claims against Rose Hall & Palmyra Compensation will be determined in England. I have had notice of another Counterclaim on the part I imagine of the Assees or representatives of Ancrum but as no particulars are sent out to this Country I cannot give you any further information, X but you may obtain the particulars of this as well as Messrs Bernards claim at the Office in England - Mr P H James has written stating that Mrs Weekes had requested you to communicate with me on the subject of a Bill of Costs incurred for her as a Defendant in Palmer V Mountague It has been standing over many years and when you are prepared to settle it Mr Vidal would wish the amount paid to my Brother to whom a great part of it is due

By this Pkt a further Case will be transmitted to England for the Opinion of Mr Burge upon Mr Bouchers Will the proceedings of the Executors and trustees in this Country and the Administrator in England and I shall request Mr T F Hill to call upon you for the fee to be paid to him with it & any other expences attending the same

I am

X the same as is mentioned in my letter of 12 Feby

PS. I enclose the 2nd of Tory McWhinney & Co Bills on Tory Holt & Co of Lpool in favor of Mr Rob Hawthorn pble in London for £211.15.9 Sg to be handed over to him on account of his Nieces - Mr Hill has been requested to send all the Papers to Mr Hawthorn as soon as Mr Burge has given his Opinion upon them as I wish my Brother to see them before they are [c.o. sent out] forwarded to me however Mr Hill will send me a copy of the Opinion which is all I want to see

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P H James Esq Sidmouth Devon

18 Apl [1836]

My dear Sir

The Packet has brought me your favor of 29 Feby & also a letter from Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden in which they state their readiness to pay the amount of Messrs Vidal & Allwoods law a/c and by direction of Mr Vidal they are to settle it with his friends the Messrs Mitchells less 15 p ct Prem which is rather above the current rate - The Bill in Palmer v Mountague was incurred by Mrs

Weekes former Atty in putting in her Answer as a Defdt in that Suit for which she is personally liable, the payment of it therefore can in no way make her responsible for the Costs of any other party at the close of the Suit I have no doubt her Costs will be directed to be paid out of the Estates

With respect to the Compensation for the Negroes on Rose Hall and Palmyra that must I fear remain until the termination of the Suit or should the Commrs proceed to adjudicate upon the several Counter claims filed against it the rights of the parties will be settled in England & not in this Country as the particulars of the Counterclaims filed there have never been sent [sic] out - Notice of a Counterclaim filed on behalf, I imagine, of the Representatives or Assignees of Ancrum as the names are new to me, has been served on me and X [bottom of page: X it was not sent as it contained no particulars] & I have transmitted it to Mrs Weekes with a copy of the Recers A/cs for 1834 by the Hornby Captn Allen which sailed for Bristol on the 31 Ult

I do not think you will have cause to regret the change you have made in favor of our friend Mr Hawthorn I have ever found him most zealous & obliging

In June I hope to quit this Country for the States but whether I shall remain there, go on to England or return remains to be determined when I get there I have been here so long that I am now quite satisfied to remain were it not requisite to try a change for the benefit of my health Were I to return it would be with the intention of settling down quietly and enjoying myself, just undertaking as much business as would employ a portion of my time without fatigue or annoyance, indeed from present appearances it does not seem likely that there will be a great deal to do in Chancery and the Chancellor has reduced our fees one third from 1 June next. I shall be most glad to meet you here or elsewhere and shall not fail to look after our relation to whom you were kind enough to send me a letter your Brother⁵³⁰ has some idea of visiting the [c.o. States] "Land of Promise" in a short time but I am not acquainted with his plans

Your friend Mr Saml Jackson⁵³¹ has not been up in Town for many months, sickness prevented his attending the Counsel the two last Sessions and he has lately lost his daughter Louise Mrs Rennalls I beg to offer my best regards to Mrs Weekes & all your family

I am

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Thomas Farquhar Hill⁵³² Esqre Tokenhouse Yard London

20 April 1836

My dear Sir

Wishing to obtain the Opinion of your friend Mr Burge upon the accompanying Papers and understanding that you are in frequent communication with him I claim the privilege of an old acquaintance in requesting you to lay them before him with such fee as you may consider proper, for repayment of which you will apply to my friends Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden to whom I have given directions on the subject, as well as for your own charges or other expence attending the same, the fact is I do not consider that I have been properly treated in this matter and am anxious to obtain a candid and impartial opinion upon the rights and conduct of all Parties and I hope Mr Burge will be induced to give his immediate attention to it and return it without delay when you will be kind enough to send all the papers to Mr R Hawthorn for me as I fancy my Brother will then be on the move to Scotland, he has not failed to mention your friendly inquiries after me for which I feel thankful and your Partners might have informed you that I had been equally mindful of you

I am happy to learn that you are so comfortably settled in life by this time I presume you have realized a "plumb" at least and are in "expectation" of adding a second to it, I shall advise my Sons to keep a watch after your heiresses as they will be worth picking up in these times of scarcity of money. Wishing you the enjoyment of every happiness

I remain &c

PS I have also sent you a copy of my last letter to Mr Crabb as it contains extracts from our previous correspondence let it go to Mr Hawthorn with the other Papers but do you send me out a

copy of Burges Opinion

I fear your speculation [above: your friend] in G Reids Bills did not turn out so well as you expected

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Messrs Robt Lenox & Son New York

20 Apl [1836]

Dear Sirs

[tick in pencil in margin] I am in the receipt of your favor of the 25 Ult^o accompanied by a Certificate for 1200 dollars purchased for me in the Ohio 6 PCent Stock & statement of the amount paid for the same which is correct & satisfactory and I am obliged by your attention to my interests, Mr Hawthorn has also written to me of his intention of laying out some of my funds in his hands in the purchase of some more of that Stock, I shall therefore delay sending a Power until I hear further from him, I would most readily have forwarded a General Power as suggested by you had not such a power been long since in the hands of Messrs Howland & Aspinwall of your city.

I am sorry to learn that you have disposed of the Shares you held in the United States Bank as I conclude that you are not well satisfied with its security and management under the new Charter

I am

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Robt Hawthorn Esq

7 May 1836

My Dr Sir

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 2 Apl last and thank you for your opinion upon our claim to Commission upon the assetts of the late Mr Boucher in England why there should have arisen any difference between Mr Crabb & myself I must leave that gentleman to explain, as people may entertain and express opposite opinions without quarrelling and I should have better satisfied to have given up the claim at his suggestion than at the instance of his Atties at Law I cannot but consider them as the cause of any misunderstanding that exists between us and am very much dissatisfied with their conduct throughout the business and I have to request that Messrs Freshfields may never on any occasion be consulted or employed in any matter in which I or my family may be interested, with the Case & Opinion which Mr Hill will send to you is the copy of a long letter to Mr Crabb pointing out the grounds I have of complaining against him and quoting many passages from his & their letters and I must repeat that I do not think I have been fairly treated - if any part of my conduct is blameable my brother will not hesitate saying and I shall bow to his Judgmt - Mr Crabb has received the amount due from Thomsons Estate and this is the first intimation I have had of any of the Papers having reached him. In July last Messrs Freshfields sent me a power of Atty to Transfer Mrs Hollis's⁵³³ Legacy to the Trustees under her Marriage Settlement, stating "if you wish it Mr & Mrs Hollis and the Trustees can join in a Release to you" in reply I wrote to them & to Mr H I wrote that I should require a Release executed by those several Parties, I presume the Power was recd - but not a line has been since addressed to me, I however again mentioned the subject to Mr Crabb & this morning recd a letter from Freshfield & Sons enclosing a Release in which they say "we have not made the Trustees of the Settlement Parties to the Release as we considered the Release of Mr & Mrs Hollis a sufficient discharge & under the circumstances all that you were entitled to call for" - Is this fair dealing to hold out the promise of a Paper as an inducement to a Party to execute an instrument and when applied for it to say that you are not entitled to call for it? It may not be of material consequence but I was advised to require it and why did they offer it? The Powers to receive the Compensation altho transmitted to Mr Crabb in that same letter that called his attention to the promised Release have not been acknowledged or even noticed - Can Messrs Freshfields ever expect that I should place any confidence in their promise in future? I shall

certainly require something more before I put my name to any paper they may send out

By this opportunity I have written to my Brother to send out my Son Rhodes⁵³⁴ to meet me in America and have requested him to consult you as to the best place for him to embark &c let him be made as comfortable as can be - I propose leaving this the latter end of next month

I am

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

9 May 1836

Dr Sirs

This will be delivered to you by my eldest Son William Rhodes James Jnr of whose intended visit to the States I have already advised you and have now only to renew my request that you will see him comfortably provided for until my arrival

I am

Copy to H & A 3 June

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Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

26 May 1836

Dr Sirs

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 15th Ulto informing me of the purchase of \$5000 in the Ohio 6 P Ct Stock which is satisfactory and I shall forward a power to Messrs R Lenox & Son to enable them to receive the dividends

Mr W Miller Jr has sent me an extract from your letter to him of 1 March last stating that "I am authorized to appoint him Mrs Weekes Atty on my quitting the Island and trusting that her Annuity would then be remitted free from the charge of Commission" in reply I wrote that altho neither Mr P James Mrs Weekes or yourselves had at any time instructed me to substitute him I should have no hesitation in doing so provided he would accept the Power on the terms proposed in your letter" On intimating to Mrs Weekes last year my intention of going off she authorized my substituting as her Atty the person to whom I should entrust my own affairs and I am of opinion that it would be better to keep this appointment distinct from the Receivership

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

3 June [1836]

Dr Sirs

Above is a copy of a letter which I have forwarded to my Son in England as an introduction to you on his arrival in America where I hope to meet him ere long unless detained by ill health, under which & an inflammation in my right eye I am now suffering and can therefore now only acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9 Ulto accompanied by a notarial copy of Certificate of \$772 16 invested in my name in the N York 5 P Ct Stock and your a/ct which appears to be correct and the investment is satisfactory

I beg [c.o. to than] you to accept my best thanks for your friendly attention to Dr Gayleard and remain with respect & esteem &c

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David Lewis Jr Esq Philadelphia

3 June [1836]

Dr Sir

I am somewhat disappointed in not receiving from you an acknowledgement of the receipt of Messrs Elin Scott & Cos Bill of Ex on Howland & Aspinwall of NYK in my favor for \$2000 remitted to you in my letter of the 29 March last - I now beg leave to hand you enclosed the first of Casamajor Nuiry & Co Seven Sets of Ex No 345 @ 35/. dated 29 April last at 60 days sight in favor of Elin Scott & Co on Messrs Robt Adams & Co of Philadelphia for \$200 \$250 \$300 \$350 \$400 \$450 & \$550 in all Two thousand five hundred dollars to be invested in my name as you may consider most adviseable

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[In a different hand]

My Dr Madam

I am happy to learn from yr favour of the 28 April that you have received the Compensation under Mr Mendes power as it will enable me to settle finally with him - On the 27 of that month he lodged with me a sum of Money which he thought would about meet the balance due from him and which I will remit as soon as the matter is completed You can therefore invest the amount in yr hands as early as you think proper - I am almost blind from inflammation in one of my Eyes which prevents my doing anything. I can therefore say no more at present

Mrs Millard

25th June 1836

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[In a different hand]

Spa Twn 30th June 1836

Dr Sirs

I have been duly favoured with your letter of the 25th May covering Certificate of \$5000 in the Ohio 6 p Ct Stock and regret my health will not allow of my forwarding by this opportunity the necessary power of Atty for receiving the dividends but hope to be able to do so shortly

I am very respy &c

Messrs Robt Lenox & Son
New York

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[In a different hand]

Spa Twn 30 June 1836

Dr Sirs

I had hoped by this time to have embarked for the States but a tedious sickness and violent inflammation in one of my Eyes has obliged me to remain here longer than I intended and I cannot now say when I shall be sufficiently recovered to undertake the Voyage

My Son will I imagine be with you sometime next month & I am not a little puzzled how to act in regard to him As the Summer months are considered very unhealthy in the Towns situated on your Sea Coasts. I should wish him to be sent immediately on his arrival to my friend Mr King in Canada with whom he can remain till my plans can be properly arranged for which purpose I enclose a letter which I beg may be forwarded without delay and he will advise you whether he will be able to receive my Son, if not I must leave it to you to do the best you can for him until you hear from me again

With respect & Esteem &c

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall
New York

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[In a different hand]

Spa Twn Jamaica 2 July 1836

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of your firm dated 16 May accompanied by my acct to the 30 April last which shall be attended to as soon as my health will admit as I have been for some weeks suffering from sickness & violent inflammation in one of my eyes which will not admit of my doing anything whatever, a more wretched state can scarcely be imagined & I do not know how long I may be detained here in consequence as I cannot say that I have hitherto experienced any benefit from the Doctors prescriptions

I am my dear Sir

yours & most truly

Robt Hawthorn Esq
London

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[In a different hand]

My dear Madam

19 July 1836

Enclosed I have the pleasure of forwarding the 1st of Wm Miller junrs bills on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London in yr favor for £500 Stg on acct of yr annuities equal with premium at 13 per cent each & stamps to £791.7.6 Cy I have written three times to Mr Heath for remittance but he has not at yet noticed my applcons probably the annexd letter which I have recd last Saturday may acct for his silence in some measure; at present the recrs are not authorized to make the required payt - but I presume Mess Bernards will apply to the Ct for an order to that effect in which case I do not see how you can well oppose the payt of a claim assigned to them by yourself I regret that sickness prevents my sayg more at present

I am &c

HJJ

Mrs Weekes
Sidmouth

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[In a different hand]

My dear Madam

19 July 1836

I have been duly favoured with your favour of the 28 April last accompanied with a certificate for your half years annuity from the clergy fund & I have now the pleasure of forwarding the enclosed, the first of John Blairs bills on Messrs Charles Payne & Son Bristol in yr favor at 30 days sight for 31.12.1 Stg equal with premn @ 13 per cent to fifty pounds cy the amt I recd from the clergy fund, sickness & a violent inflammation in the eye have detained me in this Country longer than I intended to remain & I know not when my health will permit me to get away

I am

Mrs Little
Bristol

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[In a different hand]

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My dear Madam

19 July 1836

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of Elin Scott & Cos bills of Exchange upon J B Elin London for 339.16.8 Stg equal with premium @ 13 per cent to £538 cy of this the sum of 86.12 stg equal to 137 cy I beg you to hand on to yr Daughter Mrs Allen & the remainder £253.4.8 Sterlg equal to 400.19.9 cy you will take yourself being in full of Mrs Mendes bonds my acct shall be transmitted to you when I can see better but I regret to add that I do not perceive any material improvement in my health since I last wrote to you

I am

HJJ

Mrs Millward

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[In a different hand]

Dear Sir

20 July 1836

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of yr letter of the 26 May last & am obliged to you for the purchase you have made for me in the New Orleans gas & banking Compy Sickness prevents my saying more at present

I am

David Lewis junr Esq
Philadelphia

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[HJJ's handwriting]

David Lewis junr Esq
Philadelphia

22 July 1836

Dear Sir

Since writing to you on 22 [sic] Inst I have procured & beg leave to remit you enclosed the two first of Carrob & Sheltons Bills on S & W Welsh⁵³⁵ Philadelphia in favor of Urbina e hijos for \$2100 & \$1900 together (4000) four thousand dollars which please to invest in my name @ maturity

I am &c

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Hawthorn & Shedden
London

30 July 1836

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of the 14 Jun last & have sent Miss Cole the information respq her bills

Enclosed I forward the first of J W Turners bills on C Payne & Son Bristol in my favor for £76.5.4 Stg which please place @ my credit

There has lately been a slight improvement in my health not sufft to enable me to form any plans for the future

I am &c

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Mrs R A Weekes

30 July 1836

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Sidmouth

My dear Madam

On the 22 Inst I forwarded to Mr Heath a statement showing the sum of £17,000 & upwards to be due to you for arrears of your annuities to the present period &c I understand that he has admitted your right to insist upon payt of the amt accrued since his appointment & has proposed to make a payt now of about £1500 which he expects will be equalled by Mr Miller - In a few days he will no doubt write to me more fully on the subject when I will again address you

Enclosed I send you the second of Wm Miller junrs bills on Mess Hawthorn & Shedden for £500 Stg

I am

PS By the answer of Mess Mountagues to the bill filed by J R Palmer they claim £4200 currency as due to them for arrears of the annuity of £1600 assigned to them by you up to 1st May 1820

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Mess R Lenox & Son
New York

4 Augt 1836

Dear Sirs

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of the 8 July last & annexed send you a general power of attorney to receive my dividends, but I must beg of you to confirm your selves the investments made by you to prevent any interference with any means you or I may give

I am exceedingly obliged to you for the information you have given me in respects of the United States Bank

I am &c

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Mess Howland & Aspinwall
New York

4 Augt 1836

Dear Sirs

Mr Nathaniel Byles of this town being desirous of investing a sum of money in the States has requested me to give him a letter of introduction to my friends which I have much pleasure in doing being assured that his interests will be carefully attended to by you

I am

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[In a different hand]

David Lewis junr Esq
Philadelphia

4 Augt 1836

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8 July last & observe that the bills remitted to you had been accepted

I have every reason to be well satisfied with the investments which you have hitherto made for me & I trust that they will be equally judicious in future

Encl I send you the first of Wright Shelton & Cos⁵³⁶ bills on B S Burling Philadelphia for \$1200 which please invest when paid, I also a [sic] second of Carrob & Sheltens bills on S & W Welch for \$1900 & 2100\$, As soon as I am able to go about I will send you a power of Atty to receive the dividend of the investments made by you

I am

[Part in different hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

5 Augt 1836

Dear Sirs

I am in receipt of your favor of the 11 July & am extremely obliged to you for your promised attention to my Son, but I trust that your kindness will not lead you to introduce him to many gaities and amusements otherwise he will not relish applying [c.o. the same] himself to business afterwds as he must do

My eye is something better but I am advised to be careful in the use of it & I am still too weak to move about which has prevented my meeting our friend Mr Scott who is detained in Kingston by business

I observe the dividends declared which are satisfactory Miss Cole drew upon you last mth for a part & will now draw for the remdr of her dividends

Mr N Byles wishing to invest a small sum of money in the States, I have given him a letter of introduction to you

I am with sincere regard

[The travel diary of William Rhodes James son of HJJ starts on Saturday, August 20th 1836 in New York]

[HJJ's handwriting]

Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth

S T Jam 23 Augt 1836

My Dr Madam

Enclosed I have the pleasure of forwarding the first of Mr Heaths Bills of Exchg in your favor for £1000 Sg on Messrs Bernards of Bristol pble in London on which I have allowed him 12½ p. ct premm - We are still in correspondence on the subject of the payment of the Arrears of your Annuities & I will acquaint you with the result when it is concluded

I am

R Hawthorn Esq

23 Augt [1836]

Mr Dr Sir

My friends will no doubt be much surprised to learn that I am still [c.o. here] in this Island but it is only within the last fortnight that the inflammation in my eye has subsided I am still very weak & am reduced to skin and bone, as yet I cannot determine what to do, I am anxious to get away but almost fear it is too late in the year to try a cold climate after residing here so many years, my poor Son will be sadly out of spirits in a strange country knowing that I am sick which makes me particularly [c.o. anxious] desirous of joining him altho Mess Howland & Aspinwall have promised to take every care of him

I am

PS Enclosed I send you the 2nd of J W Turners bills on C Payne & Son of Bristol for £76.5.4 Sg

D Lewis jr Esq Philadelphia

S T J 2nd Septr. [1836]

Dr Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th July last and observe the dividend declared by the Louisville Bank as well as the extra 5½ payable next month both of which are very satisfactory

Enclosed I forward the 2nd of Wright Shelton & Cos Bills on B S Burling of Philadelphia in favor of Messrs Pinillos y Sobrinos for 1200\$ the first of which I remitted to you on 4 Ulto

I am

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Messrs Robert Lenox & Son N York

2 Sept [1836]

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 1 Ulto accompanied by a Bill of Parcels for \$1450 Ohio 6 p Ct Stock purchased in my name for which I am much obliged to you, I do not wish the original Certificate to be sent only a notarial copy

I am

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Messrs Howland & Aspinwall N York

2 Sept [1836]

Dr Sirs

I am in the receipt of your favor of 1 Ulto and observe what you State in respect to my Son fortunately he was not in those Ships which you represent as having had such long passages, by letters from England I learn that he had not quitted on the 15th July but my Brother was then in London for the purpose of seeing him off so that I imagine he would sail in the next vessel about the 20 of that month⁵³⁷ in which case he must be in the States before this

my health is improving but slowly the weather being remarkably hot I am almost fearful that the year is too far advanced for my going to the States now and I really am puzzled as to what is best to be done however a few days must determine whether I go or stay till next Spring

Messrs Elin Scott & Co have sent me the statement of the New Orleans Canal Bank which I am happy to learn from you is satisfactory for I must confess that I do not altogether understand it

I am

PS. I enclose a letter for my Son whose expences you will be kind enough to pay while he is in your City and should he go forward to Mr King you will honor that Gentlemans drafts for the like purpose

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Mrs R A Weekes Sidmouth duplicate 23 Sept p Pigeon Sp Town Jama 7th Sept 1836

My Dear Madam

Since I last had the pleasure of addressing you I have obtained from Mr W Miller Jr the enclosed Bill of Exchg on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden in your favor for £500 Sg at 13 p ct premm. I also forward the 2 of W Heaths on Messrs C E & W Bernard of Bristol in your favor pble in London for £1,000 Stg and annexed I beg leave to forward my a/ct shewing a Balance of £262.4.6 Cy due to me equal with Premm @ 13 p ct to £165.15.1 Sg which I shall be obliged by your authorizing Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden to place to my credit having transmitted to you all the Bills of Exchange received on your account - Mr Heath has not yet replied to my last letter

I am

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R Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

7 Sepr [1836]

By this Pkt I have forwarded to Mrs Weekes another Bill of Exchge for £500 Sg making in all £2000 Sg this year I ought to have got more but Mr Heath has not yet made up his mind whether he ought to pay even the arrears of her Annuities which have accrued since his appointment as Recvr before the arrears assigned to Messrs Mountagues altho there is no order of Court to authorize the payment of the latter I have not seen Messrs Bernards a/c to ascertain what if anything remains in their hands beyond the £1000 for which Mr H drew or I might probably move the Court against the Recvrs for not complying with the Order directing them [c.o. payment] to pay those Annuities now they have funds - I have also transmitted to her my a/ct shewing a Balance of £262.4.6 Cy in my favor equal at 13 p cent to £165.15.1 Sg which I have requested her to pay over to your firm on my account

Enclosed I beg to forward the 1 of R Fairweathers⁵³⁸ Bills on Davidson Barkly & Co of London in my favor for £184.4.7h Sg to be placed to my credit

My plan for the future is still undetermined and as yet I have not heard of my Sons arrival at New York

I am

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Robt Hawthorn Esq London
My Dr Sir

Sp Twn Jama 23 Sept. 1836

My Medical friend has advised me to postpone my trip to the States until after the Winter which he considers would be too severe to encounter at once after so long a residence in this hotbed and in my reduced & debilitated state I therefore do not think that I shall quit this Country this year, indeed were I disposed to do so some difficulty would arise in procuring a conveyance

Enclosed I send you the 2 of R Fairweathers Bills in my favor on Messrs Davidson Barkly & Co for £184.4.7 Sg and will thank you to forward the undermentioned articles by the first opportunity that offers for Kingston or Old Harbour

No advice of the arrival of my Son in America has as yet reached me

I am

An India Rubber Great Coat or Cloak for riding in or driving, of Worsted (not linen) Cadman⁵³⁹ St Clements Church Strand has been recommended, drab colour as it is said to bear cleaning better than a darker which I should otherwise have preferred

The History & Antiquities of Winchester⁵⁴⁰ 2 Vol 12mo & plates 8/- - Coxhead no 249 High Holborn

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David Lewis Jr Esq Philadelphia p Pioneer
Dr Sir

3 Oct 1836

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 30 Augt & 2 Sept last & am glad to learn that the Bills for 2100\$ 1900\$ & 1200\$ had been recd & were accepted

I thank you for the information of a fall in your Stocks and of the cause for the same which is satisfactory I hope to avail myself of it by a further remittance shortly but Bills on the States are getting up, My health I am glad to add is improving

I am

PS. By this opportunity my friends Messrs Elin Scott & Co will ship to you on my a/c 6000\$

See copies Elin Scott & Cos letters to D Lewis Jr

Messrs Robert Lenox & Son N York

15 Novr [1836]

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15 Ulto & of the original Certificate for \$1450 invested in my name in the Ohio 6 P Ct Stock, to guard against accidents a notarial copy will in future be sufficient

Your favor of the 31 August last also came to hand last week in the Bahamas where it appears the brig Louise was lost, advising me of the arrival of my Son in your City & to his having set out for Canada from whence I have since heard from him, It was my intention to have met him in the States but I have been detained here by sickness & am advised to remain until the early part of next year

I am

David Lewis Jr Esq Philadelphia

P Orbit

16 Novr [1836]

Dr Sir

As Bills on the States have been rising laterly my friends recommended a shipment of dollars in preference & by the Pioneer which sailed from Kingston on the 10 Ulto they Shipped to your address on my account \$6000 which I hope have arrived safe & to a good market as a Premium of one p Cent was paid for them here and that you found a favorable opportunity of investing that amount as well as the Bills previously remitted to you

As it was your intention to transfer the Stock purchased for me into my own name I send you annexed a Power of Atty to enable you to receive the Dividends, but I must request that you will confine yourself to the investments you have made for me so as not to interfere with my friends in N York who also hold similar Powers from me

I am

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall N York

16 Novr [1836]

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 3 Sept & 15 Octr last & was glad to learn of the safe arrival of my Son, from whom I have since received letters written when in your City & after meeting Mr King in Canada

Miss Cole has requested me to inform you of her intention of drawing for the January dividends on her investments in a few days and I have reason to believe that she will continue to draw for them half yearly, it will therefore be satisfactory to her to know the amount she may value on you for

I am obliged to you for forwarding my letters to my Son & beg to trouble you with 2 others for him & Mr King

I am

To Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

23 Novr [1836]

Dr Sirs

At the request of Miss Cole I send you enclosed a power of Atty to enable you to receive a part of

the Compensation awarded onto the Claim of Elizabeth Martha Coakley No 132 St Catherine⁵⁴¹ to which she filed a Counter-claim & it was agreed between them to abide by the decision of the Assistant Commrs in this Island who have awarded I understand about £170 Sg to Miss Cole, their Report however has been transmitted to England & to which I beg to refer you

Whatever you may receive on this account Miss Cole begs may be invested in the same fund as her other monies

I am

[From now until HJJ left Jamaica his son WRJ6 was with him and acted as his letter copier]

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

Span. Town. Jam. 7th Decr/ 1836

Dear Sirs

I am in the receipt of your favors of the 5th & 12th Ulto the original of the former being accompanied by a Notarial copy of a Certificate of 28 Shares purchased for me in the Bank of the State of New York & a statement of the Cost which is satisfactory and I am obliged to you for making the investment. Mr Alwoods original letter has not yet come to hand I therefore conclude that it was not sent by the same vessel as mine

My Son arrived in Kingston on Thursday the 24th November after a passage of only ten days and I beg you to accept my best thanks for your kind attention to him during his stay in your city, it is very gratifying to learn that his conduct is so generally approved of by my friends, I thank you for honouring his draft on your firm for \$80

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esq

9th December 1836

Dear Sir

I am glad to learn from your favor of the 3rd Novr that you had received the \$6,000 shipped to you by my friends Messrs Elin Scott & Co P Pioneer and that you were in expectation of investing the same advantageously.

As Bills are scarce and are at 4 & 5 P Cent premium I propose making you a shipment of about Two thousand five hundred dollars in gold, you will therefore be pleased to effect Insurance on \$2,500 in Specie P Pilot to sail for your Port in a few days

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esq London

14th December 1836

Dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of several letters from you and your firm dated 7th July 16th September 1st & 6th October last and am much obliged to you for the assistance afforded to my Son on his embarkation for New York to my surprise he announced his arrival in Kingston before I was aware that he had any intention of coming here, he is now with me and most probably will remain until I go off next year, and take his departure with me

Miss Cole has received your statement which appears to be perfectly correct and she is much

obliged to you for your attention to her concerns

Mr Wm Miller Junr sent me up by last post the copy of a letter he had received from Messrs C E & W C Bernard insisting upon his not paying any part of the arrears of Mrs Weekes's Annuities only the present year's agreeable to their Notice, it appears strange that they should have written such a letter after I had put Mr Heath in possession of all the facts relating to the Suit instituted by J. R. Palmer, the Decree, and Order of the King in Council on the hearing of the Appeal, as they are not in a situation to apply to the Court here for payment of their demands, but must first file that Order, as well as a Bill of Revivor, the Master will then proceed to take the Accounts as directed by the Decree & Order in Council; Mr Heath writes that it is his intention to take the opinion of Mr Batty whether he is "bound to pay Mrs Weekes any surplus under the Orders of Court" but should he say the Receivers are not bound, they will not be justified in applying it to any other purpose, it will only tie up the money in the hands of the Consignees, however I hope the Opinion will be favorable to Mrs Weekes, I have not been able as yet to obtain a statement of their claim, but am fearful that they may look to Mrs Weekes to make good to them the Interest disallowed by the Court, they would not I imagine withdraw their counterclaim upon payment of the Arrears assigned to them, as the other Claims which they represent or are vested in them are upon the same footing with Mrs Weekes's second Annuity under the will of the Testator, neither could I make a Report upon that point without the direction of the Court, the Arrears if paid by Mrs Weekes would be still a lien or charge upon the properties - Why not apply to the parties themselves in England and propose a settlement with them upon their withdrawing their Counterclaim? it is tedious in the extreme to have to correspond with Mr Heath who postpones coming to any decision until he has heard from England and then is not disposed to act, I should not be surprised if when he gets Mr Batty's opinion, he requested time to transmit a copy to his constituents and receive their further instructions.

Mrs Weekes in acknowledging the receipt of Mr Miller's Bill of 8th August and Mr Heath's of 9th August observes that 13 P cent is charged on the former and 12½ on the latter, Mr Heath's came first to hand and was remitted to her in my letter of the 23rd August by which Packet Bills were at 12½ to 13 pc premium, Mr Miller's was received by me P post on Thursday 25th August & remitted P packet 7th September when Bills were at 13 to 14 P Ct premium, Mr M in his letter states that he "had drawn it out and advised it some days ago", & Mrs Weekes will find when she receives the copy of the Annual Accounts that those premiums are credited by the Receivers and for which I sent them receipts in return for the Bills.

As my Brother has never noticed the Case & Opinion upon Mr Boucher's Concerns which I requested you to give him, may I beg you to inform me whether Mr Hill delivered them to you as he promised and whether they have since been delivered to my Brother as I find from his letter that he was in London on the 1st November?

I am

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[HJJ's handwriting]

David Lewis Jr Esq Philadelphia
Dr Sir

Spa Town Jam 26th Decr 1836

I beg leave to forward a Bill of Lading for 156 old Mexican doubloons Consigned to you by the Pilot Capt Milton, Insurance on which I requested you to effect in my letter of the 9th Inst p J W Cater & duplicate p Velocity via Norfolk - I hope to hear soon the particulars of the Investments you have made for me

I am

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David Lewis Jr Esq Philadelphia
Dr Sir

31 Decr [1836]

Having advised you on the 26th Inst of the Shipment p Pilot of 156 Dubs & forwarded to you a bill of lading for the same I take the earliest opportunity of correcting a mistake I made in stating them to be "old Mexican" instead of Columbian which I have since ascertained them to be

Wishing you many happy returns of the Season, I remain
PS be kind enough to send a paper containing the prices and dividends of the different Stocks it must be open at both ends or it will be liable to postage

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs A.E. Fuller & Co. London

Spa Town 6th January 1837

Dear Sirs

I beg leave to inform you that by desire of my Brother Mr Edmund Russell⁵⁴² has this day drawn a Bill of Exchange on him at your address, at 10 days sight in my favor for £51.13.1 Sterling being the amount of the Compensation received by my Brother on his account, and should he be absent from Town I shall be obliged by your accepting such Bill from him, in order to prevent the delay of sending it down into the Country.

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Spa Town January 1837

Triplicate p Cicero [illegible] Baltimore March 1837

I am favored with your letter of the 9th Ultio, and observe the investment you have made for me in the Vicksburgh Bank⁵⁴³, in your next be kind enough to inform me where it is situated, I shall be glad to learn that you succeeded in investing the other funds remitted to you while the Stocks are low, Rail Roads where there is much traffic, and no likelihood of an opposition I should think preferable to Banks.

Enclosed I send you the second bill of lading for one hundred & fifty six doubloons shipped to your address p Pilot Captn Milton, I was wrong in stateing them to be "old Mexican" of which I have since advised you

I am endeavouring to make up a further remittance in specie and shall be obliged by you effecting Insurance on \$2000 p Pilot or Pioneer whichever returns first, I was given to understand that in case of Short Interest, no charge whatever was made for the Insurance, the whole premium being returned.

Annexed to my letter of the 16th November last P Orbit I transmitted to you a power of Attorney to receive the dividends on the several Investments made by you, the receipt of which has not been acknowledged I hope however that it got safe to hand.

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

John Grieve Esqr. Edinburgh

Spa Town 14th January 1837

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 1st November and annexed send you a copy of the answer I have received to my application inquiring the cause of the delay in completing the Compromise

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proposed by Mr Miles for the settlement of Mr Green's demand against Stogdon's Estate, which I hope you will consider satisfactory, if however it should be considered necessary to proceed with the Appeal, that must be urged in England, and notice might be given that unless the matter is settled by a fixed period, it will be proceeded with, which would hasten Mr Miles's movements.

Mr Green's Estate being in receivership, the Creditors cannot take any steps in respect to the Compensation to be awarded for Stogdon's Negroes, and Mr Edgar's Trustees are for the same reason prevented from following Mr Holder's⁵⁴⁴ example of "arresting their apprenticeship", if the latter can be done which I much doubt.

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robt Hawthorn Esqr. London

Spa Town 26th January 1837

Dear Sir

By the Packet I received yesterday your favor of the 1st December last and am sorry to learn that Mrs Weekes has shown a disposition to find fault with you, but that is the worst of doing business with Ladies who cannot be persuaded that you have done all in your power for their Interest, in the present case, you have travelled completely out of your line and got no thanks for all your trouble, you should have left it to her legal advisor altogether - Annexed I send you a copy of Messrs Mountagues Account Current shewing the amount transferred by them in reduction of the Arrears of the Annuity assigned to them, an Extract from my Report charging them with the same at the then current premium, to all of which Mr Edward Mountague was a party & it was approved of by him, also an Extract from my Report showing the payment charged by Mr Murray before the assignment, How Messrs Bernards can make out their claim of £4855.16.6 without Interest I am quite at a loss to imagine - I have applied to Mr Heath for a Copy of their statement but they have never sent any to him, a case has been laid before Counsel by his direction to ascertain whether or no he is bound to pay Mrs Weekes her present Arrears in preference to the Balance due on her assignment, in Feby 1820 - Messrs Mountagues by their answer only claimed £4,200 Currency as due to them on 1st May following and now without Interest it is increased to £4855.16.6 - How does this difference arise?

I do not know how the Commissioners of Compensation can undertake to make an award in this Case, as the money should under the Act of Parliament be paid into the Bank in the name of the Accountant General, to be appropriated by Orders of the Court of Chancery here, the Claim having been put in by the Receivers and no suit being in existence in England, previous to Lord Sligo's quitting the Country I addressed a letter to the Register of the Court on that point, having been cut out of some Bills against Peru Estate⁵⁴⁵ in consequence of the Court there having distributed the Compensation without any notice to the parties here, and he promised to make inquiry into the matter on his arrival

I am glad to learn that Mrs Weekes has authorized your paying the balance to me of £165.13.1 Stg. My Brother has acknowledged the perusal of the Case & Opinion of Mr Burge relating to Mr Boucher's Estate

Mr William Girod⁵⁴⁶ the administrator of Mr Duncan having advertised for a Statement of all demands against this Estate I sent him yours amounting to £971.3.0 Sterling exclusive of Interest & the Costs of Remittance

I am &c

P.S. 27th I have this morning received Mrs Weekes's letter of the 15th Decr. in which she expresses her disappointment that I "should still delay giving her the information she has so repeatedly requested thro' you respecting her Claims to enable her to obtain the Compensation from Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates" and blaming me for the delay thereby occasioned as she states - I

must therefore request you to inform me what information you have repeatedly asked of me & I have omitted to furnish as I am not aware of any neglect on my part, I suppose that, should the Commissioners decide against her Claim I shall have all the blame attached to me.

Mr Phillpotts will be able to inform you to whom the Appeal Papers were sent by Mr J R Palmer on the Appeal from the decision of the Court here on his exceptions to my Report upon Mr E Mountagues Accounts as Receiver in "Hibbert vs Palmer", the perusal of which will confirm the Statements I have annexed

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Spa Town 28th January 1837

Dear Sirs

In the Suit of "Atkinson vs Rogers"⁵⁴⁷ instituted in this Island there is due to me the sum of £1347.10.7 the amount of my taxed Bills for business done from 1828 to October 1834 which were included in my Report upon the final Accounts of Mr George Atkinson as Receiver & formed part of the balance reported due to him, by the annexed Extract from an Order made in England in the cause of "Dalbiac vs Spooner" that balance was directed to be paid out of certain monies deposited with Messrs Baring Brothers & Co. with Interest only on such part as actually belonged to Mr Atkinson, and not on the amount of my Bills, Why such a distinction should have been made I do not know, neither am I aware how the parties came to the knowledge of the amount as my Certificate, upon which that Order was made, merely stated the two sums appearing by my Report to be due to the Receivers, without noticing my particular item or charge, Upon Mr A calling upon me to lodge my Report, I objected to do so before payment of my Bills, he then wrote me a letter engaging to pay me when he received the balance reported due to him with which I was satisfied, notwithstanding this engagement and the Order of Court directing full balance to be "paid to him or his Agents Messrs Baring Brothers & Co" it appears by his subsequent letters that they only received such part as was his, leaving me to obtain payment of my [c.o. Bills] demand in the best way I could, having given him ample time to write to England and get the matter put to rights & learning from him that nothing had been done, I filed an affidavit of the circumstances and sent a notice of motion to be served upon him, intending to move the Court for immediate payment of my Bills by him, when I received a letter containing an Extract from Mr Clayton's by the Packet, and in conformity with his suggestion I send you a receipt for the amount due to me which you will please to fill up in the name of the party paying it & beg to refer you to Messrs Clayton Scott & Co⁵⁴⁸ or Messrs Brooke & Cutler⁵⁴⁹ Solicitors in the suit in England, who will no doubt put you in the way of obtaining the amount, by the order the sum of £829.16.3 appears to have been reserved on that account which with 16 p cent premium, then current, exactly corresponds, premium has lately been higher, but will not exceed that by the present Packet as money is scarce, and unless the dispute with the Columbians⁵⁵⁰ is speedily & amicably settled purchasers will not be readily found, I am &c

P.S. £829.16.3 Stg. is the amount you ought to receive and I am by no means disposed to take one fraction less, let me know the result of your application by the first opportunity, and should there be any demur to the payment, send out an affidavit of the circumstances with an account of any expence incurred in this matter.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Mrs R. A. Weekes Sidmouth

Spa Town January 29th 1837

My dear Madam

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th December last and am not a little surprised at the charges brought against me, although I trust you would completely fail in any attempt to substantiate them - The only Law account incurred in this Country is Mr. Hylton's for £29.17.7 for putting your Counter Claims. I am not aware of any information required of me by you or by Mr Hawthorn which I have neglected to furnish and I have written to him to furnish me with the particular subject to which you refer and upon which you state it to have been "so repeatedly requested"

In my letters I have shewn the two payments made on account of the arrears of the Annuity assigned by you which being deducted from the amount reported due to you leave the balance of £916.4.10¼, no Report has been made upon that Claim since Decr 1815 neither can any be made without an Order from the Court of Chancery. In the postscript to my letter of the 30th July last I stated that Messrs Mountagues (not Mr Heath) had in their answer to Mr J R Palmer's Bill claimed £4,200 as due to them on 1st May 1820 - Mr Hawthorn now writes that "Messrs. Bernards assert that the balance of £4,855.16.6 without interest has been reported as due for Arrears of that assignment" How these differences are to be reconciled, I do not know. I have applied to Mr Heath for the particulars but no Statement has been sent to him, and I could not give the particulars of a Report I have never made -

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall N York

Spa. Town 31st January 1837

Dear Sirs

I duly received your favor of the 24th Ulto accompanied by Miss Cole's Account which I have handed over to her and have no doubt of its correctness, she would have drawn on you by this opportunity had a purchaser offered for her Bills.

I have to trouble you with the enclosed letter to Mr King whose address you can obtain from Messrs Maitland Kennedy & Co,⁵⁵¹ & be kind enough to send any letters that may have been addressed to your care for my Son, to him here, one from me by the Orbit should have been returned by that Vessel. My Son requests me to offer his best regards

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

James H Byles Esqr. Bowden Hall

Spa Town 25th Febr'y 1837

My dear Sir

Although it is a very long time since I wrote to you still I have not been unmindful of your interests either in respect to your claims upon Duncan's Estate, or upon Mr Vidal, who paid the balance of his note in January 1826, in the following month the young men⁵⁵² applied for some money to purchase two shares in the Water Works about to be erected in this town, which as they have houses here, I thought it adviseable in them to encourage, the younger also got £245 to purchase Cattle for his Pen in St Ann⁵⁵³ & in August he requested me to purchase Bills on & give him a letter of Introduction to my Correspondents Messrs Howland & Aspinwall of New York, to whom he remitted the balance of his Share 1,478 dollars, about Five hundred pounds Currency with Premium, the Elder last month purchased a Mountain residence in Saint John for £460, and has also received £150 to purchase a Cart, Sheep, a horse &c, leaving about £135 in my hands at present, and as soon as that is disposed of I will send you my account examined and signed by them, the youngest has left Town some time and is gone to live upon his property in St Ann as he found the

business of the Office running short and was of opinion, with me, that it would be less and less every year, at one time he talked of opening a shop there, he appears to be more prudent & saving than his Brother.

Mr William Girod a Partner & Son in Law of John Lynch's⁵⁵⁴ having administered upon Duncan's Estate, advertised for all demands against it & in October I sent him a memorandum of your two Bonds for £768.10 Curry. & £963.2.5 Stg. on which last was due £744.12.9 Stg., he has now given notice of his intention of pleading the Rule of Exors", it will therefore be necessary for you to send out this Bond, in order that it may be put in Suit with the other which I have, a statement has however been given to Messrs. Vidal & Allwood to enable them to do what is requisite for you

&c &c &c

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Spa. Town 27 Feby 1837

Dear Sirs

Herewith I beg leave to forward Two Powers of Attorney with copies of Two Orders of the Court of Chancery in the Causes of "Storer vs Storer" and "Molony vs Catanach"⁵⁵⁵ under the Island Seal, duly authenticated &c to enable you to receive the Compensation awarded for the Negroes in the former Cause on Belleisle Estate No. 258⁵⁵⁶ Westmoreland and on Froome Estate No 271⁵⁵⁷ Westmoreland, and in the latter Cause for the Negroes on Rock River Plantation No. 119⁵⁵⁸ St Mary, which will I hope prove correct and sufficient for that purpose.

I am much disappointed to find from your favor of the 16th Jany that the Powers forwarded to you in November last are useless, it is no fault of Mr Cargills who would have been very glad to have affixed the Island Seal &c to the Orders of Court, but we were informed by a Professional gentleman who had just returned from England that it was unnecessary, and the parties were desirous of avoiding the expence, I understand that some Orders, not under Seal, have been paid, the Registrar's hand writing could easily have been proved by Mr Burge or Mr Hill & many other persons.

I much fear that I shall not be here to receive your answer to this which however I beg may be sent by the first opportunity that may offer from any Port.

Should the Accountant General object to the payment of the Compensation under any Order of Court because his name is not particularly mentioned, I think that defect may be remedied by an application to the Commrs in England without incurring the delay & expence of obtaining from this Country a fresh order under Seal

28 Enclosed I send you a copy of the order under Seal in Roberts vs Cowell

I am

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Spa: Town 28th Feby 1837

Dear Sirs

Herewith I beg leave to transmit to you a Copy of an Order of the Court of Chancery in the Cause of "Vaughan vs Heath" directing the payment of the Compensation Money to Philip Vaughan Esquire of Bristol⁵⁵⁹, who is directed thereout to pay me One thousand Pounds Currency and annexed I have drawn an Order on him in your favor for that amount, less 16 p cent the current Premium upon Bills of Exchange by this Packet, the Order went to England by the last Packet, under Seal, but I do not see any necessity for waiting until he shall communicate unto us that the

money has been paid, you will therefore be kind enough to apply to him for my proportion.

Miss Cole's letter and Account have been handed to her and she has admitted the correctness of the latter. She requests that you will send out the Several Transfer Certificates of her investments. I am much obliged to you for this statement of the investment of the further Dividends received on account of Tuming's Estate, and hope shortly to receive the Cloak and Books which I wrote for in September, altho' in your last letter you have not advised me of the name of the Vessel in which they were shipped.

Mr Girod the Administrator on Duncan's Estate having advertised that the Rule of Execrs would be pleaded on all Actions brought against him I have given Messrs Vidal & Allwood the particulars of your demand that they may do what is requisite for you

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Philip Vaughan Esqr. Bristol

Spa: Town 28 Feby 1837

Sir

By an arrangement entered into in the Country for drawing the Compensation awarded for the Negroes in Receivership in the Cause of "Vaughan vs Heath" the Sum of One thousand pounds Currency was agreed and directed by an Order of the Court of Chancery to be paid to me in part of my several Taxed Bills of Fees, I therefore beg leave to advise you that I have drawn an Order on you in favor of Messieurs Hawthorn & Shedden of London Merchants for that amount and they are authorized to allow you the current Premium on Bills of Exchange on the Sum they may receive from you

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Spa Town 3rd April 1837

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th Decr, & the 1st & 27th Feby. last which came to hand nearly at the same time and am obliged to you for the investment you have made for me in the Kentucky Bank and the Gas Bank of New Orleans. The sale of the Doubloons is satisfactory and I am glad to perceive the terms upon which you have effected a further Insurance in Specie from this Island. A large quantity of Bills have however been brought to Market and reduced the premium considerably for the present of which I have availed myself and enclosed send you the first of Sarah Cole's Bills on Howland & Aspinwall, New York in your favor for One thousand three hundred & fifty Dollars and 7 Cents on Messrs Buchanan & Dennistoun & Co of that City for Seven hundred Dollars in my favor which you will invest as you may deem most beneficial. I have every confidence in your judgement & experience but having been a sufferer already I am unwilling to make any further investment in any Insurance Company I have also some objection to purchase into those Stocks which are so considerably above their par value as it may so happen that at a particular period when I am desirous of selling out for some special purpose they may have fallen much lower than the price at which I bought and I may be a material loser by the transaction With these few observations I shall leave it to your discretion to select such investments as you may consider most likely to turn out well. Keep the Insurance which you have effected open as Bills rise I may probably make you a remittance in Specie if successful in my collections

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Robert Lenox & Son New York

Spa Town 3rd April 1837

Dear Sirs

[pencil tick in margin] I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 17th Feby. & 2nd March last and am obliged to you for the investment you have made of the January dividend in my Ohio Stock. The certificate you have forwarded is sufficient & satisfactory

The arrival of my Son was quite unexpected and our meeting such as might have been anticipated after a separation of nearly 14 years

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

Spa Town 3rd April 1837

Dear Sirs

I am favored with your letter of the 4th Ulto accompanied by a notarial copy of certificate of twenty two Shares in the Bank of the State of New York and Account current which appears to be correct - the investment also is satisfactory

By the annexed letter you will perceive that Miss Cole has drawn upon you for her January Dividends and will continue to do so as they become payable

Yours &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr London

Spa Town 5th April 1837

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 1st and 16th Feby and duplicate of the 7th of that month. The Scotsman not yet having arrived with the Original and am obliged to you for the shipment of the articles by that Vessel I agree with you that it was not worth while to incur the additional expences you allude to - the risk being so trifling.

Enclosed I return the power of Attorney executed to enable Mrs Goss⁵⁶⁰ to receive the amount of the Legacy left to her by Mr Howell - She wrote to me a short time Since to enquire in what way it had been invested but does not appear to have awaited the return of my answer. You can at the same time pay her the amount I have received for Dividends on that Stock taking her receipt for the same and let that be in lieu of her next Quarter's allowance.

Miss Cole has perused that part of your letter which relates to her affairs and is extremely obliged to you for the trouble you have taken for her. In all matters where I am concerned I beg that you will make such Settlements as you may think proper giving up any trifling difference there may be in the different modes of Statement between the parties.

I regret to add that for the last three weeks I have been suffering severely from a return of the inflammation in my eye which has not yet shewn any symptoms of amendment

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Jonathan Thompson⁵⁶¹ Junr Esqr New York

Spa: Town Jamaica 8th May 1837

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 4th March and 12th April with Circular of 1st March informing me of your having commenced business on your own account in which I wish you every success

I am extremely obliged to you for the list of Banks &c which you have kindly forwarded to me and which contains much useful information for Parties here desirous to invest their money in the States

Messrs Howlands having for some time past had my confidence I do not think it will be just to withdraw it without some good & sufficient reason for doing so and as I have no further funds immediately available for investment I regret that I cannot avail myself of your offers & services

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall

Spa: Town Jamaica 8th May 1837

Dear Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 11th April last and regret to observe the state of your money market

Is any thing further likely to be obtained from the Globe Insurance or is the Dividend now paid all we have to expect from it? Are we likely to obtain anything from the Eagle? or North River?

The Howard I understood from you will continue its business and by a statement of Dividends transmitted from your City I perceive that a Dividend of 15 p cent was paid last January. I have not received anything since July 1835 and I should be obliged by your attention to these matters

I am

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Spa: Town Jamaica 8th May 1837

Dear Sir

By the J.W. Cater I have only received Duplicate of your letter of 27th February last but I learn from the papers that the Stocks have fallen considerably and I trust you will avail yourself of this opportunity for investing any funds that you may have of mine in your hands in some safe and eligible Security.

Enclosed I forward the 2nd of S. Coles Bills on Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall for One thousand three hundred and fifty dollars and 7 Cents on Buchanan Dennistoun & Co. for seven hundred dollars and shall be obliged if at your convenience you will forward my Account Current

I am &c

12th May

P.S. Your favor of the 15th April has just come to hand. It is not my wish to make any investment just now in Banks but I think that as the prices of other securities must also have fallen considerably it will be a very favourable opportunity for an investment in Rail Roads

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Spanish Town Jamaica 11th May 1837

Dear Sirs

I am happy to learn from your favor of the 1st April last that you had received the amount of my

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Bills in "Atkinson vs Rogers" £829.15.3 Sterling as I cannot but consider that there had been some unfair dealing in keeping me so long out of my money. I gave to Mr Atkinson a certificate containing simply the two balances he reported to be due to him and to Mr Rogers without noticing in any way of what those two Sums were composed neither was anything therein stated in respect to my Bills. I should much wish that you could get a sight of that certificate which was in my own hand-writing to see if any alteration has been made in it.

I have more than once suggested to the Registrar of the Court of Chancery here that Consignees should enter into security to account for the Proceeds of the produce shipped to them but I have understood that the Merchants in England were opposed to it. Should an application be made that the Receivers of Palmer's Estates should from time to time draw for any monies remaining in the hands of the Consignees & pay the same over to the Receiver General of this Island to the Credit of the Cause I have reason to believe that it would be opposed by Messrs. Bernards. I think however that some application should be made to the Court to compel the Receivers either to apply any surplus proceeds in discharge of the Orders of Court for payment of the Arrears of her Annuities accrued since the filing of the Bill by J.R. Palmer or that such surplus should be drawn for and held by our Receiver General subject to the future Orders of the Court here.

Messrs Vidal & Allwood were to have informed you by last Packet of a Bill and Petition for a Receiver having been filed against Mr Vidal by Mr Girod as the Administrator on Duncan's Estate - to the latter I decidedly object on account of the expence and delay it would occasion in the collection & appropriation of the debts due to his Estate indeed I think the whole expence might have been avoided by laying a fair Statement before Counsel in England to ascertain whether Mr Vidal had any right to a preference over the other Creditors or not.

I thank you for the Great Coat & books P Scotsman which came to hand only last week that vessel having stopped some time in Morant Bay to discharge part of her cargo

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Mrs A. M. Millward⁵⁶² - Lewisham

Spa: Town Jamaica 7th June 1837

My dear Madam

My Brother having written to inform me that it was necessary to sent to England attested copies of the Judgment on which I had lodged Counterclaims for him I now beg leave to forward enclosed Copies of four on which I had entered Counterclaims for you vizt: "Heath & al vs Marriot" "Harrison vs Hull" "Harrison vs Sharpe" & "Millward vs Neale" which I hope will arrive in good time and enable you to obtain the amount due on them

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Spa Town Jamaica 13th June 1837

Dear Sirs

I have the satisfaction of acknowledging the receipt of your favors of the 15th April and 1st May last with the statement of the amount received by you on five Compensation Claims under Orders of the Court of Chancery for part of which I have this day drawn on you and hope to be able to appropriate the whole in a few days I had lately understood that the other Claim for St. George had been transferred as you mention and it is entirely owing to the perverseness of the Solicitors here that "Roberts vs Cowell" has been again delayed which is very annoying as it prevents that Cause being wound up at once as it might otherwise have been

I am glad that you have settled with Mr Vaughan although the premium is higher than I had expected, as I could then have purchased Bills at 16 P cent & I was informed by a partner in a very respectable house in Kingston that they had sold some Bills to a large amount at 15½ payable in Gold

You can invest any surplus funds of mine as you may deem most adviseable, but in such a manner that it may be sold without a power from me, say in Mr Hawthorns & my Brothers name Your papers have been handed over to Messrs Vidal & Allwood to take Judgment against Duncans Estate, the petition for a Receiver was not heard last Court

I have to thank you for your prudence in paying the Compensation monies into the Bank of England, as private Bills do not meet a ready Sale; the two Bills I have just drawn on you are both in favor of David Finlayson at thirty days sight - one for Three hundred and fifteen pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence Sterling in full of Compensation No. 84⁵⁶³ St Andrew, the other for three hundred and eighty four pounds & sixpence Sterling - on account of No. 166⁵⁶⁴ St James which please to honor

I am &c

Claim No. 84 St Andrew	319.3.3
Less Commission @ 1 P Cent on £319.3.3	<u>3.3.9</u>
Bill drawn in favor of David Finlayson for Sterling	<u>£315.19.6</u>

PS I wish that you had sent a statement deducting your Commission - Postages &c on each Claim, and shewing the exact sum to be drawn for - the following are the sums I have deducted for Commission - the postages I will charge

No. 166 St James	19.10.9
217 ⁵⁶⁵ Westmoreland	8.11.6
348 ⁵⁶⁶ "	23. 7.2
119 ⁵⁶⁷ St Mary	17.19.8
84 St Andrew	<u>3. 3. 9</u>

I have just drawn another Bill on you at 30 days sight in favor of Messrs Longmore & Lhoste⁵⁶⁸ for Eight hundred and sixteen Pounds 19/1 Stg. on account of No. 166 Claim St James

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr. Esqr. Philadelphia

Spanish Town Jamaica 22nd June 1837

Dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 5th & 13th May and am glad to learn that the Bills for \$1350 and \$700 had been accepted, altho' it is doubtful whether the latter will be paid as Messrs. Buchanan Denistoun & Co are reported to have failed, the Drawer however Mr Zavery Hunt sailed for New York in the Orbit, and will I hope provide for it when at maturity

As my policy of Insurance expires so soon I have requested my friends Messrs. Elin Scott & Co of Kingston to ship to your address on my account Two thousand dollars in specie P Pilot Captn Milton to sail on the 24th which I hope will arrive safe and to a good market, a Premium having been paid for it here, this I wish you to invest as advised in the postscript to my letter of 8th May, by a price Current transmitted to me from New York, the N.Y. Providence & Boston Rail Road⁵⁶⁹ appears only to have been at 83½ on the 4th of May & on the 26th to have risen to 97, the former would have been a most eligible time for investment

I observe your remarks upon the present state of Money Matters in the States and agree with you in opinion that in a short time confidence will be restored, and your affairs as prosperous as heretofore

I am very respectfy, Dear Sir &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Mrs D Little Lower Park Row Bristol No 3

24 June 1837 Spa Town Jama

My Dr Madam

I duly received your favor of 12 April with your half yearly Certificate on which I recd an Order for £50 on the Clergy fund and herein enclose my Bill on Hawthorn and Shedden of London @ 30 ds st st in your favor for £30 & 3d Sterlg equal with Premium @ 19 p cent to £50 Cy
&c &c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

To Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Spa: Town Jamaica 26th June 1837

Dear Sirs

The parties here are by no means satisfied with the determination of the Accountant General in "Roberts vs Cowell" as they state that he has paid several Orders similarly drawn, and I certainly think that he could with more propriety pay the Compensation under that, than under the Order in "Gray vs Hinde", I much fear that I shall not get the new Order in time for this opportunity

Annexed I send you a statement of the several Bills which I have drawn on you in full of the Compensation received under my powers of Attorney as Master in the different Causes vizt:

"Storer vs Storer" No. 258 & No. 271 Westmorland	Stg 3,161.5.11
"Gray vs Hinde" No. 166 St James ⁵⁷⁰	1,934.6.0
"Williamson ⁵⁷¹ vs Stamp ⁵⁷² " No. 84 St Andrew	315.19.6
"Molony vs Catanach" No. 119 St Mary	1,780.8.2

Which I have no doubt will be duly honoured

I am &c

The following Bills drawn at 30 days sight on account of Compensation Claims Vizt: No. 258 & 271 Westmorland

1837 June 15th in favor of Tonge & Smith ⁵⁷³ for	Stg. 266.14.1
" " J.J. Adolphus ⁵⁷⁴	368.15.5
" " W.D. Turner	<u>179.14.2</u>
Carried forewd.	£815.3.8
1837 June 13th Amount brot. forew'd.	Stg. 815.3.8
" " Williams & Land ⁵⁷⁵	136.18.0
" " Myers & Aikman	309.4.3
24th " J W Cater ⁵⁷⁶	<u>1,900.0.0</u>
	3,161.5.11
Commission on £3,194.6.9 @ 1 P Cent	<u>31.18.9</u>
	3,193.4.8
Amount of Compensation received	Stg. <u>3,193.9.3</u>
To Credit of HJJ PA	<u>4.7</u>
No. 166 St James	
1837 June 13th in favor of D. Finlayson } as advised p}	Stg: 384.0.6
" " Longmore & Lhoste } last Packet }	816.19.1
23rd " D. Finlayson	350
" " D. Finlayson	<u>383.6.5</u>
	£1,934.6.0

Commission on £1,954.6.10 @ 1 P Cent		<u>19.10.10</u>
Amount of Compensation received	Sterling	£1,953.16.10
No. 84 St Andrew		
1837 June 13th in favor of D Finlayson as advised p last Pkt: Stg.		315.19.6
Commission on £319.8.3 @ 1 P cent		<u>3. 3. 9</u>
Amount of Compensation received	Sterling	£319. 3. 3
No. 119 St Mary		
1837 June 24th in favor of J W Cater for	Stg	1,725.0.0
" Tonge & Smith		25.7.11
" Mrs Dorothy Little		<u>30.0.3</u>
		1,780.8.2
Commission on £1798.7.2 @ 1 P Cent		<u>17.19.8</u>
		1,798.7.10
Amount of Compensation received	Sterlg.	<u>1,798.7.2</u>
to debit of HJJ p/a		<u>8</u>

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[In a different hand]

Spa. Town Jama: 8 July 1837

My Dear Mrs Allen,

Enclosed I beg leave to forward J G Vidal's Bill of Exchange for ninety one pounds 17/5 Stg: equal with premium of 20 p ct & stps 5/10 to Cy: £154.12.8 the balance of my account with the Estate of your deceased Father, the particulars of which shall shortly be sent to you -

Altho' I have not received any positive information I have been led to understand that your good and estimable Mother is no more - I regret very much the loss of so old and sincere a friend & I trust you bear your affliction with pious resignation to the Will of our Heavenly Father.

By the Caroline Capt'n Emmerson which has just sailed I have sent a Box of Sweetmeats & Arrow-root addressed to your Mother to the Care of Mr Windey Bristol it is included in a Bill of Lading sent to my Mother of course you will take possession of it and give directions to Mr Windey accordingly - I lately received a Ham & Cheese which I presume was sent by direction of your Mother & for which I am obliged. I am about to embark for America & may possibly proceed on to England when you shall hear from me - I have repaired your house to the amount of Between £5 & 600 and the Tenant is to pay the greater part and deduct it from his annual rent until he is reimbursed - I am very much hurried in getting my affairs in a proper train before my departure and altho' I have intended quitting this Country for some years past still I find I have much to do

With my best regards to Mr Allen & your family

I remain &c HJJ

Mrs A G Allen
Lewisham

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[In a different hand]

Spanish Town Jama: 8th July 1837

My Dear Madam

Enclosed I beg leave to forward Mr Heath's two Bills of Exchange on Messrs E E & W E Bernard of Bristol in yr favour for £650 Stg: at 18 p ct premium and £193.19.9 Stg: at 20 p ct premium Bills having got up since he sent the former - these amount to £1400 Currency a moiety of your Annuities and I have written to Mr Miller for the other but have not yet received any reply to my communication

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I am endeavouring to quit this for America and shall in all probability embark early next Week.
 I beg to offer my best regards to Mr P. James and your family
 I remain &c H.J.J.

Mrs R A Weekes,
 Sidmouth,
 Devon

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Spa: Town Jamaica 12th July 1837

Dear Sirs

Enclosed I send you the halves of Four Ten Pound Bank of England Notes No: 321 to 324 dated 1st Sept 1835 and Nine of Five Pounds No: 11,187 11,188 and No: 11,191 to 11,197 which please to carry to my Credit

I am &c

[Father and son in New York]

[In the hand of WRJ6]

To Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden, London

New York 7th August 1837

Dear Sirs

I landed here on the 1st Instant after rather a tedious voyage from Jamaica but the weather was remarkably fine, I fear that I have if anything, lost strength instead of regaining it as I was led to expect which makes me anxious to proceed to England as soon as I possibly can I shall either leave this on the 10th in the Toronto or on the 20th in the Westminster for London

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

To J G Vidal Esqre.

[no date c.7th August 1837 from New York]

[red tick in margin and 'pd'] Armstrong⁵⁷⁷ vs Storer

222.15.0

Copies

16.0.9½ 238.15.9½

W. Shilleto⁵⁷⁸ of Westmorland the Receiver to pay this - very tardy

Esdaile vs McLachlan⁵⁷⁹ R.A.

66.2.2½

Copy

6.2.0½ 72.4.3

G.A

45.19.7

J. McLachlan to pay these P Order of Court, has promised & if he

118.3.10

does not speedily pay - threaten to move the Court against him

[red tick in margin] Miles vs Zincke⁵⁸⁰ - J. Allwood⁵⁸¹ was to bring back a receipt for £27 odd signed by W. Carey⁵⁸² as Receiver of Greenwich Estate, when you were to pay him the amount the Report of Appropriation would then be complete & might be made up & lodged with the Report upon the Receivers final a/cs which L. Lynch had in hand my Bills amounting in all to £780.4.11 should then be paid, there are Orders of Court directing Master Ramsay⁵⁸³ to pay them out of the purchase moneys which he should do by an Order on Elin Scott & Co

[red 'pd' in margin] Williams vs McNeel.⁵⁸⁴ R.A. £35.5.7 & Copy 28/6 - £36.14.1 should be paid by W. Williams

Jones vs Albert - Balance £100 odd should be paid by Hyslop he promised to settle it during the last Session but I did not apply to him again

Scarlett vs Willis⁵⁸⁵. R.A. £336.15.6 - R. Heming⁵⁸⁶ to pay this P Order of Court should be dunned as he is tardy

Lambie vs Orr⁵⁸⁷ - £361.12.8 - application for payment out of Compensation should not be delayed
[red 'pd' in margin] Wilson vs Anderson - £701.18.4 - Order to be varied & made payable to Hawthorn & Shedden, the Agents of H.J.J. MCC

Cole vs Dale - R.A. -----51.11.8

[red 'pd' in margin] Should D. Robertson⁵⁸⁸ require a Copy it must be paid for separately

White vs Robertson⁵⁸⁹ - R.A. £71.13.4 & Copy £5.18.9 -----77.12.1

[red 'pd' in margin] D. Robertson to pay this

Storer vs Storer a balance of £300 odd due to me by J S Williams⁵⁹⁰ with Interest from date of Report as allowed to him P Order of Court

Vaughan vs Heath £1074.17.5½ less £1000 paid out of Compensation W.S. Grignon⁵⁹¹ Receiver

Atkins vs Roper,⁵⁹² R.A. £406.13.9 & £249.0.5 -----655.14.2

[red 'pd' in margin] Application for payment out of Compensation must be followed up & Order made to me or my Agents Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

[red 'pd' in margin] Lawrence vs Reid⁵⁹³

The Like

Marshall vs Ogilvie⁵⁹⁴

The Like - There are 7 or 8 yrs of G W Hamilton's final a/cs drafted & completed all but a charge in a Tax a/c which he was to have explained, but as he already owes me so much & would not pay me anything on account, I would not go to the expence of engrossing those a/cs they should not however be delivered up or the Vouchers until payment is made for what I have done - no part is included in the Bills above

Roberts vs Cowell R.A. £155.7.11 £29.4.2 & Copy 34/9 = £30.18.11 = 186.6.10

£61.12.11 & Copy £5.13.10 = £67.6.9 & £81.14.2 149.0.11

[red 'pd' in margin] G.A. 435.15.0

771.2.9

There is also another Bill on the Sale which I must out & send about £120

The Report upon Mr W Heath's final a/cs should not be lodged until he pays Hill Davies & Co their Bill of Costs charged therein & also Archer & Finlayson's

[red tick in margin] Gray vs Hinde - If you have settled with Finlayson Admor of Cruickshank -

Make up & lodge Report of Appropriation - receipts to be annexed [red tick in margin]

[red tick in margin] Ferguson vs Wallace⁵⁹⁵ - If Dignum⁵⁹⁶ has given the letter of Indemnity &

Wallace has taken the Bill & signed the receipt the Report may be made up & lodged - receipts to be annexed [red tick in margin]

Williamson vs Stamp - The Surplus of the purchase money is in the hands of the Recvr Genl to meet Ross & Tonge's Costs for Mrs Macfarlane⁵⁹⁷, my Bill on the Sale about £200 which shall be made out and forwarded, & the difference towards Complts Costs

Willis vs Molony⁵⁹⁸. R.A. 1831 @ 1836 £531.5.8h Copies £39.9.0 - £570.14.8½

Application must be made to the Court for payment out of the Compensation as Cockburn will not pay - a balance being due to him as Recvr

[red tick in margin] Swaby vs Swaby⁵⁹⁹ - Unless Mr Berry⁶⁰⁰ can shew that Mr Carson⁶⁰¹ has received any further Sum the Report may be lodged & bill paid by him

Macfarlane vs Whittle⁶⁰² - £1483.6.9 & Sale £122.2.1 & Sale £145.11.3 - £1751.0.1

Less half purchase money 350.0.0

£1401.0.1

There is only a personal Decree against Whittle who is in France

Macfarlane is dead but his Exors Dr McGlashan⁶⁰³ & Barnett entered into some arrangement and compromise with Whittle, out of which the Costs were to be first fully paid but S. Dallas⁶⁰⁴ never would reply to my letters for information & I must beg of you to use your influence with the parties

to get the matter closed as it is many years since my Report was made

Molony vs Catanach}

Storer vs Storer } Reports of Appropriation may be made up and receipts annexed

Usher vs Higson }

Livingston vs Bainbridge⁶⁰⁵ - What became of the Order of payment out of the Compensation?

Hill Davies & McNeil⁶⁰⁶ owe me for MCC fees 1834=53/4 1835=26/8 1836 87/6 = £8.7.6 the a/cs were given to Davies the beginning of the year.

Negroes must be made to pay their wages monthly. Mary Douglas is to hire out at 6/8 p week

Crabb's letter - I wished that I had signed what you penned to Salmon, and he might have sent it or not afterwards as he thought proper

Did Miller send up any Bill for Mrs Weekes? I should have left a blank receipt with you as her Atty I left some 2/6 Stamps signed, they were for Notices to Tax my Bills if wanted

The shingles at the house were for Mary Langley⁶⁰⁷, if any accident happens to her there is a Conveyance in my Iron Chest of the house she lives in from her Mother to me. J P Rennalls⁶⁰⁸ the witness omitted to prove it but Taws can swear to his hand-writing - and had better to do

[in pencil X] at once as her Son in law John Elliott⁶⁰⁹ drinks & does not well know what he then does - If he will repay my advance he may have the house & premises, if not Julian might be allowed to live in it

Guy - Let me know what he proposes to do, as I am not disposed to wait any longer and should you not like to push him tell him I have directed you to hand the papers over to Scott

Richard & Dianna Dracott⁶¹⁰ Westmoreland - Something should be done about these apprentices - and application should be made to the Commissioners to have the Compensation awarded as no answer was ever returned to my former applications

[red tick in margin] Take out my ticket

[red tick in margin] Olivers Note £30.6.11 must be sued if not paid

Send for Maria and give her 2 dollars for me

[red tick in margin] Give Miss Cole's Servants - Mary Ann, Louisa & Fuller 13/4 each Edward 6/8 and any of the others that have assisted in putting my things in order for Sale

[red tick in margin] My Will is in the Tin Box left with you, it may be sent to me with the little Tin Sandwich Box & its contents if a good private opportunity offers as well as the Amethyst Necklace &c

[red tick in margin] When everything is disposed of and the house delivered up Give Haughton £50 for me.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr. Esqr. Philadelphia

Washington Hotel⁶¹¹

New York 7th August 1837

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of duplicate of your letter of the 8th Ult. & originals of 4th & 5th Instant accompanied by my Account Current shewing a Balance in my favor of \$17,133.59 Cts. Not finding myself so well as I was led to expect I should be from the change I am anxious to proceed at once to England before it gets cold at sea and am endeavouring so to arrange my affairs as to leave this on the 10th Instant, I shall therefore be obliged by your forwarding to me immediately, the several original Certificates of the Investments you have made for me. I wish the N.O. Gas Bank had been fully paid as it will delay my obtaining the Certificates and some discount might probably have been allowed for prompt payment, Is there any thing remaining unpaid on the Vicksburgh instalments? Be kind enough to inform me of the nature of the Security deposited with you for the \$2,050 loaned, the precarious state of my health makes me desirous of having all my

funds invested without delay and on the most eligible Securities - Will you send me a paper containing a list of the prices of all your Stocks & the last Dividend payed on them? I also wish a weekly paper containing such information to be forwarded to me to England if you can recommend one & send me a specimen by return of Post; and let me know at same time if there is any Ship about to sail for London or Bristol & on what day - the expence of passage &c & the probability of there having many passengers

I beg to apologize for giving you so much trouble & am Dear Sir &c

P.S. The Newspaper when sent to England must be put up in a small wrapper open at both ends & addressed to me to the care of Messrs. Hawthorn & Sheddens Merchants London

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[HHJ's handwriting]

R Lenox & Son

N York 10 Augt 1837

Dr Sirs

Being desirous of getting to England before the cold weather commences I beg leave to inform you that I embark this morning in the Toronto⁶¹² for London & shall be happy to take charge of any letters &c which you may wish to forward

I hope it will be convenient to you to receive the dividends on my Ohio Stock as theretofore but will not press it if you still wish to decline it

I shall be obliged by your forwarding any letters that may be addressed to you for me to our friends Hawthorn & Sheddens of London

With respect I am

yrs faithfully

PS If you have any letters please to send them to me at Messrs Howland & Aspinwalls Counting House

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D Lewis Jr Esq Philadelphia

N YK 10 Aug 1837

Dr Sir

Enclosed I now beg leave to forward the Certfcte No 167 for 84 Shares in the Pittsburgh Bank to be transferred to me as well as the other Stocks now standing in your name and I shall be obliged by your forwarding to me the original Certificates by an early opportunity retaining notarial Copies here until the receipt of the originals shall be acknowledged

I also enclose the 4 powers of Atty executed to enable you to receive the Divds on my investments in the Kentucky N O Gas Bank Pittsburgh & Louisville Banks

The funds now remaining in your hands you will be kind enough to invest in the Philadelphia Bank as well as the 2650\$ out on Loan when repaid the original Certfctes to be sent to me first taking notarial copies

I am very anxious that the instalments remaining unpaid on my investments should be at once settled in case of accidents

I embark this morning in the Toronto for London & shall be glad to hear from you occasionally addressing your letter to the care of Hawthorn & Sheddens of London

I am

[Father and son in London]

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall, New York

London 16th Sept. 1837

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st Ult. and P.S. of 24th accompanied by my several Original Certificates which are perfectly correct the Notarial Copies may now be forwarded to London as the postage from Liverpool was very heavy, the Sale of the Specie is correct, I perceive that in the rough statement I had originally put down only 3 sixteenths of Doubloons but had afterwards altered to 4 and I have nothing further to guide me, it is not of any consequence

I am glad that you have paid Dr Berger⁶¹³ a fee to which I consider him as much entitled as if he had prescribed for me, and would at all times more readily pay for their advice than for their physic - I am very desirous of obtaining the most particular account & description of the Sulphur Springs of Virginia⁶¹⁴ and will thank you to send me any book that may be published on the subject and if they have been analyzed I should wish to have the particulars as those Springs do not appear to be at all known here or in Jamaica

Some of our passengers who had been to Canada had purchased a variety of the Birds of that Country stuffed for 5 & 6 dollars p dozen if you can procure me two sets of about 18 or 24 each I shall be obliged by your having them packed carefully and placed under the care of the Captain of a London Packet, if obtained in time Captn Griswold⁶¹⁵ would I have no doubt take charge of them, they should be numbered and lists made to correspond with the name of each

Our passage was long and anything but calm, strong and foul winds with a heavy rolling sea the greater part of the way, but I did not suffer from it on the contrary my general health improved considerably, it was & is very cold which obliges me to have a fire already

As it is uncertain what funds may be remitted to me from Jamaica I must request that you will transmit the different dividends you may receive on my account as they are paid It will be satisfactory to receive a list of your Stocks & prices occasionally with the last Dividend paid on each

I beg to offer my best regards to Mr Aspinwall & Mr E Howland and remain with respect &c

P.S. Would it not be possible to remit the Dividends by means of an advance on produce to be consigned to my friends Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden the Net proceeds to be accounted for at a reduced rate of premium in lieu of Interest on the advance, or some such method & what would be the rate of Commission chargeable on such a transaction?

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr - Philadelphia

London 26th Sept. 1837

Dear Sir

I was somewhat disappointed in not hearing from you by any of the late arrivals from the States, or receiving the Newspapers I had requested you to forward - Our passage was tedious 29 days and rather boisterous but I regained my health considerably and am much stronger than when I had the pleasure of seeing you in New York

As it is my intention to remain in England for a time, I shall be obliged by your remitting to me by Bills on London such dividends as you may receive on my account, addressing your letters to the care of Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of this City

I am anxious to obtain the fullest information respecting the Sulphur Springs of Virginia and shall be obliged by your sending me any book that may be published on that subject and if they have been analyzed I should wish to have the particulars

Hoping to hear from you by the Packets of the 1st Instant

I remain &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

John G Vidal Esqr Spanish Town, Jamaica 24 South Molton Street 4th October 1837

My dear Vidal

As usual what we have long intended to do is generally put off from day to day until the last arrives and just so it had been with the enclosed Bills which are just completed and will I hope reach you in time, I wish Anderson had been in Town before I quitted as it would have enabled me to lodge my Report of Appropriation in "Williamson vs Stamp" - I am very anxious to hear from some of you in Jamaica but the American Packet which I imagine would bring on the letters addressed to me there has not yet arrived altho' over due many days - I began to be fearful of the safe arrival of the J.W. Cater in Jamaica as she was to sail for N York about the 10 August and must have encountered the hurricane. I have nothing more to communicate respecting business at present

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

South Molton Street 4th October 1837

My dear Sir

If my feverish symptoms do not return again to-day I propose quitting Town tomorrow for the Hotwells and have sent my Son to put directions &c on my Baggage which I shall be obliged by your shipping for me by the earliest opportunity I hardly think it will be necessary to insure them as their value cannot exceed £200

My Son will deliver to you a small parcel containing papers of consequence which I shall be obliged by your taking charge of for me

Not intending to come so soon to this country I made all my remittances to America where they have been invested and my July dividends were also invested before my arrival there, the consequence is that I have no funds at my immediate command, and must trespass upon your kindness until I receive remittances from Jamaica or America, or you can sell out part of the £1500 lately invested here to meet my drafts. It is not my intention to leave any open accounts I shall therefore be obliged by your letting me have One hundred Pounds which you may depend upon my making go as far as I can You will also be kind enough to continue the Quarterly payments to Mrs James⁶¹⁶ & my daughter

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

London 5th Octr. 1837

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 23rd August last with the three Original Certificates P the Alleghany came safe to hand on the 3rd Instant and I am much obliged to you for them the Notarial Copies may now be forwarded by a London Packet from New York.

I expressed a wish for a weekly Newspaper from your City or State containing prices of the Stocks dividends &c which I am desirous should be forwarded by the London Packets regularly & Messrs Howland & Aspinwall will I am sure render you any assistance in transmitting the same, the papers must be open at both ends, if more than one paper of that description is published you can send one of each at different periods and I will then inform you which is to be continued

You will oblige me by stating when the further instalments on the Vicksburg & New Orleans Gas Bank are likely to be called for and sending me the Certificates when the same are paid up

It will be satisfactory to learn that you have completed my investments in the Philadelphia Bank and you will be kind enough to remit my half years dividends in future to London as you may receive them as I find occasion for all the funds I can collect

I am &c

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[HJJ's handwriting]

P H James Esq

6 Chapel Row⁶¹⁷ Hotwells 9 Octr 1837

My Dr Sir

Your favor of the 16 June last addressed to me in Jamaica I recd last Thursday the evening previous to my leaving London, and am sorry that Mrs Weekes should have experienced any disappointment in my not having been able to obtain for her the Compensation for the negroes in Receivership on Rose Hall and Palmyra Estates as I always understood that her Solicitors here were endeavouring to obtain it for her, Jamaica is in my opinion the proper place for making the application but some previous steps may be necessary to be adopted which must be determined by Counsel it no doubt will be opposed on the part of Messrs Mountagues representatives, Mr Heath in a letter which I recd just previous to my quitting Jamaica proposed that the Costs of all parties in Palmer vs Mountague should be paid out of the Compensation but I replied that I should oppose any such application, indeed I think the Costs exceed the amount of the Compensation as the Arrears of Mrs W's Annties do not bear Int I see no use in delaying the institution of some Proceedings for its appropriation and it may be as well to give the party her notice of the same when determined upon as Mr Heath will not move without instructions from his Constituents

On the 8 July last I transmitted to Mrs Weekes W Heaths 2 Sets of Exchge on Messrs C E & W C Bernard in her favor for £650 Sg at 18 P ct Premn & £193.19.9 Sg at 20 P ct premn equal to £1400 Cy being one moiety of this years Annuities and Mr Vidal with whom I left a Power of Substitution to act for all the Parties I had represented informs me that he has remitted to her W Miller Junrs Bill on Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden for the other moiety which came to hand by post addressed to me the day after I sailed from Jamaica, this appears to be all Messrs Mountagues representatives will allow to be annually paid at present, Why not ascertain from them what is the nature & extent of the prior claim of which they seek payment and endeavour to get it disposed of out of the way that the surplus [c.o. proceeds] funds in the hands of the Consignees may be applied in reduction of Mrs Weekes's arrears? The Receivers not having sent up their a/cs for last year previous to my coming away I am not aware what sums remained in the hands of the Consignees on 30 Apl last but the previous years balances were not very large, An Application might be made for the Recrs to draw for the same & pay the amount into the hands of the Recvr Genl of Jama to the credit of the Cause there to await the future Orders of Court, in the meantime it would bear Int @ 5 PC & the Compensation might also be so disposed of - As soon as my Papers arrive I will make out my a/cs & transmit it to Mrs Weekes who will no doubt direct Messrs H & S to give me credit for such balance as may be due to me

Health & Passage

Any information that I can give you previous to your embarkation shall be immediately forwarded or Mr Vidal & my nephew Haughton James will be able to furnish such as you may wish to obtain in Jama. I beg to offer my best regards to Mrs Weekes & your family & am &c

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Robt Hawthorn Esq London

Hotwells 10 Octr 1837

My Dear Sir

One of the letters returned to me from Jama was from our friend Mr Philip James & as I do not know where he may be I beg to trouble you to direct forward the enclosed answer

I was anxious when in London to request your assistance in obtaining a situation for my Son Rhodes but put it off from time to time & at last omitted it altogether, he has always given a preference to the Mercantile line, writes a plain good hand & has some knowledge of a/cs, a merchants Counting House or a wholesale establishment where he might gain an insight into the mode of transacting business would I think suit him and I shall be extremely obliged should you hear of a vacancy in either by your informing me of the same as it is time that he should set himself down to work steadily - Journey &c

I shall be obliged if you will direct one of your young men to make inquiry at the Bull & Mouth St Martin's le Grand⁶¹⁸ into what I consider a grievous imposition - When we took our Seats in the Coach our baggage was secured on the top & on our arrival at Marlbro the man who had driven us from Newbury asked us for the fare which we paid £3.12 for 2 inside & 2 outside places not a word being [illegible] or previously said about any further charge for our luggage, but on our alighting at Bristol it was detained in the Coach Office until weighed & 16/ paid for what was termed overweight no charge was made to my Mother⁶¹⁹ who carried the same quantity by the Old Company Coach to London & I had 3 portmanteaus for myself & Servant for which no extra sum was asked on our arrival at Newbury, I must confess that there was a tolerable quantity which by their statement weighed 420lbs but there were 4 of us & no notice was given that more would be required of us than the fare for our places, if they persist in their right to retain the 16/ we shall in future take care & secure seats in some other Conveyance than the Regulator⁶²⁰

I beg to apologize for giving you so much trouble & am with sincere regard & my Dr Sr

Yrs faithfully

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Haughton James

11 Octr 1837

Letter of 10 Augt recd on 5 Inst

If wine in pipes⁶²¹ not removed I think it would be as well to have it bottled in porter bottles, the Corks should be first dipped in brandy, the bottles well filled and then securely refined down taking care that there are no air holes or bubbles - box of Childrens Clothes arrived - division of Causes immaterial - Horse sluggish - Scarlett vs Willis I hope the Order for Consignments may be successfully opposed - All articles retained for me may be put in a tin box & sent here next year - Bowerbank never acknowledged the receipt of the Bill, Ask him the name of that very fine Oil & let me know

Conversation with your Father in London respecting Funds which he will arrange, Surprised that you should have drawn Bill for £50 Sg & never acquainted me - never told your father that Vidal gave you more than £200 p an: Salary - P.H. James to Jamaica - Hawthorn may recommend you to succeed Vidal who had preferred Mountague to Mrs Weekes - Hylton once employed Bill paid nothing since done, WRJ Counterclaims sent to him

R Allwood out of Town - Tell Gayleard that I directed Taylor & Grifnon to send him some Winter Pears properly packed p Thames Captn Barclay

PS. ask Turner to send me a statement of my Care & of the Medicines he has tried

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To J G Vidal

Hotwells 12 Octr. 1837

Letter of 5 Augt others forwarded to N York delivered Thursday last evening previous to my leaving London Orders in Roberts vs Cowell [*red tick above*] & Livingston vs Bainbridge [*red tick*]

above] recd same day by Hawthorn p Ida Captn Tilley box of Childrens Clothes p Princess Charlotte for Eliza arrived - leave as MCC⁶²² obtained that references may be got back on return only Rcership & 2 Appn Causes in office - latter only wanted - Gray vs Hinde [*red tick above*] & Miles vs Zinke (2/ have these Reports been made up & lodged? - [*red tick above*] Olivers note put on Judgmt. J R Brown⁶²³ can prove the handwriting - Why did you not sent Miller a receipt for his Bill as Atty to Mrs Weekes under my Power of Substitution? he will require a Voucher for the payment when he lays his A/cs before the MCC if you do not like to send your own receipt send one of the 2/6 Stps with my signature properly filled up & dated 11 or 12 July the day I left Jama. P H James goes out p Simon Taylor Negroes to Turner when sick must look after Wages - Edwards receipt my Same from Bob or Land - Election Crabb taken the name of Boucher I wish that I had signed the letter you sent to Salmon. You were to have sent [*red tick above*] me a copy of Crabb's letter & of what you wrote in answer.

Scarlett vs Willis An Order is I understand about to be applied for to Ship the produce to some person approved of by the Court here in the Cause of Simpson vs Willis⁶²⁴, they have already divided the Compensation among themselves & will no doubt do the same with the proceeds of the [*c.o. Crops*] Shipments & leave my Bills as well as Aikmans unpaid, you had better see him on the subject & urge Heming for a payment

Ask Scott if Cockburn has paid him the amount of my Bills in "The Cornwell vs Willis &c &c if not touch him up as [*red tick above*] he is very tardy Did you apply for an Order for payment of my Bills in Willis vs Molony out of the Compensation?

[*red tick above*] I am anxious to hear the fate of my applications in Laurence vs Reid &c &c

Tell James Allwood that I never got a copy of Pantons agreement to rent Mrs Allens house - Has Panton paid the balance of the Protested Bill?

King & Stevenson called in London, former gone to look after a place in Devonshire

Cold & Cough in London with fever - very unwell reduced by medicines - R Allwood gone to Southampton

PS I hope you got my Bills in Roberts vs Cowell & Williamson vs Stamp safe
&c

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Robert Hawthorn Esq

Hotwells 25th Octr. 1837

My Dr Sir

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 21st Instant and am extremely sorry to learn that there is no prospect of my Sons obtaining a situation in the line I had wished, it is I think better that he should in the first instance act as Clerk and I should have preferred London to this city as most of the papers which have come under my inspection appear to have been prepared with more care in the former than in the latter city

Understanding that letters & papers have been recd from Jamaica of as late date as the 10 or 12 Septr and not having heard from any of my friends I am fearful that the vessel by which I wrote to New York may X not have arrived X have met with some accident in the hurricane &c - in which case I should wish to send out duplicates by the next packet - Will you be kind enough to ascertain whether the J W Cater or John White Cater Captn Crane had arrived or whether any tidings had been recd of her, she was to have left N York about the 10 August

I am obliged to you for forwarding my baggage the 4 packages by the Waggon came to hand on Monday

It is satisfactory to learn that the Compensation in Roberts vs Cowell has been at length paid, but you misunderstood me in respect to the postages as I have charged in my Bill 42/ Sg for postages paid by you which you will of course debit me with, as I was not certain to whom the Order of Court might be sent after my departure

I should certainly wish something to be done in "Livingston vs Bainbridge" otherwise I fear I shall lose my demand and I will thank you to obtain for me all in the information in your power, it might be as well probably to enter a Caveat against the Compensation being paid without notice to me My Brother will I am sure consider himself much indebted to you for your friendly recommendation of his Son to Mr Philip James and I beg you to accept my best thanks for your kind consideration

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Robt Hawthorn Esq
My Dr Sir

Hotwells 27th Octr 1837

I am extremely glad to learn that the J W Cater had arrived safe at Jama as I understood several passengers had engaged to go in her

In Livingston vs Bainbridge I shall be obliged by your adopting any step you may think proper or may be advised

My health since I came here has I think improved at all events I have not felt worse I have been looking out for a house higher up where the air is more pure than in this low situation but have not yet succeeded in finding one to suit me I am therefore undetermined whether to pass the winter here or in Devonshire near my family

PS. As my Son will be coming up from Tattingstone⁶²⁵ next week I have requested my Brother to give him a letter to you to advance him such money as he may require to defray his travelling expences in preference to sending it from hence

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6 C R Hotwells 31 Octr 1837

My dear Vidal

not heard from any person packet of 11 Septer arrived - J W Cater ret'd Jama letters not delivered trick your tolls or Jews

Roberts vs Cowell the Compensation has been paid which will enable the new MCC to close this matter, take care of my Bills and let Davies & Finlayson⁶²⁶ be paid their Bills of Costs charged in my Report of the Recers final A/cs before that Report is lodged - Livingston vs Bainbridge not paid the Compensation being paid over to the credit of a Cause in this Country - This is really shameful see Land & Dewdney⁶²⁷ & try what can be done or I shall lose my Bills and I should not be surprised to find that the same has been done in Marshall vs Ogilvie & Laurence vs Reid

Enclosed I send you 2 Bills in Moxsy⁶²⁸ vs Gordon & Pennock vs Colthirst⁶²⁹ the former must be paid by your Clients the Bill need not be taxed unless they wish it, if not the charge must be struck out, the other must be paid out of the monies arising from the Sale if completed or by an order on the Compensation G Atkinson⁶³⁰ is Recer & has sold the Property Norwich to R Swire⁶³¹ but no Report of Sale has been lodged ask Dallas or Anderson about it - Should anything be done in McPherson vs Hamilton I have a Bill there for advertising Copy in Bogles A/cs &c

What does Guy propose doing in respect to his long standing debt If he does not come forward I shall put his Notes in Suit for February Any monies that you may receive on my a/c may if Premium is low be remitted to Howlands of New York with directions to invest them in my name or as I may advise

Annexed I trouble you with Mrs Littles Certificate Garrigues Son⁶³² in Davies office is Clerk to the Trustees, send it to him & he will return you an order on the Recer Genrl for her half years Annuity - Mr Blair generally gave me a Bill on Payne & Son of Bristol at 30 ds at the current premm for the amount and as she is a poor widow I never charged her any Commission enclose the Bill to her in Park Row

Tolerably well Devon Children Rain &c &c

PS. Hyslop should pay the balce he owes - I think you should retain the Papers in those Causes where there is money owing to me
Wrote A R Scott⁶³³.

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Robert Hawthorn Esqre
My Dr Sir

Hotwells 6 Novr 1837

I duly recd your favor of the 31 Ulto but the weather has been such down here as to prevent my making inquiry for the deficient package by the Canal boats until Saturday when I received it

I regret very much that Messrs Freshfields should have given me cause to object to their being employed on my behalf, as I certainly do not think their conduct towards me was such as I had reason to expect it would have been

As I am in expectation of receiving further Orders of the Court of Chancery for payment of my Bills out of the Compensation Funds which I fear may have been transferred to the credit of Suits here, I should wish to ascertain what is the proper course to be pursued in such cases and shall be obliged by your getting Mr Hill to attend to Livingston vs Bainbridge for me as well as by your speaking to Mr Rennalls⁶³⁴ upon the subject as under the Act of Parliament we certainly considered our Claims were secured to us

I called Lord Sligo's attention to this point just previous to his quitting Jamaica and he said that he would attend to it on his arrival in this Country which probably has been prevented by his sickness

I have to thank you for forwarding 3 pkt Letters which came to hand by post yesterday morning and also for your friendly hints to avoid catching cold. My mother unites with me in kind regards to yourself & family

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqre London
My dear Sir

Dawlish Devon 14th Novr 1837

I came down here last week for the purpose of seeing my children & finding the air mild & agreeable and wishing to avail myself of Mr Goss's medical experience I have taken a house for a month on trial & if it suits me and my health improves I shall remain here for the Winter months and will thank you to address my letters accordingly

I am desirous of taking a weekly or semi-weekly paper and shall be obliged by your sending me the Atlas of last week, and any semi-weekly paper of a similar description that I may make choice of one

My health I am happy to add has not suffered from travelling or the change - I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqre
My dear Sir

Dawlish 24th Novr. 1837

I am much obliged to you for speaking to Mr Hill respecting my Chancery Order as by next Packet I expect some others, which had probably better be forwarded as a parcel by the Coach as well as any large letter from America; the small box sent to you I imagine contains papers from Jamaica which you will be kind enough to forward to me here

I thank you for the "Atlas" & "Patriot" Newspapers the latter is a Dissenting paper & contains a full account of the meeting of our Enemies at Exeter Hall⁶³⁵ lately, the former does not contain the

Ship news, the best plan will be to direct the person who transmits them to send me a different paper every Saturday until I determine which I should prefer for a continuance

I am glad to learn that your family continue in the enjoyment of a good state of health, Rhodes unites with me in kind regards

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

J G Vidal Esqre. Spanish Town, Jamaica

Dawlish Devon 30th Novr. 1837

My dear Vidal

I have to thank you for your letters of the 27th Sept & 12th Octr last as also for the box forwarded by Finlayson which I have received safe with its contents. When I made up my mind to dispose of my Furniture &c I knew that I must submit to a great loss - I never made any calculation of the amount because it would only lead to regret & disappointment but the sum total is more than I had expected to have got I hope soon to receive the particulars

You will find Mr Heming but an indifferent correspondent & I fear a bad paymaster Shilleto is timid of drawing & tardy in payment I am glad to learn that Orders have been obtained for payment of my Bills out of the Compensation but fear that I shall still have some trouble in obtaining the amount as I have no doubt that in most cases I shall find that it has been transferred to the Credit of some Suit here whatever your Costs may be they shall be paid as you direct but do not be in a hurry to settle with the Solicitors for the other parties as you may have to wait some time for the money - Swaby vs Swaby - Have you lodged the Report & got my Bill taxed, and when does Mr Berry propose paying it? Storer vs Storer - Did Mr Grant⁶³⁶ make an application for payment of J. S. Williams's Receivership balance out of the Compensation, if not you may tell Mr Grant that I cannot grant him any further time or indulgence - Jones vs Albert. Hyslop should pay the balance of my Bill - Mr Lachlan. W. Williams should also pay Willis vs Molony - Was any application made for payment of my Bills out of the Compensation?

&c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Haughton James Esqr. Spanish Town Jamaica

Dawlish Devon 30th Novr 1837

My Dear Haughton

I received your letter of the 27th Sept when with my Mother in Bristol and am glad to learn that all my furniture &c had been disposed of altho the loss had been great still the amount upon the whole is more than I had looked for - Such articles as may remain on hand you must try & dispose of privately or let Fonseca⁶³⁷ sell them during the sitting of the Court, I thank you for the trouble you have taken & hope Vidal has given you the £50 I directed him, he wrote me that you were about to bottle off my 2 pipes of Madeira, the 4 bottles of sherry were for Scott, Cockburn drank his share before - What became of the little round looking Glass in a black frame, I had intended to have brought it with me? and there was a lamp belonging to the Silver a la Blaize dish, if sold try & get it back as it fits into the Stand which I have here - I hope the little Mahoe⁶³⁸ table that was in the Drawing room has not been sold or the Tea Caddy, there were some plated brackets for holding shades in the large dining room & in the piazza and the large Venetian Blind at the end of the large room belonging to me. Did you take them down and dispose of them? I have written once or twice about the Newspapers being sent to me from the time I quitted Jamaica but I have not yet received one - Why have they not been sent? let the former be forwarded and let them be continued regularly for the future, It is rather strange that I have never received a line from Scott Since I saw him in

Kingston on the day of my departure has he sold my horses & Chaise?
&c &c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Extract from a letter to James Cockburn Esqre, Kingston, Jamaica written from Dawlish Devon
30th Novr. 1837

"When in London I asked Hawthorn about Mr Ogilvy, and he said your only chance of obtaining payment of your balance was through his Sureties, as he did not believe that he had any property himself, but had given it all up to them in payment of their advances - What does the Solicitor for Greenwich say?"

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Mrs R. A. Weekes, Sidmouth Devon

Dawlish Devon 1st Decr. 1837

My dear Madam

I was compelled to leave Jamaica last July for the purpose of trying what effect a change of climate might produce towards the restoration of my health, but fear as far as I am able to judge at present that I have delayed coming too long, this part of England being considered mild and my daughter being married and settled here has induced me to come here for the Winter

Shortly after my arrival in this country I received a letter from Mr Philip James which he had addressed to me in Jamaica, and to which I replied previous to his sailing for that Island the particulars of which he has in all probability communicated to you

Annexed I beg leave to trouble you with my Account showing a balance of £140.15 Cy in my favor equal at 19 p cent Premium to Sterling £84.9.8 which I shall feel much obliged by your directing Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden to carry to my credit with them.

I beg to offer my sincere thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me in the superintendence of your affairs in Jamaica and to assure you that I shall at all times have much pleasure in affording you any information or assistance in my power

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Thomas F. Hill Esqr

Dawlish Devon 1st Decr. 1837

My dear Sir

I was yesterday evening favored with your letter of the 29th Ulto and sincerely thank you for your friendly congratulations on my return to England after so long a spell in Jamaica. I feel the cold already very much and expect this Winter will be a severe trial to my broken constitution

It certainly will be a hard case if I should lose my Bills in Livingston vs Bainbridge of which there appears to be every probability, of the particulars and merits of the Cause I am totally ignorant having only been appointed the Officer of the Court to take the Receivers Accounts with Clonmell Pen in St. Mary which I did and it is in passing these Accounts that my Bills accrue - Mr. Jasper Hall Livingston⁶³⁹ who filed the Bill as Committee of his Brother a Lunatic, is dead - but I am not aware that the Suit has become thereby abated, who the other parties are or whether any of them are dead I do not know, but the Solicitors in the Cause were all served, and you will probably see by the Order of Court whether Counsel appeared at the hearing for any and which party as the Motion was listed for argument, I submit that the Compensation as a fund in the hands and under the

control of the Court which has the power of appropriating the same and it is surely bound to protect its officers and pay them for the services performed by them in obedience to its Order and which were for the benefit of all parties interested, if the Suit had abated why did Williams & Land state that circumstance to the Court when the Motion was called on? I have no wish to be made a party to an Injunction Cause in this Country and as I expect some further Orders in other Causes by the next packet I will wait to see what is their fate before I submit a case to Mr Rennals for his opinion upon my rights & remedy - If I recollect right an application was made here in some cause for payment of a Receivership balance when the Court stated that as it was not a final balance, as the same person was still acting as Receiver they could not grant it, but that had it been final they would have probably decided otherwise

I thank you for the trouble you have taken & am
&c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Dawlish [c.o. Devon] 1st Decr. 1837

Dear Sir

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 29th Septr 23rd Octr & 6th Novr last the latter covering Certificates for 41 shares in the Philadelphia Bank & 84 Shares in the Pittsburgh Bank for which I am much obliged to you and annexed send a Power of Attorney to enable you to receive the dividends on the former, you will make up the number to 50 Shares, as soon as the N.O. Gas Bank has been paid up in full you will be kind enough to send me the original Certificate keeping a Notarial copy which can be forwarded also on your learning of the safe arrival of the original. My dividends you can remit either in specie or Bills as may be considered most advantageous taking care to insure the former, the Pittsburgh Bank has I observe declared a dividend of 6 p cent for the last half year

I shall be obliged by your forwarding to me weekly the Herald Newspaper from which the list of Stocks & dividends last sent to me was taken and let then as well as your letters be sent by a London vessel addressed as undermentioned as I shall in all probability winter here

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish Devon 5th Decr. 1837

My dear Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to trouble you with a letter for Philadelphia which I shall be obliged by your sending to Messrs Phillips & Tiplady⁶⁴⁰ to be forwarded by the New York packet to sail to-morrow Mr Hill has written to me respecting my Bills on "Livingston vs Bainbridge" and it appears if I attempt to enforce the payment of my Order, I shall be made a party Defendant to a Bill for an Injunction here, I cannot think that it was ever contemplated by the Act of Parliament that all power should be taken away from the local Court and be superseded by the Court here - I must wait the arrival of the further Order I have obtained before I take any step in this matter.

Mrs James & Mrs Goss desire me to thank you for their quarterly allowance which they have received

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqre

Dawlish 14th December 1837

My dear Sir

I duly received your favor of the 8th Instant. The Order in "Livingston vs Bainbridge". I never saw & am sorry to learn that it is entirely owing to the neglect of my friends in Jamaica that I am disappointed in receiving the amount due to me what caused the delay in obtaining a Copy of the Order I never could understand, it was repeatedly applied for.

I thank you for crediting my account with £84.9.8 on account of Mrs Weekes and also for the box p Coach which I neglected to acknowledge when I last wrote. I do not know whether any newspaper was sent to me last week but I did not receive one

At your convenience you can transfer the £1,500 3½p cent Stock to my name altho I intended it to remain in your name & my Brothers as Security for any sums you might advance on my account I am sorry to learn that your young people have all been suffering from Colds and Sore throats, but hope they will soon be relieved from such troublesome complaints I trust that Mrs Hawthorn & yourself may enjoy a long continuance of good health. I had the satisfaction of seeing all my Children around me the beginning of the month they were all well then, but the appearance of my second son John is by no means favorable, he looks to me consumptive and I am under some alarm for him.

The weather here has been very fine, no snow as yet, rain occasionally & some windy days but oftener sunshine - I have been tolerably well as yet but I cannot bear the least cold

My son Rhodes unites with me in offering our kind regards to Mrs Hawthorn & your Mother

I am &c

PS. Has any power been sent out by Mr Byles's Exors to enable some person to administer on his Estate & put Duncan's 2nd Bond on Judgment as well as to lodge the writs on the first, if not it should be done?

You need not direct my letters in future to the care of Mrs Goss⁶⁴¹ as the postman knows my residence tolerably well & the place is but small

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

[c.o. Miss Cole Spanish Town].

Dawlish Devon 14th Decr. 1837

My dear Madam

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Mrs Allen, Lewisham, Kent

Dawlish Devon 16th Decr. 1837

My dear Mrs Allen

I wrote to you just previous to my embarkation from Jamaica enclosing a Bill of Exchange in payment of the balance due from me on my enclosed account with your Mother which I hope you received safe, I also enclose your account and shall be glad to learn that they are found correct & prove satisfactory - You will observe by the accompanying Estimate & Account of John Clarke that I have paid one hundred pounds of your money towards the repairs of your house leaving £342.9.7 to be paid by Mr Panton to whom I have let it at £180 Cy P annum & he is to repay himself this sum out of the rent. Mr Finlayson⁶⁴² died & I found that I could not get another Tenant unless the house was repaired and not having sufficient funds in hand I thought this the best plan that could be adopted as it would have been a pity to let the house remain empty and it would still require the same repairs at a future day - Mr Vidal I requested to superintend it on my departure, he has received the last quarter's rent due by Mr Finlayson and is to settle the Mason's account out of it

which will nearly swallow it all up £8.17.2 Cy appears to be due from me by the Account but I left with Mr Vidal two small accounts for Taxes of this year and as soon as I ascertain the amount he has paid I shall be prepared to pay you the difference On enquiring of Mr Windey when in Bristol I was glad to learn that the box of Preserves has been forwarded to you

&c &c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr London

Dawlish 21st Decr. 1837

My dear Sir

I am desirous of giving watches to my two younger Sons and wishing to avail myself of the services of a friend who is about to embark for Jamaica in the selection of them - I have drawn an order on your firm, at sight in favor of Mr William Manning⁶⁴³ for Thirty pounds which please to honor

Our packet being over due some days I have been anxiously looking for letters but suppose the late winds have delayed her, it has blown pretty strong down here with a good deal of rain but today it is as fine & mild as Spring the sun shining beautifully -

I hope all your family are again restored to health and may enjoy the festivities of the approaching season - I wish you all many happy returns of the same

I am &c

PS. By some mistake at the Docks the Custom House Officers put in one of my Tin Boxes a case containing two very valuable Birds which they I fancy must have taken out of that Stray Trunk belonging to Mr Lowendahl & were only discovered on unpacking since we came here, I am anxious to restore them but cannot learn who were his Agents in London, unless you will be kind enough to try to obtain their names from the Broker who cleared his baggage, the Chocolate was his also -

22nd - Your favor of the 20th I received yesterday evening but the parcel has not yet come to hand there not being any regular Mail or Coach from London to this place

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr Gower Street

Dawlish 23rd December 1837

My dear Sir

The parcel containing letters from Jamaica came to hand yesterday evening and herewith I beg leave to trouble you with 4 Orders of Court for payment out of the Compensation of my Bills in the Causes of Lambie vs Orr £361.12.8½, & Solrs Bills £39.18.4 & £20.15.0 Cy. - Roper vs Roper⁶⁴⁴ my Bills £655.14.2 & Solrs £41.0.10 Lawrence vs Reid my Bills £1032.3.10½ & Solrs Bills £38.7.1 & £25.10.5, and Marshal vs Ogilvie my Bills £695.2.3 & Solrs Bills £42.11.3 & £25.6.8 which you can apply for when the Office is open Mr Vidal is to settle the Solicitors Bills and wishes the amount to be handed over to Messrs Mitchells on his account

I shall be glad to learn that Mr P. James's health had improved by the voyage, I was not aware until informed by Mrs Weekes that he was in a bad state of health

The person who transmits the Newspapers is clearly wrong in his statement as the "Observer" was sent to me on the 26th Novr & none on the 11th as inquiry was made for it at the Post Office, if sent on Saturday I receive it two days sooner than when sent on Monday & I fancy the latter is only a copy of the former publication without any additional news

I have to request that you will thank Mr Stephenson for his friendly remembrance & offer my kind regards to him and Mrs S.

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Accept my thanks for your good wishes & kind advice
I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esq

Dawlish 29th Decr 1837

My dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 27th Instant and am glad to learn that my papers got safe to hand, I regret the delay in the payment of them as it gives so much time to the parties to adopt measures to [c.o. obtain] prevent my obtaining the amount of my Bills, Can you ascertain whether the Monies in either of those four Causes have been transferred to any suit instituted in this Country?

I have no doubt of Messrs Mitchell's having a power from Mr Vidal if that will enable them to receive the Costs of Messrs V & Allwood, Mr Morrice is I believe the Agent of Mr E.C. Smith Mr Tonge's partner but I do not know whether he has any power from him, I should have thought that a receipt from the person in this Country to whom those Costs were paid annexed to the receipts of the parties themselves a sufficient discharge to the Accountant General, but he appears to be very particular -

I am glad to learn that your family are improving in health

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Miss Sarah Cole Spanish Town

Dawlish Devon 29th Decr 1837

My dear Madam

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd Ulto, with the Sales of my plate Furniture &c annexed, the prices of many articles were exceedingly low, but upon the whole they have brought a larger sum than I had contemplated in my own mind, being led to expect a very serious loss from my knowledge & experience in similar matters, I am perfectly satisfied that you did all in your power to have them well sold & I beg you to accept my best thanks for the trouble you took on the occasion -

In a letter which I wrote to Mr Vidal by a former Packet I requested that any monies received on my account might be remitted to America to be invested in my name & you can hand over the proceeds of my Sale to him either in money or a Bill drawn on your dividends for that purpose, or remit it yourself to Messrs Howland & Aspinwall on my account if not giving you too much additional trouble.

&c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

John G Vidal Esqr Spa Town

Dawlish Devon 29th Decr 1837

My dear Vidal

I have received your letter of the 31st October & 1st Ulto. & thank you for it as well as for the four accompanying Orders of Court for payment of my Bills which I sent to Hawthorn who informs me that nothing can be done with them until after the 20th January when the Consols⁶⁴⁵ will be open for Transfer on Sales of the Compensation Stock, he doubts whether the Accountant General will pay the Costs under the receipts sent, but that the Power of Attorney must be sent, I replied that

I thought Mitchells held one from you if that would answer but I believe he will write to you himself on the subject, it is a hard case to be obliged to wait so long, as it affords more time to parties to come in & prevent my receiving my money, you should tell the Register that it is of great consequence to obtain those Orders early, as if mine had come by Finlayson they would now have been paid, tell James Allwood that I shall look to him to pay me my Bills in "Livingston vs Bainbridge" as had the Order been sent home when obtained it would have been paid as was the case with one of the other Orders, but the other was stopped, as after the Stock was sold to pay it the Master of the Rolls directed the money & the remainder of the Stock to be transferred to the Credit of the Cause in his Court, let me know in whose favor those Orders were taken

I never could understand the reason why my Order was delayed so long Do not delay "Willis vs Molony" and any other application I may have directed to be made - If Miss Cole has not paid over the Proceeds of my Sale I have requested her to hand it over to you to be remitted to America or to remit it herself as she has dividends to draw for, it does not appear from her statement that she has paid anything for cleaning up the things for Sale, ask Haughton which of her Servants were employed and give them each something for their services. I do not know what to make of Scott he promised to write to me occasionally but not one line have I received from him since I left Jamaica. There will be no occasion for you to trouble him any more on my account but remit the money yourself. What has been done with the amount on "Miles vs Zincke" & the sum Cockburn was to have paid? Sometime early in the year I received from St Thomas's some Cinchinchulli⁶⁴⁶ a sample of which I send by Scott to Dr Bancroft⁶⁴⁷ to ascertain if it resembled the plant he got from South America & administered to me, which I am particularly desirous of knowing. if you will get Scott or Dr Turner to make the inquiry for me as early as possible as I wish to try it here Tell the latter that in future instead of sending his patients so far away to send them to Virginia in America where there are no less than 8 Sulphur Springs hot & cold of various colours - I have written to Haughton more than once to send me the Dispatch Newspaper from the day I left Jamaica 12th July last and to have them sent regularly but not one have I received ask him the reason he was to have spoken to Scott about them and let them be forwarded to me here Tell Haughton I have not received the list of the furniture plate &c he promised to send let him also send me a list of such articles as he may have reserved for me The Tea Caddy Mahoe table &c what became of the 3rd Muffineer⁶⁴⁸? 2 were given to Scott

Bills upon Philadelphia are sometimes to be procured at a lower premium than those on New York in which case you can remit my funds to David Lewis Junr of Philadelphia to be invested in my name - What does Dallas say of my Bills in Macfarlane vs Whittle?

When you are writing to Mr Salmon inquire how he has settled with Mr Crabb about the Commissions Mr Hawthorn says we are entitled to them as there was a Balance due to me on last years A/c as well as my Share

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esq London

Dawlish 13th Janry 1838

My dear Sir

I did not expect to have troubled you again so soon but the Gentleman with whom my sons have been pursuing their studies having requested my early attention to his half-yearly account I have been induced to draw an order on you at twenty days sight in favor of the Revd Arthur Grueber⁶⁴⁹ for eighty eight pounds fifteen shillings and two pence which I shall be obliged by your honouring I shall also require some money for my house expences in the course of a few days.

&c &c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 13th Janry 1838

My dear Sir

I thank you for your favor of the 11th Instant and am sorry to receive such unsatisfactory information respecting two of my Orders of Court from which it appears to me that there is as little regard to the rights and interest of the resident Colonist in this as in every other matter in which he is concerned when I ascertain the fate of the two other Orders I will beg Mr Hill to look particularly into these transactions.

I must request you to pay to Messrs Masterman & Co⁶⁵⁰ One hundred Pounds to my Credit with Messrs Langmead & Co Bankers at Teignmouth who have an Agent here

It appears that the man is tired of forwarding the Newspapers as the Examiner of 24th Decr is the last I have received and I regret that you should have had so much trouble about them

I am sorry that Mrs Hawthorn has been indisposed but most persons residing in London have an attack during the Winter, I am glad to learn that she is again convalescent, We have had little or no Snow here as yet, the frosts have been sharp but unattended with wind, and I enjoyed walking out very much when the Sun was shining but in the house I suffer much from cold.

My Son unites with me in kind regards to Mrs Hawthorn yourself & family

I am &c

PS. It is not improbable but you may ascertain by addressing a note to Captn Griswold of the "Toronto" at the North & South American Coffee House who is the Agent or Banker of Mr Ludenhalt [error for Lowendahl]

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

John G Vidal Esqr Spanish Town Jamaica

Dawlish Devon 15th Jany 1838

My dear Vidal

I have received your letter of the 25th Novr last and am sorry to inform you that Hawthorn has written me stating that the Compensation on the Claims "Lambie vs Orr" Portland No. 3 and "Marshall vs Ogilvie" St Mary No 252 has all been paid away. "Lawrence vs Reid" & "Roper vs Roper" still remain in the Accountant General's hands who will not inform him whether those Claims are the subject of any Suit here until after the 21st Instant which is very provoking, in "Lambie vs Orr" you must take a fresh Order on the present Receiver Mr Heming and press him for payment, as well as for his own Bills in "Marshall vs Ogilvie" you must watch and not allow the Receivership to be dismissed without securing the amount due to me I shall request T. F. Hill to send me the particulars of these transactions as I was not aware of there being any Suit here in respect to "Lambie vs Orr". I fear that you & Allwood must send a Power to receive your Costs if they are to be paid in the two other Suits - Wilson vs Anderson - Has not this money been paid to the Receiver General yet? Roberts vs Cowell will I presume be soon drawn for. I thank you for the list of Causes transferred, I pity Cockburn, some of the M.C.C.'s will be much disappointed as several of them are compromised, Do not let Cockburn put me off any longer, he said that the Money was ready whenever I called for it, What is Haughton about that he never writes to me now? having got all that he is likely to get from me I suppose he does not think it worth while to trouble himself any more about me - What has Coates⁶⁵¹ been doing that he is shipped off? In "Scarlett vs Willis" you have misunderstood me, the parties here have already received the Compensation and want to get the Consignments also which should not be allowed until my Bills are paid - Tell James I shall petition the House to expel him that he may devote all his time to his business, he promised at least a dozen times to let me have Panton's agreement [c.o. Mr Henslowe]

&c &c &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 20th Jany. 1838

My dear Sir

I only received your favor of the 16th Instant & am extremely obliged to you for your attention to my request in paying the sum of £100 to my credit with Messrs Langmead & Co of Teignmouth, which I have since received from their agent here -

My Nephew is greatly indebted to you for procuring him the Power of Attorney from the Exors of our late friend Mr Byles altho' there is not much to be done under it, the amount due is I believe marked on the back of the Bond, One has been put on Judgment but this did not reach Jamaica until after I had quitted it, & Mr B. having died before the October Court it could not then be proceeded with, in consequence of which he has lost his priority on it, there is nothing else to be done for his Estate.

Mr Goss being desirous of procuring some Medicine for me from London has written to Messrs Hudson & Co. 27 Haymarket, to send you 5 bottles of "Compound Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla" at 24/- each for payment of which they are to call upon you & I shall be obliged by your paying for the same, after deducting the usual allowance made to the Profession, and forwarding it P Coach, I had intended that they should forward it but Mr Goss did not understand what I wished and I am sorry that this trouble has been imposed upon you.

The frost still continues with an Easterly Wind, it has been bitter cold and has confined me to the house, my Sons do not mind it much, I fear I omitted to inform you of my daughter having presented her husband with a New Years Gift in the shape of a bouncing boy⁶⁵² they are both doing well, & I am glad to learn that all your family are improving in health.

My Son Rhodes unites with me in kind regards & I am

&c &c

PS. I thank you for the particulars of the Newspapers

If the Sarsaparilla is not packed you had better sent them to Mr Wix Leadenhall Street⁶⁵³ and let him put them up with 2 half pound Bottles of Mustard & 2 half pints of Essence of Anchovies & forward them.

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish Devon 31st Jany 1838

My dear Sir

The box of Sarsaparilla was received safely by Mr Goss, the bill of parcels is correct and I thank you for paying it, the other articles need not now be sent -

They appear to be very unaccommodating at the Accountant General's Office and I much fear have given you a great deal of trouble in my Orders of Court but you are at liberty at any time to employ Mr Hill in my matters, I must get him to look into "Marshall vs Wedderburn",⁶⁵⁴ No. 252 St Mary

No. 3 Portland, I wish to ascertain whether this was transferred to Garrigues & Bond⁶⁵⁵ by Order of our Court which I suspect to be the case, & if so, the delay in sending my Order has enabled them to carry off all the compensation before I could put in my claim.

All the Sums mentioned in my Orders are Currency & I do not think that the Accountant General would be justified in paying any amount in Sterling unless it was so expressed, if he pays in Sterling I presume nothing is deducted for Premium, & if he considers himself bound by the words of the Order, under what authority does he deduct premium at any time as I do not recollect to have seen it mentioned in any Order that has come to my hands? A Certificate of the current premium is

I believe sent by the Commissary General on the sailing of every packet to the Assistant Commissioners in Jamaica and I presume is forwarded by them to the Office here, Mr Vidal only got 22½ for his Bills at 30 days in "Roberts vs Cowell" there are so many doubts raised as to the payment of these monies that I shall be really glad to learn that they have been settled without further demur on the part of Mr Accountant General

I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in procuring the name of Mr Ludendahl's [Lowendahl] Agent and shall forward a parcel for him shortly

Have you received any letter from Mr Philip James? how was he after his voyage? Mrs Duncan had arrived.

I hope all your family are well & none of them the worse for the late severe weather, I almost roasted myself before the fire & almost wished that I could have been transferred back to Jamaica

I am &c

PS I did not receive any newspaper last week but have got 2 this the Age & Dispatch. If the Compensation in Lambie vs Orr has been paid to Garrigues & Bond under an Order from the Jamaican Court, there must have been some incorrectness in the wording of it or the Court has allowed 2 Orders to be taken for the same without reference to the deduction which should have been made for my Bills. You had better therefore let Mr Hill procure a Copy of Garrigues & Bond's Order or take an Extract from it

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

J G Vidal Esqr

Dawlish Devon 31st Jany 1838

My dear Vidal

I have received your favor of the 8th December last, Hawthorn appears to have had much trouble in obtaining information from the Accountant General's Office as it was only on Saturday last that he learnt that the Compensation in "Marshall vs Ogilvie" had been transferred 22 April 1836 to the Credit of a Suit here entitled "Marshall vs Wedderburn", so you must see what you can do in Jamaica to obtain the amount of my Bills

Lambie vs Orr transferred on 30th Novr 1837 to H.L. Garrigues & E. Bond. This I presume to have been done under an Order of your Court obtained about the same time as mine and had mine been transmitted earlier, I might have got paid or at all events something if not all, it strikes me that those Gentlemen got the Compensation as Exors of Lambie on account of his Receivership balance but surely that should not be paid before my Bill for reporting that balance and he did not account up to the time of his death, but the Sum was agreed upon out of Court, Stir up these chaps threaten them & if necessary proceed against them and make them disgorge.

One of the Orders will be paid but which I cannot make out the other does not state whether the amount is Stg or Curry. & the Accountant General considers himself bound to recognize only the former unless otherwise directed all the receipts for Costs have been handed over to Mitchells that they may endeavour to obtain the amount as your Attys, the Accountant General complains much of the absence of precision on the part of the legal gentlemen in Jamaica - rub up the Reg. Cur. Canc: Gargill⁶⁵⁶ & remember me to him.

Roberts vs Cowell. The new M.C.C. is a slow hand and will have some difficulty in making the Appropriation, but if my Bills are paid I care not Scott appears to have so much on hand that I beg you will not give him any more trouble on my account, I have not yet received a line from him Do you remit my monies yourself. I am glad Robertson has paid my Bills - Bainbridge vs Livingston. Stir up Land & Dewdney. Let Guy be sued he has not behaved well to me. I thank you for your attention to Mrs Little and the remittance of her Annuity, I omitted to tell you not to send a second bill, I sent her yesterday the 3/- overcharged for Premium @ 23 instead of 22½ - You did right to pay Joseph Gore, altho' I fear Mrs Allen will not like it, let me have her account at your leisure - I

received a very friendly letter from her a few days ago inviting me to Lewisham when my health will allow of my visiting, She has sold the house to Hylton for £600 Stg. James has not yet sent me Panton's agreement, he wants me to blow him up. I regret very much to learn of C. Mackenzies⁶⁵⁷ death, but he was imprudent in taking long rides at night and in the rain.

Tell Mary Langley how dye and to get those children christened without further delay as she has put it off very often -

Tell Haughton Joe is well but much hurt at his neglect of his family, tell him I received the St Jago Gazette but that is not the paper I want, send me the Dispatch, he has left off writing to me now that he has got from me all that he thinks he is likely to get

Has McLachlan done anything towards settling my Bills in Esdaile vs McLachlan W. Williams has he paid? he is tardy - W. Hyslop has he not paid as he promised? Wilson vs Anderson has not the Receiver General drawn for the Compensation? Storer vs Storer when does J Grant propose paying J S Williams balance of about £300 - Williamson vs [c.o. Anderson] Stamp Has that been closed Did Smith succeed in getting Ross's Costs paid for Mrs Macfarlane? Willis vs Molony have you applied for payment of my Bills out of the Compensation? Lose no time in sending home the Order - Macfarlane vs Whittle What says S. Dallas or Dr MackGlashan? Has [c.o. any] not Cockburn yet paid?

&c &c

I am &c

PS. If the Compensation in Lambie vs Orr has been paid to Garrigues & Bond under an Order of your Court there must have been some incorrectness in the wording of it, or the Court has allowed 2 Orders to be taken for the same without reference to the deduction which ought to have been made for my Bills

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 3rd February 1838

My dear Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to forward John A. Brown & Co of Philadelphia's Bill of Exchange on W & J Brown & Co of Liverpool in favor of David Lewis Junr payable in London for One hundred pounds Stg. which I shall be obliged by your sending for acceptance and placing to my Credit when at maturity

Be kind enough to forward the enclosed letter to Philadelphia

I am &c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Dawlish Devon 3rd February 1838

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 29th Novr & 30th December last with their several inclosures and am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in procuring for me the particulars of the Virginia Springs, the book alluded to by your friend will be useful as well as that containing the analyzation when published⁶⁵⁸ -

I thank you for the remittance of J.A. Brown & Cos Bill on Brown & Cos of Liverpool in your favor for One hundred pounds Sterling at 11 p ct premium & shall be glad to receive the other dividends as they are paid.

My friends in Jamaica have some money belonging to me and if they should procure Bills on Philadelphia for the same I have directed them to remit them to you and shall be obliged by your

investing the amount in the most eligible security.

I am glad to learn that your Stocks are improving and hope that your Banks will be more cautious for the future -

When you send the list and prices of Stocks you will be kind enough to send the whole paper in a blank cover open at both ends to avoid postage addressed to me at this place

I am &c &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Thomas F. Hill Esqr, 18 Tokenhouse Yard, London

Dawlish 20th Febr'y 1838

Dear Sir

My father has directed me to answer your letter of the 12th Inst & to thank you for the information which it contained although very far from satisfactory - Lambie vs Orr - No. 3 Portland There is something wrong in this matter - Garrigues & Bond were the Executors of Lambie who was only the Receiver in that Cause, & the Compensation should have been placed at the Credit of the Cause in this Country, to have been appropriated by the Court in Jamaica - at the hearing of his application their Counsel & Solicitors appeared - Marshall vs Ogilvie. No. 252 St Mary - You must remember this Cause very well, but it now appears that they are trying what they can do to prevent the Jamaica Creditors getting any thing from the Estate. He heard nothing of the Order of the 23rd March 1836 when he left Jamaica. He does not admit the correctness of your statement, that the Jamaica Court has no jurisdiction over this money as the Claim was put in by the Officer of the latter Court - By the papers it appears that some new laws have been passed with respect to Wills - He made his about 2 years ago and has brought it to England with him - Will it be necessary to have it re-executed or what? There is no real Estate to pass under it - He also made a Codicil of a pecuniary nature since his arrival here, must that be witnessed or proved? My Father I am sorry to say has been prevented writing in consequence of a very severe attack of inflammation in his head - Tho' Erysipelas⁶⁵⁹ has now quitted that quarter, I grieve to add it still hovers about him - This recent attack has very much reduced him & brought him to a most enfeebled condition, but I trust that ere long when the more genial weather of Spring arrives, he may begin to recruit his strength.

My Father desires his kind regards to you

I am Dear Sir

Yrs respectf

WRJ Junr

PS. I am commissioned by my Father to enquire of you whether you have room in your Office for a young M.C.C!⁶⁶⁰

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 20th Febr'y 1838

My dear Sir

Upon my return last night after an absence of about 10 days, to my sincere regret I found that my father had been very ill during that time - at his request I now sit down to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th Inst. He hopes you have succeeded in having the restraint withdrawn in Laurence vs Reid - He is glad to hear that you have received the remittance of £340.4.4 from Messrs Lenox & Son, and will communicate on the subject of their letters at a future [c.o. period] day. Messrs Howland & Aspinwall have sent 2 boxes, each containing 2 dozen North American Bird Skins - which are entrusted to Mr Anthony F. Thomson passenger by the Gladiator - his address you will probably ascertain by application at the North & South American Coffee House, &

my Father will be obliged by your demanding the parcels - he further requests that you will be kind enough to let some Bird Stuffer examine the skins & see what further expence is necessary to set them up - for if the additional cost be more than the actual value of the skins, he thinks he had better be loser by the first expence - He begs that you will for the future continue the quarterly allowance only to Mrs Goss.⁶⁶¹

My Father laments to hear of Mrs Hawthorn's indisposition, & the recent affliction she has experiences in the death of her Grandmother⁶⁶² - but trusts she will soon recover - In adding my Father's kind regards to yourself & best respects to your wife, allow me dear Sir to unite with him in both instances & Believe me

Your..

WRJ Junr

The late severe weather must have been very trying to your aged Mother, but I trust she has not suffered materially - pray give my Kind remembrance to her -

PS. I think it due to you, my dear Sir, as one who has shown such particular interest in my Father to say that his illness arose from a severe attack of Erysipelas in the head - the violence of the inflammation has subsided in that part, but not yet altogether quitted him - It has very much reduced him - I truly hope that my next account may wear a more favorable aspect

PS. 21st Feby. Since writing the above your letter of date 19th Instant has come to hand, likewise a letter from Mr A. F. Thomson dated 17th Inst. & having his address No 3 Hinde Street, Manchester Square. This Gentleman writes word that "he is confined to his bed by illness, and is afraid that, the servant whom he dispatches for his luggage, may make some mistake, if he attempts to pass the birds as part of Mr T's luggage - Mr Thomson would feel obliged, if Mr H. J. James would send some person on board for the two cases, which the Steward has in charge" - My Father would be obliged if you would see about this matter for him - the list of the skins is in his possession, & in case it be required of you to pay duty for them, I beg to mention that the cost of them as stated by Messrs Howland &c was \$26.75 - My Father would be obliged if you would be kind enough to send him from Twining's six or eight pounds of really good Green Tea, carefully packed in lead or something of that nature for its preservation, & will you be kind enough to defray the expence - By mentioning Twining's, we do not mean to restrict you to that particular shop, but leave it wholly at your discretion for the purchase of the Tea, if you may have greater or equal confidence in any other Dealer.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

John G. Vidal Esqr

Dawlish 26th Feby 1838

Extract from T. F. Hill's letter of 23rd Feby. 1838

"Lambie vs Orr &"

"-----"

From the foregoing it appears that Messrs Garrigues & Bond did not put in a Claim for Compensation Money as the Executors of Lambie as Receiver, but simply a general Claim as [c.o. Receivers] Executors - I know not whether he had any other Claim except as Receiver, and those Accounts were only Reported upon for a very short period, & for which my Bill accrued - Upon application to the Court I hope they will direct those Gentlemen to refund to the extent of my Claim & expenses

"Marshall vs Ogilvie &c"

This Bill appears to have been filed in order to get rid of the Claimants under the old Suit - The Compensation Money is £2,628.16.8⁶⁶³ and an Order of the Master of the Rolls dated 23rd March 1836 was obtained for the purpose of instituting Proceedings in Jamaica - I hope therefore [c.o. the] our Court will protect its Officers & secure the payment of my demand.

P.S. 1st March 1838. My Father requests that you will thank Haughton for his letter of 17th Jany. & Newspaper - He mentions that the Negroes are crying out for Xmas allowance & Clothing - the former they have forfeited long ago by their misconduct, & he gave them their clothing last year before he left Jamaica - so that they need not be in such a hurry about this year's - at all events they should pay up their wages before they get it & he is surprised that Mary Langley should be such a fool as to say any thing about it - The Compensation in "Lawrence vs Reid" & "Roper vs Roper" have been paid - Scott has never written yet & my Father therefore requests that you will give him no further trouble on his account but remit yourself direct to him whatever monies you may receive for him - He is much surprised to hear that you have made a further purchase in Jamaica -

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 1st March 1838

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 27th Ult, & am glad to learn that you have received the birds safe from Mr Thomson My Father has requested his Brother to call & give him his opinion of them after inspection, & to inform him whether they are of such a description as would justify him in going to any further expence about them -

The Tea has this evening come into our possession for which my Father is much obliged to you

In your former letter you signified your intention of adding a Postscript if the money in Lawrence vs Reid was paid, but omitted doing so, my Father was therefore uncertain whether it was paid or not -

Enclosed please receive a Bill of Exchange for Five hundred Pounds Sterling drawn by Goodhue & Co of New York⁶⁶⁴ at sixty days sight [c.o. in favor] on Messrs Baring Brothers & Co. London, in favor of Messrs Howland & Aspinwall, & place the same to my Father's Credit.

[c.o. My Fath]---

Will you be kind enough to put the letter addressed to Mr Thomson in the two penny Post -

I am &c

WRJ Junr.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

Dawlish Devon 7th March 1838

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 1st, 20th & 31st Jany - the former accompanied by the Notarial Copies of my Certificates, & two boxes of Bird Skins, under the care of Mr Thomson - the latter covering Bill of Exchange drawn by Goodhue & Co of New York on Messrs Baring Brothers & Co of London, for Five hundred Pounds Sterling equal with premium 9¼ p cent to Two thousand four hundred & twenty seven Dollars, seventy eight Cents, on account of my Dividends on the Camden Rail Road, United States Bank, N.Y. Gas & N.O. Canal Shares, upon which I beg to make the following observations. The number of Shares in the Camden Rail Road should have been 160 instead of 138. N.O. Canal, is this the Dividend for the whole year as nothing was paid in July last? It appears that the Dividends in the following are still to be brought to my Credit. On the \$1372.16 N.Y. State Stock from January 1837. On 214 Shares of the Union Bank from May 1837. On 100 Shares of the National Bank from April 1837. On 50 Shares of the N.Y. State Bank from Jany 1837. On 50 Shares of the Fulton Bank from May 1837 - You have omitted to inform me of the Investment of Miss Cole's Bill on your Firm for \$1000, and of Elin Scott & Cos on Welch & Son for \$3,000, which I gave to you when in New York, & which I shall

be happy to hear has been effected beneficially to my interest.

The Bill for £500 Stg. has been accepted and I am extremely obliged to you for your punctuality in making the remittance. It is much better to give 9¼ p cent Premium for such a Bill than 9 p cent for others which are doubtful.

I have directed some Sums of money which have been collected in Jamaica to be remitted to you, & I trust that you will invest the same in the most eligible security. I have to thank you for the trouble you have taken in procuring the Bird Skins & should any opportunity offer shall have much pleasure in recommending Mr Guilanden to any friends who may wish to add to their collection.

In my last I expressed a wish to be furnished with a list of your Stocks & prices occasionally, & if you have any New York Paper containing the same, similar to the Herald, I think, published in Philadelphia, I should wish it to be sent weekly

I am dr..

PS. The Dividends on the Ohio Stock are paid in Specie, or, the current rate at which it is selling is added to the Dividend, & I should hope that the same mode is adopted by the State of New York

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

John G. Vidal Esqr. Spa: Town Jamaica	Dawlish 14th March 1838
<i>[brown P beside]</i> Armstrong vs Storer £222.15.0	Vaughan vs Heath
Esdaile vs McLachlan	Marshall vs Ogilvie
<i>[brown P beside]</i> Williams vs McNeel	Livingston vs Bainbridge
Jones vs Albert	<i>[brown P beside]</i> Panton - Balance - bill protested
Scarlett vs Willis	Moxsy vs Gordon
x2 Lambie vs Orr	Pennock vs Colthirst

Have any, or, which of the above, been paid?

x1 Has Heming paid the Bills he owes exclusive of the Order of Court for Compensation

[brown P beside] Wilson vs Anderson. Has not the Receiver General drawn for this money yet?

Storer vs Storer - What does Mr Grant propose doing?

[brown P beside] Roberts vs Cowell - has not the M.C.C. made his Report of Appropriation yet?

Willis vs Molony - Has the Order on the Compensation been obtained?

James Cockburn - Has he not paid my Bills yet?

Kirkpatrick vs Utton - Has this appeal been prosecuted?

[brown P beside] Swaby vs Swaby. Has the Report upon Carson's final accounts been lodged? & has Berry paid my Bill?

Macfarlane vs Whittle. What do Dallas & McGlashan say about my Bills?

Williamson vs Stamp. If the parties cannot agree there are funds in the hands of the Receiver General, & an Order should be obtained for payment of my Bill out of the same.

Guy. What has been done with respect to his debt?

Richard & Diana Dracott. Has any thing been done in respect to my Claim of Compensation for these Negroes?

[brown tick beside] Has Oliver been Sued & Judgment obtained?

James Allwood has never sent the Copy of Panton's agreement to rent Mrs Allen's house

Enquire if Scott has remitted any & what monies to America on my account as I have never yet heard from him.

M.C.C. accounts against the Lawyers - have they been paid?

Haughton has been directed to send my Wine, the Picture & everything belonging to me directed to me at Bristol.

[brown tick beside] Do see about the Negro wages

See if R. Scott's note for Fifteen Pounds has been paid, if not, it must be sued.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Haughton James Esqr Spa: Town Jamaica

Dawlish Devon 14th March 1838

No. 1 H.J.J. 32 bottles of old Madeira

" 2 " 20 " " " - Wine in use when I left

" 3 " 15 " " "

" 4 " 43 " " very old & poorly

" 5 " 16 " " old Rum Recorked & rosined⁶⁶⁵

" 6 " 6 " " Gin

(1) 4 Carboys⁶⁶⁶ of Old Rum - White seal

(2) 5 " Brandy - Red Seal - the one with blue about it is the oldest

(3) 1 Puncheon⁶⁶⁷ of Rum - Haughton Tower

(4) 1 Quarter Cask of Shrub⁶⁶⁸

(5) 1 Box of Wines from Cockburn

1 It is doubtful whether the Rum can be imported in Carboys - if not, start them into the puncheon

2 Let the Brandy be sold in Jamaica

3 If the Puncheon is not full - the Rum should be started into a smaller cask but not a new one

4 This should be filled up

5 This is Claret & Sherry

Wine bottled in Two Pipes - Have they been kept distinct? the quantity has not been stated.

The above together with the Children's Pictures⁶⁶⁹ & whatever else you may have belonging to me, to be shipped to me by a Bristol Ship, as early as they can be forwarded, giving me timely notice of their shipment - The Mahoe Table may require an affidavit of its being British - Clark the Carpenter made it for William Bullock from some wood sent from Hewitt's mountain, Cumberland⁶⁷⁰. The bottles are all British manufacture &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.

Dawlish Devon 15th March 1838

My dear Sir

My Father has this evening received an Order for payment of his Bills out of the Compensation money in "Willis vs Molony" St George No 338⁶⁷¹ - to the amount of £531.5.8½ Currency - to which he begs your kind attention - it is the last Order, I believe, with which he will have occasion to trouble you -

Mr Vidal has informed him Mr Salmon has referred Mr Crabb to him to settle the disputed points of Commission, but has not sent any part of the correspondence - his present weak state & inflammation in his eyes render him totally unfit for such a task, & he will feel particularly obliged if you will see Mr Freshfield on the subject & whatever is determined upon by you he is ready to confirm - for he himself is heartily sick of these disputes -

A brown paper parcel is sent P Coach addressed to you enclosing a tin box with letter, both directed to Mr Lowendahl - & these my Father will feel much obliged by your handing over to his Agents to be forwarded to him. Underneath the outer cover of brown paper you will find the Order before mentioned

I am

WRJ Junr

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esq

Dawlish Devon March 29th 1838

My dear Sir

I have to thank you for your favor of 27th Inst. which duly came to hand - My Father thanks you for the trouble you have taken in obtaining the particulars relative to his Order in Willis & Molony which you have kindly forwarded. He cannot understand how they manage these matters in this country as there is no party to that Suit now before the court in Jamaica & there is no such Suit in this Country. Mr Coburn⁶⁷² the agent of Greenwich Hospital & Receiver intends applying next Court for an Order for payment of his Receivable balance & is totally ignorant of the transfer of the Compensation in this country. It may be as well to delay handing the Order over to Mr Hill till my Father shall hear further from Jamaica on the subject. My Father will be obliged to you early next week to pay to Messrs Masterman & Co to the Credit of Langmead & Co on his account the sum of One hundred & sixty pounds which will enable him to settle the school account of his Sons for the last quarter - the youngest being about to proceed to Edinburgh to study medicine.⁶⁷³ My Uncle informed my Father of your having transferred the £1500 to his account & also that he had seen the Stuffed Birds which it is not absolutely necessary to have perched My Father will therefore thank you to put about ¼lb of Gum Camphor⁶⁷⁴ in each box & forward them to him here. Should any of your friends wish to add to their collection, he can send you a list & prices & from what Mr Barnard⁶⁷⁵ says about these recommend the person who puts them up. My Father begs me to add that he is extremely obliged to you for the trouble you have been put to in having the Sunday papers sent to him but there does not appear to be one that affords the information he wishes he will therefore thank you to direct the "Times" daily Paper to be sent him every Tuesday & Thursday.

My Father is truly rejoiced to hear that your family are all better & joins with me in hoping that they may speedily improve to perfect convalescence. His eyes I regret to say still continue too weak to admit of his making any use of them but in other respects I think he is decidedly better. Please give our kind regards to Mrs Hawthorn & accepting the same yourself Believe me yours &c WRJ Junr

P.S. I am about to send my watch to London having been told that it requires cleaning may I request the favor of your leaving it at Barnards in Cornhill for me for that purpose & of course to be regulated before it leaves his shop. It will be sent by private opportunity hence to Bristol with the chance of its being forwarded to you thence

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

John G Vidal Esqr Spa Town Jamaica

Dawlish March 31st 1838

Livingstone vs Bainbridge. The Bill filed in this country is [c.o. from] for an injunction and as I am unacquainted with the merits of the suit in Jamaica I do not wish to be made a party to the one here as I am doubtful of success. A petition was filed in Jamaica for &c a Receiver appointed there this order was reversed upon appeal and the Receivership discharged therefore it is a question with me how far the Receivership property may be liable to me for my Bills for stating the Receiver's Accounts. Crabbe alias Boucher - Salmon should have sent me a copy of the correspondence which has passed between him & Mr Crabbe relative to this further claim for a deduction from our commissions as I have only the letter you saw. I will however endeavour to get Hawthorn to arrange it. Willis vs Molony. Mr Hawthorn writes that the Compensation for these negroes was transferred by the Commissioners on 2nd May 1836 to an Order of the Court of Chancery in a cause therein pending. Pratt and al: vs Willis & al: & as it was done on 2nd May 1836 it appears strange that Cockburn should have been kept in ignorance of it - I am at a loss to imagine how that could have been accomplished as there is no such Suit as Willis vs Molony in this Country & is not

included in the commissioners vs Willis. I hope it may not be too late to obtain an order on Cockburn as the late Receiver of Greenwich for payment out of any balance that may be reported due on his final accounts, of these Bills, as Greenwich, or, the creditors rather, have impounded the monies properly applicable to the payment of them - It is but fair that I should resort to their funds. Cockburn should look sharp as he will yet have trouble in those concerns. Haughton was written to by last packet to send home all my wine &c from Scotts with the picture you allude to & I will thank you at the same time to send me the following Preserves

3...3lb Jars of Preserved Ginger	2 Quart bottles - Bonnet & Goat Peppers
3... " " Guava Jelly	3 Small " Cayenne Pepper
1... " " Pine Jam [red tick beside]	6 Tin boxes Arrow Root (I believe Mr Marshall
1... " " Sliced Pine	of Kingston had it to dispose of in those packages or
	Scott could inform you where he was in the habit
	of getting it.)

* The Preserves are to be sent in a ship to Bristol

[red tick beside] Before you come away apply to Scott for my account and settle any balance with him as it may be either one way or the other at the same time expressing my great regret that I should have asked for his assistance when he had matters of so much greater importance to attend to.

Mrs Little will send you her Certificate but in case of your absence at the time of its arrival request your Brother to pay the necessary attention to it.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.

Dawlish 4th April 1838

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2nd Inst. & to thank you at the same time, in my Father's name, for your kind promise of paying £160, as requested by him, into the hands of Messrs Masterman & Co for his Credit with Langmead & Co. I have also to signify my Father's obligations to you for the transmittal of the Birds, which came safe to hand yester morning ere the receipt of your letter -

My Father would certainly have preferred the "Evening Mail" which you have been kind enough to order for him, but he is anxious to obtain a sight of the advertisements, which appear only in the Morning Papers - this induces him to request that the "Times" may be sent in future on Tuesday & Thursday - There seems to be great irregularity either in forwarding or delivering the Papers - for the three weeks previous to the 24th March, the Saturday Paper was not delivered till Wednesday - of the 24th none was received, & of the 31st two of the same, Bell's "Life in London", came to hand - one of which has been returned - Enquiry was made at the Post Office here on the Tuesday, & we were informed that there was no Papers - Monday's "Evening Mail" has not come to hand.

Mr Crabb's objections were transmitted to Jamaica, my Father believes, nearly 12 months ago, & are to the charge for Commission on the Premium on the net Proceeds of the Coffee, shipped to & received by, him in London - but he supposes he will hear from him more at length one of these days, when he will again request your kind assistance -

I am much obliged to you, my dear Sir, for your kind promise to have my watch properly attended to - I sent it this day by my Brothers to Bristol, but it is altogether uncertain when they will meet with a favorable opportunity of forwarding it to you thence - I shall therefore be unable to give you notice beforehand when to expect it.

My Father's eyes have within the last day or two assumed a more threatening appearance, & increased inflammation seems likely to come on - in other respects he is certainly better. As you did not mention your own family in your last communication, we are happy in coming to the

conclusion that they are now perfectly recovered, & trust they will continue well.

My Father joins me in kind regards to Mrs Hawthorn & yourself & Believe me &c
WRJ Junr

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 30th April 1838

My dear Sir

Not being able to learn of any situation for either of my elder Sons, they have been induced, by the representations made to them by some of their friends & acquaintances, to turn their thoughts to a voyage to South Australia, which appears to meet with the approbation of my Brother - I am unable to judge for myself, my sight not allowing of my perusing the books published on the subject of the Colonization of that settlement, & its resources - and shall be particularly obliged by your obtaining all the information in your power - Enclosed I forward a letter to Mr Angas,⁶⁷⁶ Chairman of the Sth Australian Compy⁶⁷⁷ from one of his family, our next door neighbours here - upon presentation of which, or, in his absence, to Mr Wheeler, the manager, who is authorized to open it, I have no doubt they will readily afford you every assistance, & furnish you with such printed papers & documents, as they may be in possession of -

I have also to request that you will apply at the Commissioners' Office, No 6, Adelphi Terrace, for such information & papers as they may be enabled to furnish you with on the same subject - I should wish for two sets of each, one of which you will be kind enough to forward to my Brother -

It appears necessary that all settlers emigrating should carry their houses with them, & Mr Manning⁶⁷⁸ of 251 High Holborn, is recommended as a person in the habit of furnishing them, at a moderate rate - In your way to the city one morning, it may not be giving you too much trouble to call on him & ascertain if he has any drawings or plans of small cottages & out-offices & their prices, which he can spare for inspection.

It is very probable that you may be acquainted with, or know of some person, who has been to this place, & from whom might be obtained lists of such articles, as it may be requisite for two or three young men to carry out with them - which I am desirous of procuring as early as I can, in order to ascertain the expences of such an outfit before I go too far. My Sons plans, as far as I can understand, are to purchase land for cultivation, & to keep sheep for the benefit of their wool which is said to produce a very handsome return - Will you, my dear Sir, turn it over in your own mind, & give me your candid opinion upon the subject - I am almost fearful that although steady enough at present, they are too young to be left with the selection of Land & the management of such a concern, & I do not know of any person there to whom I could entrust the arrangement of this affair - however, if they make a bad bargain & things do not turn out well, they will have nobody to blame but themselves as it is their own choice.

The inflammation in my eye is at times better, & I have some hope that I shall shortly be able to resume my pen, & also to read, which I have been prevented from doing for many weeks - It will give me much pleasure to learn that yourself & family have continued in the enjoyment of good health lately -

I beg to offer my kind regards to Mrs Hawthorn

I am &c

P.S. I duly received the £160 which you were kind enough to pay Messrs Masterman & Co on my account -

With the papers which you may obtain be kind enough to send the latest edition of Capper's⁶⁷⁹ work on Sth Australia, & a copy of the same also to my Brother - & you can at the same time send me "Essay on the construction of Cottages" by J G Smith - published in Edinburgh by Blackie & Son.⁶⁸⁰

[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Dawlish Devon 12th May 1838

Dear Sir

I am sorry to observe from the Newspapers which you have lately sent to me of the continued falling in the price of [c.o. Stocks] your Stocks particularly in the N.O. Gas Bank and trust that you will keep me advised as to the stability of the several Securities in which I have made investments -

Circumstances have compelled me to alter my plans, owing to the failure of my health & strength, which will cause a greater outlay of capital than I had anticipated at so early a period, should therefore any of my friends in Jamaica have made you any remittance on my account, instead of investing it I will thank you to transmit the amount to me by early opportunities, and after you have received my July dividends shall be glad if you will favor me with my annual Account Current -

My Friends Messrs Lenox & Son & Howland & Aspinwall both made remittances on my account in January last the former at 9½ and the later at 9¼ p cent Premium. Is there any particular reason why the Bill you sent me should be so much higher or are the Philadelphia Bills usually so?

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

Dawlish Devon 12th May 1838

Dear Sirs

Since I wrote to you on the 7th March last I have not been favored with any letter from you - Mr Vidal in his letter of the 23rd March last informed me that he was about to make you a remittance on my account & Mr Scott either has or will do so also, but in consequence of my reduced state from a late painful and tedious illness from which I am only now on the recovery I have been obliged to alter my plans in respect of my Sons, I find that I am unable to attend to business as heretofore and that situations are not to be procured for them there being an immense number of persons seeking employment with little prospect of succeeding my Sons have therefore been induced to turn their thoughts to a voyage to Australia with the intention of settling there, and as their outfit will require a larger sum of money than I have by me uninvested and not wishing to sell any of my shares at the present reduced prices, I must request that instead of investing any monies or remittances of mine which you may now have in your hands or receive on my account, that you will transmit the same to me by early opportunity

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

Anthony Davis⁶⁸¹ Esqr Misbourne, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks

Dawlish Devon 14th May 1838

My dear Sir

I was yesterday evening favored with your letter of the 11th Instant on the subject of an application for payment of my Bills in "Marshall vs Ogilvie" and of the Compensation, I cannot say upon whom the Notices were Served but from a memorandum taken from the Order previous to sending it to London I find that Mr Batty appeared for the Complts and opposed its being granted and that Messrs Tonge & Smith are directed to be paid the sum of £25.6.8 for Costs of the Complts, Can you inform me upon whom the Notice to transfer the Compensation in this Cause to the Credit of the Cause in this Country was Served? or upon whom the Order appointing a Manager of

Langley Estate was Served in Jamaica?

My first Bill of £351 &c accrued for stating the Receivers Accounts from 1820 to 1823 & the others for those subsequent down to 1827, it cannot therefore be denied but that I have been very patient in not endeavouring to enforce payment at an earlier period, I do not know how much I may have previously received but I do not think it was to any large amount, & that was when the Estate was doing well & previous to the Receiver drawing so heavily, which in the first instance was I think in payment of some Negroes purchased & placed upon the Estate by Mr Ogilvie⁶⁸².

I recollect your proposing to give me a small sum in payment of my Bills, which I declined, saying that I should have recourse to the Compensation, Mr Ogilvie's Costs could not be paid by the Receiver without an Order of Court, neither could the Complainants for the same reason, but that could not have been [c.o. applied] intended to apply to my Bills for stating Mr Ogilvie's Receivership Accounts as I had actually taken an Order for their discharge by the Subsequent Receiver or "Receiver or Receiver for the time being" exclusive of the Bills Taxed and amounting to nearly £700 Cy. I mentioned to you that there was nearly as much more due to me for proceeding with Mr Hamiltons⁶⁸³ further and final Accounts which I would not report upon until payment was secured for my trouble & labour, but that I would be satisfied if you would pay me the former & not the single bill for £351 only - Mr Derbyshire⁶⁸⁴ I think called at my Office a short time previous to my quitting Jamaica in July last, but did not in any way allude to you or my Bills, he quitted the Island a few weeks before I did, but your Attorney might have spoken to my representative & made him the offer you allude to, which does not appear to have been done -

I very much regret to learn that you should, knowing the state of the property, have so involved yourself on account of it, particularly as I understand from you that the House in this Country at whose instance you were induced to take the Receivership had promised to see you indemnified, I am advised to apply for an Order of the Court here grounded on that of the Local Court, for the amount due to me, & have sent out instructions in the mean time to see what further can be done in Jamaica - Your offer is much too low.

I feel very thankful to you for your kind enquiries after my health and good wishes for my recovery, of the latter I have no hope, and I have suffered full as much here as ever I did in Jamaica, exclusive of the cold which is worse than the heat of our climate, Since the first week in February until the last I have been prevented from reading or writing by a return of the inflammation in my eyes which is only now disappearing I hope that yourself & family have enjoyed good health since they came to this country, it is a poor place after all -

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esq London

Dawlish Devon 15th May 1838

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th Instant - I regret you should have allowed my troublesome commissions to have interfered with your business of importance, I must request that in future you will lay my letters on one side until it may be perfectly convenient to you to answer them the papers have been delivered by Mr Angas and I am particularly obliged to you for them, my son had obtained the perusal of them previously from a Gentleman down here who embarks for South Australia next month, you have sent 2 Copies of Capper's Book, I had intended one for my Brother, who I learnt from a friend was in Town last week, Smith on Cottages I do not now require unless you have already procured it

If I had any friend or acquaintance out there to whose care I could intrust my Sons and invest with power to control and direct their purchases and employment I should not have much difficulty in making up my mind at once to their departure, but at present I am unable to come to any

determination - Should they go I have been thinking that it might be more convenient were I to remove to within an hour's drive of London to superintend the selection of the different articles it may be necessary for them to take out, as the sooner they embark when the plan is fixed, the better that they may arrive there during the Summer, the Land is 20/ P acre & the purchase of every 80 acres gives the right of pasturage over 640 Acres more at a distance, the former is intended for tillage & the erection of buildings &c, my youngest son has £1000 Stg of his own which might be profitably laid out in the purchase of land on Speculation

Enclosed I beg leave to trouble you with two letters to go by the Packet of the 17th Instant for America, and will thank you to request Messrs R Lenox & Son to receive & remit the July dividend on my Ohio Stock deducting their commissions, and if they continue determined not to act in future I must send out another power to some other person, the old Gentleman's "hints" were too "delicate" to be taken or understood by me, he told me that he was declining business having been lately very dangerously ill, that at his death his Son would have more money than he would know what to do with, and would give up business altogether, he was a Literary Character, I told him I was sorry to learn his intention as I had no intention of withdrawing my confidence from his house but that if he persisted in his intention, of course I would not press his continuing to act for me, he said that he would consider of it, Who could have imagined under such circumstances that he wished to obtain my other business which as I wrote you just about the time you had sent my papers to him was in the hands of other Agents. and when I sent the Power of Attorney to enable them to receive my dividends, I requested them to "confine themselves to the investments made by them to prevent any interference with any other power I might have given", it would most probably have been better for me had I received a letter of introduction to them in the first instance & made all my remittances to them, altho' my other Agents acted no doubt according to the best of their judgment, but I do not now like to make a change without a cause for doing so

I was in hopes that I should not have made another call upon you for money for some time but my Landlady unexpectedly called upon me for her 6 months rent & eased me of all I had by me, I must therefore trouble you to pay one hundred pounds into Mastermans Bank to my Credit with Langmead Jordan & Co of Teignmouth

My strength is improving by degrees but my sight is still very imperfect, I beg to offer my best regards to Mrs Hawthorn your Mother & family, all of whom are I trust in perfect health - I am &c

PS. I find that on 20th April 1836 I wrote to Lenox & Son that "a Power from me had been long since in the hands of Messrs Howland & Aspinwall"

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 22nd May 1838

My dear Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of W. Shilleto's set of Exchange in my favor on C & W Armstrong of London for £141.19.3 Sterling which please to get accepted and place to my credit when at maturity Mr Vidal was to leave Jamaica about the 20th April and may be looked for about the middle of next month, I hope your accounts from that Island are favourable and that the Crops are likely to be tolerable, Mr Cockburn in a letter to my Son mentioned that some captured Africans placed upon the Estates had answered very well but that they required about 50,000 of them The negroes appear to be well pleased with them, and treated them kindly.

As my Sons are all young enough I have been thinking that your suggestion is worthy of consideration and that it would be better to keep them here until next spring that they may gain some knowledge upon the subjects you have pointed out Mr Angas who is now here is of opinion that the price of land will shortly be raised at all events it may be as well to make a purchase at

once of two sections for each of them they are of eighty acres and for the three would be 480 acres it might be selected at once by an agent there or stand over till they went out themselves as may be considered as most advisable As the sheep shearing will very shortly commence they should at once proceed to their posts but the difficulty is finding situations for them and my health will not allow of my going about to seek for them, can you put me in the way of obtaining them? As Australia is a warm climate I thought that Lincolnshire might be preferable to the Highlands, but it is considered very unhealthy, in Leicestershire they breed sheep also but I am fearful in a more extravagant way not sparing any expense I shall however be glad to get them in a fair way of doing something towards the attainment of their object and shall be thankful for your friendly advice and suggestions. My Son unites with me in kind regards to all your family

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Anthony Davis Esqr Misbourne

Dawlish Devon May 22nd 1838

My dear Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 17th Instant and am not desirous of incurring expense but if my claim cannot be established without it, must proceed however unpleasant it may be to me to do so nothing can be done in Jamaica to bring the Estate to Sale without payment of my bills and I see no reason why the parties to an auxiliary suit should not be paid as well as those concerned in the original. Are the latter to get the benefit of our Services & assistance and then turn round & say there is not enough to pay us & therefore you cannot expect to receive anything Our claim is preferable to yours? the Receivership was in Jamaica where the negroes were for whom the Compensation is to be paid & I must contend that our right to be paid out of that Fund is preferable to that of any party in this Country however the Courts here may decide on that point. - In "Marris vs Marris" I could not do otherwise than require the payment of the full amount of your order on Mulhollands⁶⁸⁵ for the purchase money of the negroes sold to you agreeable to my Report of Sale the woman Margaret I believe having purchased her freedom before and I did so with the knowledge & consent of your solicitor Mr Aikman who I understand advised with Mr Quarrell on the subject -

It does not appear that the Special Justice ever paid the money he received for her manumission to the Receiver General nor could I obtain any information respecting it if it were forthcoming the parties would no doubt consent to your receiving it, I requested a Member of the Assembly to move that the particulars of all such purchases paid to the Receiver General should be published that people might know where their money was but he was told that it has been already done & neglected to make the motion & no such publication has ever been made. Mr Marris⁶⁸⁶ was very troublesome throughout the Suit & was at last brought up to Spanish Town under an attachment for not signing the Conveyance under the Decree he petitioned the Chancellor Sir Lionel Smith⁶⁸⁷ who was much annoyed at the proceeding but upon the other party explaining the matter properly to him he told Mr Marris that he could not interfere as he should have signed the Deed so he had the pleasure of a trip to Spanish Town & back at his own expence

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr London

Dawlish 25th May 1838

My dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the first of Jas Giliott & W.D. Lewis of Philadelphia's Bills of Exchange in favor of David Lewis Junr for one hundred Pounds Sterling on Messrs Morrison Cryder & Co⁶⁸⁸ of

London which please to get accepted & place to my credit when at maturity. It has just come to hand & I forward it as a parcel P coach the post having left this & there not being any tomorrow
I am &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall New York

Dawlish Devon May 29th 1838

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th Instant by the Great Western and am obliged to you for the price current sent therewith, but it is not exactly the paper I wish to have and I beg you to refer you to the "Pennsylvania Inquirer and daily Courier of the 5th & 20th April last which contains the information I require, if any thing similar is published in New York. In your prices of Stocks the N Orleans Gas Co is quoted at 86 @ 90. Is this a seperate [sic] Concern from the N O Gas & Banking Company or only a branch of the latter?

I notice the remittances you have received on my account and hope my letter of the 12 Instant will arrive in time to stop the investment of them In order to prevent so heavy a loss on the Bill on Philadelphia Could not Bills of Exchange be purchased there to that amount? my friends in Jamaica have not attended to my instructions to send any bills they might get on Philadelphia to Mr D Lewis Junr of that city to be invested by him, whereby this loss would have been avoided. Is the premium on Bills there the same as in New York generally? When you send any price current or newspaper do not enclose it in a letter, but put it up in a wrapper open at both ends & direct it as the postage of all such as are sent in this form is trifling

I am dear Sirs

Yours &c

Herbert J. James

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Dawlish Devon May 29 1838

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23d April last, covering certificate for the Ten Shares in the Philadelphia Bank and bill of Exchange of the Girard Bank on Messrs Morrison Cryder & Co of London for One hundred pounds Sterling at 11 per cent premium for which I am obliged to you, no doubt you can explain the reason why the latter is so much higher than in New York where about the same time it was only between 6 & 7 p cent

My friends in Jamaica have not followed my instructions in remitting to you such Bills as they might obtain drawn on your City in consequence of which I am likely to be a loser by a difference in the exchange in transmitting the Amount to New York It is a great pity that your late Government was so hostile to the United States Bank which was in such credit both at home and abroad and from its experience could conduct business with so much more ease and security than any other similar establishment which may hereafter be employed in its place

I certainly do not approve of the conduct of the Banks on the Missisipi by which they have lowered their paper to such a discount but the present price is not such as to induce me to sell my Vicksburgh Stock just now It does not appear to me to be a prudent plan to purchase Shares in those Establishments, whose Capital has not been fully paid up by the subscribers as when called upon to pay up the remaining instalments the Stock may not be considered equal in value to the amount you have to pay.

I hope your next accounts will be more favorable

I am dear Sir
Yours &c
Herbert J. James

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Dawlish 30th May 1838

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of my Account Current with your firm to the 30th April last shewing a balance in my favor of One thousand and ninety Seven pounds 4/8 which appears to be correct, but you have deducted 42/ from the amount paid by you for postages on the Compensation Claim No 401 Manchester⁶⁸⁹, and unless you have added that Sum to my postage account, you will be losers to that extent.

I have received the £100 placed to my credit with Langmead & Co and am obliged to you for your attention to my request.

My Sons being about to proceed to South Australia in the early part of next year I am desirous of purchasing at once Six Sections of Land of 80 Acres each if you will be kind enough to enquire at the Commissioners Office what form is necessary to be observed to procure the same and the sum to be paid for the same that I may send an Order on you for the amount - You can at the same time ascertain whether the same should be taken in my own name or in those of my Sons & whether the price of Land is likely to be raised or would be lessened on taking a large quantity.

I am &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Anthony Davis Esqr Misbourne

Dawlish May 31st 1838

My dear Sir

From a paragraph in your last letter it would appear that I am the only obstacle to the completion of your arrangement respecting Langley Estate, but I would rather assist you than stand in the way of an old friend, and if you will pay two hundred pounds sterling to my friends Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of Lime Street Square I shall be satisfied

I am my dear Sir

Yours &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Dawlish June 7th, 1838.

Dear Sirs

Being fearful that the price of land in Australia may be raised I shall be obliged by your purchasing for me six sections of eighty acres each and as I intend two for each of my sons the orders might be taken either in their names or my own but in case of either of them not going out or the death of either some difficulty might arise in transferring or assigning his sections all of them being under age if therefore you will ascertain from the Commissioners, the form of assignment or transfer the whole may be in my name and I can then if necessary send them out to an agent, the Certificates or Orders (one for each Section) may remain with you for the present unless Col: Torrens⁶⁹⁰ will give you a frank for them

I expected to have heard from Mr Davis on the subject of the payment he has made to you on my

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account as I was not aware of his having agreed to my proposition

I am &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Anthony Davis Esqr Misbourne

Dawlish 7th June 1838

My dear Sir

Messrs Hawthorn and Shedden have informed me that the sum of Two hundred pounds has been paid by you to them on my account but I expected to have heard from you previously on the subject in order that I might know how you intended to provide for the Costs directed to be paid out of the Compensation under my Order of Court vizt Vidal & Allwood £42.11.3.Cy and Tonge & Smith £25.6.8 (Vidal is expected every day he was to have come in the last packet) and also what Voucher you would require from me

I am &

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Anthony Davis Esq Misbourne

Dawlish 13th June 1838

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th Instant I duly received and should have answered but thought it better to await your reply to my letter of the 7th which came to hand yesterday afternoon

Enclosed I now return the receipt for the two hundred pound paid to Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden on my account in full of the amount directed by an order of the court of Chancery of Jamaica to be paid to me for my Taxed Bills as Master in the cause of "Marshall vs Ogilvie" altho it is not worded exactly as I could have wished the Assignment must be confined to my claims under that Order and Mr Vidal will peruse & approve of it on my behalf when he goes up to London which I expect he will do Shortly after his arrival my reasons for objecting to include "all other claims" is that I directed my Attorney not to part with Mr Hamiltons Vouchers for his subsequent accounts unless he made me a payment as I did not think he acted as he ought to have done towards me in receiving payment of his former balance without noticing my claim for reporting the same and which alone enabled him to obtain the amount

Mr Vidals Costs can be paid to his Correspondent Messrs Mitchells who will allow the current premium which I have no doubt is what you represent but I have no knowledge of it myself and Vidal directed me to pay any money I might receive on his accounts to those Gentlemen

It will afford me much satisfaction to learn at a future day that this matter has turned out better than you at present anticipate

I am my dear Sir

Yours &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Anthony Davis Esqr

Dawlish 21st June 1838

My dear Sir

If you will refer to your first letter to me of 11th May last you can not but admit that your offer both here & in Jamaica has related solely to my Bills as made out and taxed & I see no good reason for your requiring me to sign a receipt in full of all claims" it never was my intention to call upon you or the Estate for anything further unless something more was required of me, I have had much

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trouble with Mr Hamiltons subsequent and final Accounts from the time when he resumed the receivership after Mr Ogilvies removal, and it was through his neglect in not completing his Vouchers and furnishing the necessary information that I was prevented from making up my Report & including the amounts of my Bill in the Order I obtained in the Compensation and therefore on this ground it is that I require a payment from him, Mr Vidal came to see me yesterday having landed on Sunday⁶⁹¹ and is of opinion that you should omit the words I object to, I fancy that he as well as Tonges firm must be parties to the Assignment of the Order of Court which directs their Cash to be paid to them and not to me Messrs Mitchells will be able to inform you when Mr Vidal is likely to visit London as his movements depend greatly upon them

I am my dear Sir
Yours &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Thomas F. Hill Esqr London

Dawlish Devon 25th June 1838

My dear Sir

Messrs Vidal & Allwood have written to inform me that they have had some communication with Mr Garrigues on the subject of Compensation Lambie vs Orr No 3 Portland who states positively that it has not been received by him, Will you therefore be kind enough to refer to the lists and ascertain if it is the right number and whether the Negroes are located on Castle Comfort Estate⁶⁹² if it is so send me a short affidavit of the money having been paid that I may forward it to Jamaica if it should not appear that they are on that Estate look if you can trace them under any other number No 15⁶⁹³ is a claim of the same Exors for 149 Negroes What Estate are they on? or see if the claim is made by Richard Heming the subsequent Receiver of Castle Comfort and let me know the number, I should wish to be furnished with this information as soon as possible that I may write by the next packet, Vidal is arrived and will be in London shortly, King is there now

I am &c

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[Address WRJ6's handwriting, rest - a younger son?]

Robert Vidal Esq Spa: Town Jama

Dawlish 26 June 1838

Not having received a line from Mr Scott since I left Jamaica nearly 12 months ago altho he promised to write to me and has received money on my account, and to whom I have written several letters, I can not but suppose that he is desirous our acquaintance should cease or that his attention to matters of more importance will not allow of his wasting any part of his time in so unprofitable a correspondence. Under this persuasion I requested your Brother⁶⁹⁴ not to trouble him again in my matters and am sorry you sent him any memorandum relating to them, as they are mostly in your way and if anything particular was required or a receipt to be signed your Brothers Attorney could I imagine have arranged that until his return to the Island which will be so soon that it is not worth sending out a fresh power, in the mean time you and James must act in the best way you can for me as I shall correspond with you only and not again address him.

Lambie vs Orr. I have written to London for one affidavit of the compensation having been paid to Garrigues & Bond Exors of Lambie but suspect there must be some mistake in the number of the Claim from the small amount &c see whether the negroes are stated to be located on Castle Comfort Estate or whether there is any claim of R. Henning as Receiver

Oliver Judgment writ to be kept issued until paid

C.R. Scott ditto ditto he promised to pay the note the week after [c.o.iss] issued.

2 negroes Westmorland 24⁶⁹⁵ Certificates of registration wanted

It was annexed to my affidavit sent in to the commissioners in Murphys time, I also saw it in the office in MackGlashans time J R Brown knows them to be two as fine people as can be the man was in the police at one time, and I was offered £140 for each of them

Pennock vs Colthirst - Inquire of Receiver General if any money is hands (sic) to the credit of this cause and if there is take an order of Court for payment of my Bill out of it If not move that it be paid out of the compensation fund here

Williamson vs Stamp. Take an order on the money in the Receiver Generals hands

Moxsy vs Gordon The parties will never I fear come to an agreement

Willis vs Molony. An order must be taken on the Receiver (or Manager) in the commissioners of Greenwich vs Willis for payment of my Bills the compensation in Willis vs Molony having been transferred to the credit of a suit here Platt vs Willis (not vs Molony) as I do not wish to have anything to do in Chancery Suit here, in Willis vs Molony there is a balance due to the Receiver, but in the Commrs of Greenwich vs Willis he has funds in hand see what I have said to your Brother in this matter And attend to it at once before he remits the balance

Tell Mr Cockburn that the balance of my bill will be particularly acceptable just now when I require so much for the outfit of my Sons and send the amount to me direct immediately

Kirkpatrick vs Utton.

Has William Jackson of old harbour paid my bill yet? if not attend to the dismissal of his appeal from the order I obtained for him to pay it.

Esdail vs MacLachlan If James McLachlan does not pay this he should be attached.

Jones vs Albert. Mr Hyslop should have paid this long ago

Scarlett vs Willis. Watch the receiver (Hennings accounts and see that the accounts for the proceeds of all the produce, when any funds in his hands apply for a payment on account.

Joseph S Williams Balance of my bills in Storer vs Storer Mr Grant his Exor should be called upon to pay it as I have waited long enough

Vaughan vs Heath. Has Grignon any funds in hand to pay my balances?

Marshall vs Ogilvie Will I fancy be arranged by Anthony Davis but we can not agree upon the wording of the Receipt Mr Hamiltons vouchers and my oft of his final accounts not to be given up without payment.

Macfarlane vs Whittle J G Vidal says that Duff⁶⁹⁶ promised to make inquiry of Dr MackGlashan when the amount of my Bills would be forthcoming This must be well looked after as it has outstanding (sic) long enough Guy ought to be ashamed of himself proceed to Judgment forthwith

Lambie vs Orr. Henning promised to pay your Brother my Bills for stating his accounts as Receiver he needs much persuasion and may be applied to constantly

Sundry small accounts against the Solicitor for fees MCC what has been done with them?

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

John Selfe Esqr Knighton⁶⁹⁷

Dawlish Devon 27 June 1838

Dear Sir

As you have kindly consented to take my three sons under your care for a few months and to instruct them in the management of a Farm and the rearing of Sheep, I beg leave to address a few lines to you respecting them. Finding that I failed in my endeavours to procure situations for them in this Country they expressed a wish to go out and settle in South Australia, a new settlement forming by Government in New Holland, where the climate is mild and and [sic] healthy the occupation of all those who have already gone out is confined to Husbandry and the raising of Sheep the wool of which is sold at a high price here, I have purchased for them 480 acres of Land for Tillage Buildings &c which entitles them to the pasturage of over several hundred acres more for their Sheep, as there are no houses ready built there and the Lands are altogether uncultivated

and without fences, they must rough it for some time before they can make themselves in any degree comfortable, but they are young and healthy and can bear a few hardships such as they are likely to meet with, I should therefore wish them to rise early and pay strict attention to your directions and instructions throughout the day taking an active part in everything required to be done themselves and not to be merely lookers on, that they should not be allowed to absent themselves or to go anywhere without your permission either during the day or at night that they go to Church regularly twice every Sunday, they are rather thoughtless and forgetful and will be [c.o. occasioned] required to be reminded occasionally of what they ought to do, they should keep themselves tidy in their persons as well and their rooms and not be allowed to leave anything about or do anything in a slovenly way Since my return to this Country my health has not allowed of my following them, but as far as I am able to form an opinion they appear to be well disposed and free from vice and will I trust acquit themselves to your satisfaction, and will I trust shall be most truly glad if they make themselves useful to you, obedient they must be, willing and attentive I hope they will be as you have a mill and Blacksmith forge on your premises an occasional visit to each will be of service to them, should they at any time be inattentive to your advice or be forming improper acquaintances I shall be obliged by your giving me the earliest information of their misconduct, but I flatter myself that you will have no cause of complaint against either of them.

I have some intention of visiting Wiltshire for a few weeks this summer when I shall take an early opportunity of paying my respects to you and hope to meet your wishes in respect to the payment of the sum you are to receive for the care of my Sons.

I am dear Sir
Yours &c
Herbert J James

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Anthony Davis Esqr Misbourne

Dawlish June 29 1838

My dear Sir

I have no other objection to make to the form of the receipts than what I have already stated and as I have engaged not to call upon you or the Estate for any thing more I am at a loss to examine why you should fight the battle so stoutly for Mr Hamilton Mr Vidal is however now in London and whatever he recommends or says I ought to do shall be done, you can shew him my letters and I will give you an assignment of the order (which I never objected to) for the amount directed to be paid to me, but the solicitors can only assign such part as is payable to [c.o. me] them, Mr Vidal must be paid

I am my dear Sir
Yours &c

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[In his wife's hand (the use of an ! in addressing the recipient appears in letters known to be from her)]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Dawlish 2 July 1838

Dear Sirs!

I am much obliged to you for purchasing the Land for me in South Australia, & if you will enclose the orders & send them to Messrs Mitchell to give to Mr King who is now in Town, I have no doubt he will bring them down for me. As I am desirous that my Sons should settle near some friends who are going out, I propose employing the same Agent that they do, in order that they may select adjoining Sections, otherwise I should have been glad of Mr Morphett's⁶⁹⁸ assistance, of

whom I have heard from other Quarters, - When writing to Mr Hawthorn be kind enough to inform him, that I have succeeded in placing my Sons under the care of a respectable Farmer, about 6 miles from Salisbury, who has a very large flock of Sheep, & is highly spoken of by his Neighbours for his skill and knowledge, as well as for his general character.

Mr Vidal went to Town last week, he requested me to mention to Mr H. that he had a law account against the late Mr Byles, which was not settled by me, as the funds paid to me were applied to a particular purpose

The black Servant⁶⁹⁹ who came with me from Jamaica is desirous of returning before the cold weather commences, should you hear of any person requiring his services I can recommend him most faithfully in every respect, both for his conduct on board ship as well as since he has been with me here, I shall be sorry to part with him but he cannot stand the cold in Winter.

When Mr Vidal returns to Exeter, I will thank you to send me one hundred pounds for my house expences.

I am desirous of forwarding a fresh power of Attorney to Messrs Howlands, who have sent me a form as well as of a Consular Certificate to be annexed, but there is no Consul in this quarter that I am aware of, - Do you think it will answer as well without it? I thank you for forwarding the letter pr coach on 29th Ultio - & remain Dear Sirs

Yours &c - Herbert J James

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[In his wife's hand]

J. Wallace Esqr

Consul General for the Netherlands

&c &c &c

No 123 Fenchurch Street London

Dawlish Devon 4 July 1838

Sir!

I take the liberty of addressg you in consequence of a letter which I have this morning received from R. B. Huggens de Lowendal Esqre at Copenhagen, with whom I came fellow passenger in the Toronto Captn Griswold from New York in Septr last, by some mistake at the Docks, a Trunk of his was sent with my baggage, this however was restored to him before he left London, but not before some Chocolate & a Tin box containing 2 beautiful stuffed Birds had been removed, upon the former I was called upon to pay the duty, which I declined, as it did not belong to me, & I did not know where it came from, it was therefore allowed to remain in the Docks (St Katherine's) where further information respecting the disposal of it can alone be obtained, my baggage after following me to Bristol came to this place, & on being unpacked the Tin case with the Birds was discovered, & having been favored with the sight of them on Board Ship, I knew immediately to whom they belonged, it was some time before I could ascertain who were Mr Lowendal's Agents, but at length Messrs Darthey offered to take charge of any parcel for him, & on 27th March, Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden of Lime Street Square who had been making the enquiry for me, & to whom I had sent them, wrote me that they had been delivered, I beg therefore to refer you to those Gentlemen, who will give you any further information you may require to enable you to discover them, and I shall be glad to learn of your success, as it is my intention to reply to Mr Lowendals letter. I have the honor to be

Sir, Yr most obedient Servant
Herbert J James

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Dawlish 10th July 1838

Dear Sirs!

Mr King has I understand returned to Exeter, & must have left London before my letter reached you; - As I am very anxious to forward my Land Orders to South Australia by the Rajasthan to sail from Plymouth in a day or two, I shall be obliged by your forwarding the Original to me by return of post, & the duplicates by Mr Vidal who will leave Town the latter end of the week. -

At your convenience be kind enough to ascertain the terms upon which the South Australian Bank receives money here, to be repaid at that settlement, the commission they charge, & the interest allowed by them, as well as any other particulars

I am Dr Sirs

Yours &c

Herbert J James

P.S. I have to thank you for another parcel, p Coach, but the Carriage 3/9 is I imagine as much as if it had been sent by post.

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[In his wife's hand]

Thomas F Hill Esqr London

Dawlish 11 July 1838

My dear Sir!

I am sorry that I cannot agree with you in opinion in respect of the conduct of Mr Garrigues in respect to the Compensation on claim No 3 Portland, which was improperly filled up, Lambie's possession of the property in the Capacity of a Receiver of the Court of Chancery not having been noticed, the award was made in Novbr last in favor of the Executors, & is it probable that up to my last, they did not know of the money having been paid to their Attorney here, under their power of Attorney? When Mr Vidal received my first letter advising them of the payment by the Accountant General, some surprise was expressed that my order had not been first paid, Mr Thomas⁷⁰⁰ however said he had no doubt it would be satisfactorily arranged, since Mr Vidal Sailed his Brother has written stating that Mr Thomas had seen Mr Garrigues, and that the Money had not been paid, this certainly appears very strange, & I hope Mr Williams will write out by the first packet, & point out to Mr Garrigues his mistake, in order that I may not again be put off from receiving the amount due to me.

I am not sorry that the order in Scarlett vs Willis has been reversed, as I always thought it a most improper application on the part of Mr Heming, & Ld Sligo ought to be made to pay the Costs for making so unjust a decision which he did from perverseness I have no doubt.

&c &c &c

I am my dear Sir yrs very truly

Herbert J James

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Dawlish 12th July 1838

Dear Sirs!

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the first of M Preston's Bills of Exchange on N. M. Rothschild & Son of London for One thousand five hundred pounds Pounds (sic) Sterling, which I shall be obliged by your getting accepted for me, & returning by Mr Vidal

I am Dr Sirs &c Herbert J James

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[In his wife's hand apart from note on ships which is in his hand]

Giles Edward Strangways⁷⁰¹ Esqr,
Adelaide,
South Australia

Dawlish Devon 13th July 1838

orig p Rajahstone⁷⁰²
dupl: p Prince George

Dear Sir!

Availing myself of the recommendation of my friend the Revd Robert Allwood⁷⁰³ of Clifton, - I beg leave to forward enclosed Six Orders x for Land in South Australia, say four hundred & eighty Acres, - they are intended for my three Sons who will accompany Mr Allwood the latter end of this year, or in the next Spring, and as he has kindly promised to take charge of them, I should wish them to have adjoining Sections to his & their Uncles Mr Vidal,⁷⁰⁴ x shall leave it entirely to your judgement to select what you may consider most eligible, but I should prefer its being near a stream of fresh water

Your Commission & any other Expences you may incur I will thankfully repay in any way you will point out
No. 558 to 563

I am, very respectfully
Dr Sir your mo: ob: Sevt.
Herbert J James

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Vidal Esqr

Spanish Town Jamaica

Dawlish Devon 14 July 1838

My dear Robert!

Hill has written to inform me that he did not sent you out the Affidavit by last packet, not having been able to see Mr Williams in time, & in consequence of what he has since stated does not think it necessary to do so, I send you annexed a copy of Mr Williams's letter to Mr Hill, & an extract from the letters to me. You will lose no time in calling on Mr Garrigues for payment on my Bill on "Lambie vs Orr", & if he makes any more excuses you will apply to the Court for an Order on him & his Co Exor, having first ascertained that you are proceeding upon the right number of the Claim, as it appears very strange that they shd have omitted to notice the Capacity in which Mr Lambie had been acting in regard to those Negroes, they could not plead ignorance of his being a Receiver in Chancery.

Tell Haughton that his letter to Rhodes came to hand yesterday, he must let me know by what vessel Scott ships my Wine &c. I wished him - Haughton - to have attended to it. the Maps may be sent to me as well as the Medicine Chest, & any thing else except the Piano. I shall have to charge him with the Wages unpaid as he should have taken my Negroes before the Stipes,⁷⁰⁵ & made them say that they had Clothes before I came away last year, & it is not time for this even now, - at all events those who do not pay their wages cannot expect me to find them in Clothes. Miss Cole also gave them some things I had left in my wardrobe - Book Almaray⁷⁰⁶

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

New York

p Great Western

Dawlish Devon 16 July 1838

Dr Sirs!

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yr favors of the 7th, 9th & 23rd Ult & of their several enclosures, for wh: I am much obliged to you. Tr Acct appears to be correct, but you shd not have invested the Dvdnds recd since yr former remittance, the Bill for £1,500 stgl has been accepted & I must trouble you to forward me the amount of the other Bills sent to you from Jamaica when at Maturity, as well as my several Dvdnds as they are recd, the Outfit of my Sons requiring a considerable advance - Encl I send you a power of Attorney to enable you to receive the Interest due on the remainder of my NYS Stock, altho' had I recd it before I shd not have thought any objection wd be raised for the future, the general power I shall delay for the present. The increased value of the North River Insurance Shares is particularly satisfactory & I hope it will not be long before they are in a situation to yield a dvdnd not that I wd wish it done too hastily.

The Pensylvania Enquirer contains the prices of the Stocks in that State chiefly, but not of the N.Y. Banks, & as Mr Lewis sends me a number occasionally I will not trouble you to forward it.

I am &c

PS. There is no occasion for directing my letters to the Care of Messrs H&S but let them be directd here.

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden London

Dawlish July 17th 1838

Dr Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 11th, 12th, & 14th Instant accompanied by the S. Australian Land Orders & duplicates, the Order for £4500 accepted, and One hundred pounds in Bank notes, for all which I am very much obliged to you as well as my Son's watch wh: came safe to hand by Mr Vidal

I am Dr Sir

Yrs &c

Herbert J James

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[In his wife's hand]

David Lewis Junr Esqr.

Philadelphia

p Great Western

Dawlish Devon July 17 1838

Dr Sir.

I am favd with yr letter of 23 Ult & observe that you state in explanatn of the dffrnce of premium on Bills of Exchange on this Country between New York & Philadelphia, wh: appears strange, altho' no doubt correct.

I am glad to learn that the price of yr Stocks has improved but until a more uniform system is established, I shall not consider yr difficulties at an end. Observg by the Newspapers sent by you, that Ships sail regularly from yr port to this Country, I had hoped you would have met with an oppy of forwardg the Book containing the information respectg the Sulphur Springs in Virginia - if you address it to yr Correspondents at Liverpool, they will I have no doubt forward it by Coach to me, but it will not do to put it in the Ship's bag as the postage wd be more than the original Cost.

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

John Grieve Esqr
10/- Gloucester Place
Edinburgh

Dawlish Devon 25 July 1838

Dr Sir!

My health obliged me to quit Jamaica last year, but I left with Mr Vidal a general power of Substitution, under which he would be enabled to protect the interests of the several parties who had confided their business to me, & he informs me that nothing further had been done there towards the final arrangement of the claim of Green's Creditors against Stogdon's Estates when he left the Island in May last; as I before wrote to you, the Appeal must be withdrawn bef proceedings in this Country & I shall be ready to afford any assistance in my power should it be ascertained that I am possessed of any authority for interfering; Mr Vidal intends to return to Jamaica in the first September Packet, and should you wish to address him his direction is at foot hereof. I also send a note of the small balance due to me, & am very respectfully Dr Sir &c

Mem: Acct £9.12.2

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[In his wife's hand]
Robert Hawthorn Esqr.
London

Dawlish 1st August 1838

My dear Sir!

I thank your for terms of the Australian Bank, Captn O'Halloran⁷⁰⁷ who has just sailed informed my son, that he had paid a sum of money here on which 2½ p ct Commission was charged, which he was to receive there with interest I think at 10 p ct the Customary rate at that Settlement, & he will be much disappointed when he discovers his mistake, if the premium of Insurance is not high, it might be better that people took out the Specie with them, rather than lose the 2½ p cent on paying the Money here.

I feel particularly obliged to you for the information you afforded me in respect to the locating my Sons, which has enabled me to procure a most eligible situation for them with Mr Selfe who has a large Farm of about 1,000 Acres 6 miles from Salisbury, & 1,000 Sheep, he has also a Mill & Blacksmith's Forge on his premises, his sheep are considered the first in that quarter, & he takes great pains in selecting them; My Sons like their occupation well, they have tried their hands at mowing, & are now ploughing, & hoeing Turnips, then have also attended a large Sheep Fair, that they might observe the different breeds, - they reside with him/ Mr Selfe, & he boards them, he is a married man with one son, & is well spoken of by his neighbours.

When you are writing to Captn Scott,⁷⁰⁸ will you be kind enough to request him to procure a Shepherd to accompany my Sons next year, as they are too well paid in Wiltshire to think of leaving it, - he must be under 30, if married the better, but if he has young children, their passage must be paid, & an allowance made from his wages accordingly. If you can purchase for me a sample of Australian wool, I will thank you to send it down by Mr Vidal who is to be in Town this week, that my Sons by comparing it with that of this Country may see, & understand the difference. At yr Convenience you can inform me of any vessels about to sail for Jamaica next month, as should I not find a Gentleman who requires his services on the voyage, I must procure a passage for my black servant in one bound to Kingston. -

I am extremely glad to hear that Mr Boucher's objections to our accounts with his Uncle's Estate is likely to be so speedily settled, & I am much obliged to you for yr attention to it, Mr Vidal forgot to mention it when he was over here last week - Mr Boucher is wrong in stating that his objection arose from Mr Salmon's acknowledgment that our charge was unusual, as that acknowledgment has only be made since I came away, - the fact is that most Attornies receive Salaries, a few even received any Account Sales, but charge their commission on the weight of the Coffee shipped,

valuing it at a certain sum p 100lbs, & which is generally high enough to include any premiums that may be Current, but that would be corrected by the Master, should the Accts be submitted to him, in the previous Acct the Commssn was charged on the premium credited on the Bills drawn by us, & the Balance in the hands of the Consignees, which is the same as if it had been charged on the Net proceeds, - Mr B. also objected to that part, which was on the premium on Bills drawn in payment of the Legacies, payable in this Country stating that the Estate desired no benefit from such premium, but I hope we shall not hear anything more on such an unpleasant subject, Mrs Boucher⁷⁰⁹ is I understand dead, wh: will give him the immediate disposal of £28,000 in the Funds.

I am happy to learn that all yr family have returned from the Seaside in good health, & hope they have laid in a sufficient stock to carry them thro' the next winter - I cannot say much in favour of myself, the weather here has been very windy & wet.

I am &c &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

London

Dawlish 9th Aug. 1838

My dr Sir - Enclosed I send you the first of Lewis Carter's Bills of Exchange on N.M. Rothschild & Sons of London for five hundred & fifty pounds, which you will be kind enough to present for acceptance & place to my credit when due. Mr Maurice Jones has applied to me respecting his security Bond for the payment of the rent of Passley Garden Estate by Mr A.R. Jones, stating that you had offered to exonerate him, I replied that he had better get a letter from you Authorizing me to deliver it up. One of his Sons is about to proceed to South Australia, & he wishes him to settle near my Sons.

Mr Vidal informed me that there was very little specie in the Receiver General's chest, when he left Jamaica, & as a great quantity will now be required for the payment of Negro hire, - would it not be adviseable to send some out to yr friends in ships bound to the nearest Port as there is great difficulty in getting it Conveyed to different parts of the Island except in Droghers⁷¹⁰, when it is necessary to insure it, & they are not all trustworthy?

I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

New York

Dawlish 14 Augst. 1838

Dr Sirs!

I now beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of yr favors, of the 2nd & 18th July, & to thank you for the receipt of £500 Stgl in the Bill on N.M. Rothschild & Sons of London enclosed in the latter. The number of shares wh: I hold in the Camden & Amboy Rail Road is 160 on wh: you have credited me with 640\$ for the July Dividend of last year, I have no other Rail Road Shares, a reference to my account in your books will at all times shew you the particulars of the diff't Stocks on wh: you are to receive dvdnds for me.

I am Dr Sirs &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

London

Dawlish Devon Augst. 22 1838

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My dr Sir!

I am glad to learn that you have recd a bill for the July dvdnd on my Ohio Stock, Have Messrs Lenox & Son said anything more of their wish to decline receiving it in future? as if such is their determination I must send out another power of Attorney for that purpose. There certainly was a gt quantity of silver coin in Kingston at one time, but it may have been shipped during the period Bills were selling at so high a premium, the Merchants never liked to keep it by them, but always paid it over to the Recr. Genl. for duties as soon as they could, & if he has not got it, I know not where it can be, as the Colonial Bank would only take it but in very small sums, it will now be much wanted to secure labour as as [sic] the Negroes prefer it to Checks or Island notes. It will soon be seen whose opinion is right in respect to the Measure lately adopted, if I mistake not the Mar. of Sligo when presenting some petitions to the house of Lords stated that Mr Maurice Jones was desirous that the Negroes should be immediately manumized, & yet in his letters to me he says "Jamaica is a falling Country", & that "his opinion has been long fixed". I shall be most anxious to learn that it is doing well, altho' I have little pecuniary interest in its welfare; By the first private oppy I will send you a sample of some Cotton I brought with me, if you will be kind enough to ascertain from some silk weavers whether it can be manufactured into an article of dress. I really am quite at a loss what wages to offer for a Shepherd, or what terms to propose, people are I think wrong in giving too much, as it will enable them to leave you so soon, & yet some inducement must be held out for their quitting their native altho' a starving Country. I will be guided by whatever you may fix - I am aware that I am entitled to a free passage for 24 people, but not for their children unless above the age of 15 which I do not think is a good regulation, as young lads might be very useful, & would be more likely to remain with the person who took them out. Living I understand is expensive, & for 12 months at least I presume it will be necessary to provide for all who are engaged, wh: shd. be taken into consideration when fixing with the parties, as also the period and wh: the hire is to commence on embarking or landing. I thank you for yr. friendly suggestions, they shall be attended to as far as lays in my power, but unfortunately I cannot follow or overlook my sons myself, a great deal must therefore depend upon themselves.

Mr Lowendall wrote me a few weeks ago, stating that he had recd my letter but not the Birds, I immediately expld all the circumstances in a letter to Mr May⁷¹ the Consul General of the Netherlands, & referred him to you for further information respecting their delivery to Messrs Darthey who promised to forward them, but I have not since heard from Mr May whether he has obtained any tidings of them or the Chocolate wh: remained in the Docks for payment of the duty. Mr L having requested my assistance in recovering his property, I am anxious to do all in my power for him, he now holds an official appointment at Copenhagen & has made me an offer of his services there, - Is there anything I can request him to attend to for you? The samples of wool are come to hand, & I observe the very great difference in the prices, wh: I presume arises from the difference in the fineness, and not from any other cause.

Mr Batty not here long ago, gave his opinion on a Case submitted to him, that a lessee was not entitled to any allowance or reduction in the rent, in consequence of the alteration in the Negro system in the W.I. so that Mr Jones has no legal claim in respect to his engagement for Passley Garden, I shd however be disposed to try the question were I placed in such a situation, as I think it a very hard case that one party shd be bound by his engagement & not the other. Since writing the foregoing I have heard from my Sons who mention that Mr Selfe only gave his shepherd £13 pr annum with board & lodging, "but judging from the terms advertized in the Salisbury paper, for one to proceed to the Same Colony he should think that less than £25 p annum could not be offered with board & lodging", they have the offer of one in Wiltshire but unfortunately he is too old being 40, he wd answer otherwise as he has 2 Daughters 21 & 18, & a Son of 15 who now follows sheep - Enclosed I forward the 2nd of the U.S. Bills on S Sandon for £400 Stlg (the 1st not havg yet come to hand) wh: I will thank you to present for acceptance, & after the 1st Seprtr pay £100 to Mastermann & Co to my credit with Langmead & Co of Teignmouth

I am &c &c

PS. Be kind enough to forward the enclosed letter to N. York

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[HJJ's handwriting]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

Dawlish 30 Augst. 1838

Dr Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 27 Ult & [blank] Instant enclosing the 1 & 2 of H Biddles Bills of Exchange on S Sandon for £400 Sg the latter of which came first to hand & I am much obliged for the same

Your Account appears to be correct but I beg to trouble you with the following remarks

N Orleans Gas Bank no dividend credited since Feby 1837

Louisville Bank I think you wrote me would not pay the Decr Divd 1837

Kentucky Bank no Decr Divd credited

I am

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[In his wife's handwriting]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr London

Dawlish 12 Septbr 1838

My dear Sir! By the Jamaica papers I observe that the House of Assembly was desirous of obtaining a loan of £100,000 for the purpose of importing that amount in silver, it was not however effected, & the Agent has been directed by the Commsrs of public Accts to send out £10,000 in silver coins of 3d & 1½ & copper of ½ & ¼, Mr Burge must therefore have misinformed the Government here, very little of the Copper coin sent out some years ago for payment of the Troops was put in Circulation, or unpacked, but was reshipped to this Country as old copper, the high value which is now given to the British Shilling is not suffnt to keep it in the Island, & before the loan was sent out, change could not frequently be obtained for a two dollar piece, as soon as it is lowered, the Coin will all disappear. Cannot the Spanish Coins pistoles & half ditto be purchased & shipped, they pass for 26/8 & 13/4 there? a great quantity of Columbians are imported but they do not remain long, & Sovereigns are shipped to the U.S. where they pass for 85cts., specie must now be sent out to the different properties instead of supplies. I regret to learn from my Brother that his Manager writes unfavorably of the new system, Mr King's thinks it will work well, & I hope it may, but I fear that little dependance can be placed on the regular steady working of the Negroes for any length of time on the same property, Much jealousy & ill will will arise among the proprietors by hiring their neighbours' people or giving high wages.

The friend who has kindly offered to take charge of my sons will not I believe embark until next year, unless his health should compel him to leave this Country sooner, I shall however begin to make the purchases for them, the Orders for Land have been sent out to Mr Strangways to select the sections, & I am anxious to put their house in hand, if you can recommend a Builder who understands how it should be constructed, application has been made to Manning in Holborn, but I think his prices are high, & Thomson⁷¹² near Regent Park seem unwilling to give the necessary information to enable me to fix with him, I have no particular plan at present, as I do not know which is the most reasonable form, it shd consist of 2 sitting rooms, 4 bedrooms, & out offices detached or not as may be thought best, the rooms from 13 to 15 ft long, breadth in proportion & one story high.

There appears to be some mistake in the payment of the quarterly allowance to my daughter this month, as upon sending her draft to Teignmouth for the amount, it was returned "not being yet advised". I have recd my £100 for wh: I am much obliged to you.

Will you favor me with the names of any Ships about to sail for Kingston, & the time for their

clearing out? Enclosed I send Rothschild & Sons acceptance for £1000, £500 due in a day or two to be placed to my credit, & a letter for Philadelphia
I am &c &c

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[HJJ's handwriting]

R Hawthorn Esq London
My Dr Sir

Dawlish 15 Sept. 1838

The several Receivers of Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates have fully accounted for all their transactions with those properties altho I do not recollect who acted during the particular period you allude to, I think it was Mr Edwd Mountague, & if so Mr J R Palmer objected to my Report upon his a/cs but I overruled his objections the payments having been made under Orders of Court upon Appeal I understand that my Report was confirmed nothing further was however done with it in Jamaica Mr Bernard is insuring himself by withholding the Statement required by Mrs Weekes

I am glad to learn of Mr P James's safe return. I hope his health has benefitted by the Voyage & that he has arranged his affairs satisfactorily

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[In his wife's hand]

R. Hawthorn Esqr London
My dr Sir

Dawlish 24 Sept 1838

I am really ashamed to give you so much trouble in my trifling matters, & am much obliged to you for the plan & estimate of a house for my Sons wh: you have kindly sent me, the former I think wd answer well, the latter I think rather high judging from the charge made by Manning for Capt'n O'Halloran as it does not appear that it is to be painted wh is necessary & wd make a serious addn to the first sum, if that is intended to be included altho' not mentioned, & yr Builder approves of the Estimate I wd agree to its being put in hand, but there need not be any hurry in Completing it, the closets etc may also be added, but I wd wish to have some description of the bedsteads Felt, Zinc &c before I determine upon them. I thank you for the offer of a letter to Capt'n Scott, & shall probably avail myself of it in Novber if not too late in the year to obtain information respctg Sheep, at present my son employs part of his time in learnng to Turn as you recommended, I am anxious that they shd try the improved scythe of Aberdeen, if you can procure one, & forward it to Salisbury, as it is not known there, the most likely place to get it is, I think Cottam & Hallen's⁷¹³ Winsley St opposite to the Pantheon Oxford St. I suffered so much from the cold last winter that I wish to procure a portable Stove to warm my room, Arnotts⁷¹⁴ from all I can learn seems likely to answer my purpose, as I believe it burns Coal, Gas cannot be got here, & I am afraid of Charcoal, a variety of the former are advertized by Philips 7 Gt Russel St Bloomsbury, & Livermore 30 Oxford St if you will be kind enou' to select one for a small room by which water &c may be kept warm, or you may direct them or any Tradesman to forward their patterns & prices to me for that purpose. - You will oblige me by paying £100 into the hands of Barclay & Co to the credit of my Son W R James junr with Messrs Hetley Everett & Co Bankers of Salisbury. I am sorry to observe by the papers that such unfavorable acct's have been recd from Jamaica, What is the report from Rose Hall & Palmyra? on Mr Heaths own Estate⁷¹⁵ the Negroes appear to have struck for wages, it is not fortunately Crop time on the Northside, & before the commencement of the next, it is to be hoped that the negroes may become more reasonable in their demands

I am

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[HJJ's handwriting]

R Hawthorn Esq

Dawlish 26 Sept 1838

My Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the Second of Lewis Curtis's Bills on N M Rothschild & Sons for £400 which I will thank you to present for acceptance & place to my credit when due

I am

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 1 Oct. 1838

My dr Sir!

As I am not aware of any thing that will answer the purpose better, I must request you to send one of the improved Stoves with Copper boiler &c plain but do you not think 14 inches rather small? I had always thought that the defect wh: you mention arose from the use of Charcoal, & was not attributable to the stove itself, wh: has caused me to hesitate in ordg one. The better plan will be to write to Aberdeen at once for the Scythe, as my gd: Kerr⁷¹⁶ is now engaged in shooting & my Brother says only sends to the Post once a week, wh: will delay my gettg one in time to try this Season, or the Agent at the Abdn. Stm. Whf.⁷¹⁷ St Katherine might be able to say whether any Ironmonger in London was likely to have them for sale, they enable a man to cut with less labour & a gter quantity of grass in a day than cd be accomplished with a cmmn Scythe. Be Kd enou' to let them send drctns for using the Stove &c I am

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr.

Dawlish 3rd Oct. 1838

My dr Sir!

The packet brought me yesterday the enclosed bill of Patey Sewell & co on Messrs Mitchells for sixty pounds 19/10 wh: I will thank you to get accepted & place to my credit

It turns out as I suspected that my fds in Jamaica have taken an Order on the Cmpenstn. in "Lambie vs: Orr" on the wrong number 3 instead of No 2 Portland⁷¹⁸ & applicatn must be made to the Court to Amend it. I regret to state that the inflammation in my eye has returned. I am &

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 13 Oct 1838

Dr Sir!

Upon enquiry I find the Conveyance of packages from London to Exeter is by Waggon 12/ pr cwt & by the Steamer 6d per quot, but as I do not know the weight or how the Stove will be packed, I can not calculate which will be the cheapest mode, one of the latter leaves the St George's Steam Wharf every Wednesday morg at 8 oclock

My Son has recd the £125, & I will thank you to pay £42 in the same way on the 24th or 25th Inst, when the Scythe arrives it can be sent to him to the Care of John Selfe Esqr Knighton, Broad Chalk Sarum

In a warm climate like Australia, it will be proper to paint the outside of the house as well as the inside, that can however be done there, Does Mr Thompson make any additional charge for the painting?

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I am much obliged to you for yr attention to my requests & am &c
PS. Be kind enou' to let the sum to be paid for the freight or carriage of the Stove be fixed in London

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr:

Dawlish 17 Oct 1838

My dr Sir!

It is most probable that the parcel p Rapid Contains an Almanac, as I wrote to Jamaica for one some time Ago, & as I do not know of any thg else likely to be sent to me, it had better be returned to the P.O., Captains shd have such parcels at the Coffee house, I once pd 25/ for a 2/ Magazine sent to me in Jamaica. I am extremely obliged to you for yr kind suggestions wh: shall be attended to, also for Captn Scott's statement, high wages are already doing much injury in S.A, as the people there only work half of the week, & drink during the remainder, I must request you to send me as many of the numbers of the S.A. Record⁷¹⁹ as you can procure except No 5 wh: I have, & let them be sent in future as publshd. you can look over them before they are forwarded, they Come free p post; the Stove can be sent by a Trader if you approve of it. I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.

Dawlish 19 Oct 1838 -

My dr Sir

Enclosed I forward the first of S.N. Dodge's bills of Exchange [c.o. for] on Fletcher, Alexander & Co of London for £500 for acceptance & to be placed to my credit - I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

Dawlish Devon 24th Oct 1838

Dr Sirs!

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of the 31st Augst & 4th Oct. in the accompanying bills of Exchange for £400 & 500 Stlg. for wh: I am much obliged to you, & will thank you to advise me from time to time of the different divds recd on my account, as the U S Bank is the only July dividend you have informed me of. Annexed I send a general power of Attorney wh: I hope will be sufficient to enable you to receive whatever May be due to me, the former was transmitted in conformity with yr letter of 7th June, wherein you state that on its being returned executed you would be able to receive the unpaid dividnds on the N.Y. State Stock, this revokes my power to Messrs. R Lenox & Son, & you will in Consequence receive & remit my future dvdnds [inserted above: 566-93] on \$ Ohio 6 pr cent Stock.

Suffering from a violent inflammation in one of my eyes, I cannot add more at present

I am Dr Sirs &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 7th Novr. 1838

My dear Sir

I shall be obliged by your paying to Messrs Masterman & Co One hundred Pounds to my Credit

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with Langmead, Jordan & Co of Teignmouth
I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.

Dawlish 14th Novr. 1838

My dear Sir

I received your favor yesterday evening & hope I may not be too late in requesting you to send me with the Stove a bag of East India rice as the applications for assistance during the winter are numerous most of the poor people in this neighbourhood having large families & frequently nothing for them to eat

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 10th Decr. 1838

My dear Sir

I now beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 12th and 24th Ultio. which were duly received & on Saturday evening last the Stove was left at my house but I have not yet seen the rice. I hope the former may answer it is considerably larger than I expected and I have sent for the man to show me how it is put in operation. I have also to thank you for Sending the Scythe to my son but as this is a period of the year when little is doing at Farms, I have removed my Sons until next month when they will return to be present at the dropping of the Lambs which is reckoned a very critical time with the breeders of sheep. Mr Selfe writes that it appears to him that the Blade is very superior to the common sort it is longer & made of a better material, the frame he does not like so well for his own use as you are obliged to stand more upright in using it but he could not give it a fair trial as there is nothing to cut at this time of the year. I have received several nos of the South Australian Record and shall be obliged by your enquiring of the Commrs whether some alteration has not been made in respect to the Emigrants proceeding to that Settlement as I have understood it is required that the Females who accompany the men must be married and not single persons as heretofore of equal number - Enclosed I send you the 1st of Howland & Aspinwalls Bills on Magniare Smith & Co of London for Three hundred and thirty pounds Stirling. A & G Ralshaw & Co's on A & G Ralshaw & Co of London for One hundred and fifty pounds sterling and Geo: Massingbirds on Edward Brackenbury of Lincolnshire for fifty pounds sterling. In all £530 Stg which please to present for acceptance and place to my credit - Be kind enough to have the enclosed letter left with J.W. May Esqr of Fenchurch Street for Mr Lowendal

I am &c

PS. I shall be obliged if at your convenience you will be kind enough to let me know the particulars of the cost of the Stove & rice - I find from the bad packing of the Stove that it will require some repair.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr London

Dawlish 14th Decr. 1838

My dear Sir

I hasten to relieve your mind of the fears you entertain of the loss of my original Report of Mr Edward Mountague's final accounts as Receiver of Palmer's Estates, so far as I am able - that

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Report with some others in the Same Cause I left in my Office, with all the other papers connected with that Suit & I suppose have been delivered to the Master to whom the Cause has since been referred. I was not aware that it had not been recorded, it is of consequence that it should be, as to it is annexed the original account of Messrs Mountagues showing the application of the Receivership Balances in their hands towards the liquidation of the Arrears of Mrs Weekes's annuity - The Reports must have been brought to me for some purpose which I do not now recollect, & I hope there will be no difficulty in finding them - my rough draft also was also with the Papers -

It was my wish that all my Causes should have been transferred to one Master, who would then have taken charge of all books & papers in my possession & partly handed over to me by my three predecessors, but Lord Sligo, who seemed to take a pleasure in doing mischief, left a memorandum with his Successor urging him not to consent to it - They were therefore left with my nephew to hand over to such parties as might apply for them -

The Fund which I have accumulated in your hands, is intended for the outfit & settlement of my Sons in South Australia. What do you think would be a fair allowance to be made for that purpose, to pay for their house, outfit, passage, & to establish them there with Cattle &c?

I have not had the Stove prepared as yet being fearful of trusting it in the hands of an ignorant person, but will attend to your suggestion. The rice does not appear to have come by the same vessel - otherwise it was to have been brought here yesterday - it appears strange that it is not more generally consumed in this country.

Mr Lowendal directed the letter to be Sent to Mr May but if he will not receive it, ascertain from him his directions and forward it in the regular way -

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr London

Dawlish 2nd Jany 1839

My dear Sir

Not having yet seen any thing of the rice I shall be obliged by your informing me when and by what vessel it was sent that I may make inquiry after it. I find the expence of repairing the Stove was a mere trifle but no instructions have been sent as to the management of the regulator - By an advertisment in the South Australian Record it appears that 7 p ct Interest is allowed by the Bank on money deposited there if such is the case might it not be as well to make a remittance on account of my Sons at once? About the 8th Instant I will thank you to pay the sum of One hundred pounds to Messrs Masterman & Co to my Credit with Langmead & Co of Teignmouth -

Wishing Mrs Hawthorn, yourself & all your family many happy returns of the Season in which my Son unites with me - I am &c &c

[Extract: John Gale Vidal's letter-book⁷²⁰]

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Messrs. W. R. & S. Mitchell & Co.

Spanish Town, Jamaica, 2 January 1839

...I left with Messrs Cockburn and Bradfield a parcel addressed to Messrs Clayton and Cookson with the appeal papers in "Girod vs Vidal". Under the same cover be found one directed to Mr Hawthorn, containing the amended order in 'Lambie vs. Orr' and one addressed to your [illeg.] with the compensation powers from my partner Mr James Allwood and myself authorizing you to receive some small sums due to us for costs in 'Lambie v Orr'. 'Laurence v Reid' and 'Roper v

Roper'. These costs were incurred in obtaining orders for payment of Master James's bills in the above causes. He has been paid his bills in the two last under orders already transmitted, and which provide for Vidal and Allwood's costs. The order now transmitted to Mr Hawthorn will enable Master James to receive his bill of costs in 'Lambie v Orr', and I should hope as our costs are also directed to be paid by the same order. you will have no difficulty in obtaining them under the powers sent. As the orders were silent as to whether the costs of the Solicitors were Sterling money, or the currency of this island, you will find declarations to satisfy the Accountant General on that head enclosed with the powers. I am, Dear Sirs, Yours very truly. J.G. Vidal.

Messrs. Cockburn and Bradfield will forward the parcel to Messrs. Clayton & Cookson by the first private opportunity, and advise those Gentlemen of the name of the party to whom it is entrusted....

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall
New York

Dawlish, Devon, 7th Jany. 1839

Dear Sirs

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 22nd Novr with the accompanying Bill of Exchange for three hundred and thirty pounds Sterling, for which I am much obliged to you.

As you have not noticed the receipt of them, it would appear that the Camden & Amboy Railroad & New Orleans Canal Bank Dividends of July, & National Bank of November still remain unpaid

I shall be obliged by your favoring me with some information respecting the New Orleans Canal Bank, how it is going on, & whether the Dividends are likely to be more regularly paid -

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

David Lewis Junr Esq
Philadelphia

Dawlish, Devon 7th Jany. 1839

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 20th Novr last with the two Bills of Exchange for Fifty, and One hundred & fifty, Pounds inclosed, for which I am much obliged to you.

I have been much disappointed at not receiving from you the promised information respecting the New Orleans Gas Bank, neither have I received any Newspapers from you for some time past.

I am very anxious to know when the remainder of the Instalments on the N.O. Gas [c.o. Bank] Shares will be required, as, if they are not to be immediately paid up, I should wish the money in your hands to be invested in some other Security without further delay, as I do not like to be kept in such a state of uncertainty, & not receiving any Dividend on what I have already paid.

Should not the Vicksburgh & Kentucky Certificates be applied for & forwarded to me, as I believe I only hold the receipts for the Instalments?

I am &c

Orig p Liverpool Stmr

Dup p

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Revd R. Allwood - Clifton

Dawlish, Devon, 11th Jany. 1839

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th Inst., & beg to assure you that I still feel every disposition to assist you in your intended emigration, but from the flourishing statement you have given me of your finances (!), I should hardly think you now required my aid - however, you are the best judge of that - The terms are not such as I had formerly contemplated, & I should not like to make the loan for more than three years, as it may prevent my Executors from concentrating any effects as soon after my decease as they might otherwise wish to do. As I do not understand the nature of the security you propose to give, & as it will be necessary to employ a professional person to prepare it, I would suggest that, in order to save time & correspondence, you at once explained your intentions to Mr Little, being the only gentleman I am acquainted with in your neighbourhood, & let him do what is right & proper for both parties - & for which purpose I enclose a few lines to him if your approve of my suggestion - It is not my intention to write to him further upon the subject at present

&c &c

I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

S. G. Little Esq

Solicitor, Bristol

Dawlish, Devon, 11th Jany. 1839

My dear Sir

I am very anxious to assist my esteemed friend, Mr Allwood, with the loan of Two thousand pounds, & have referred him to you to explain the nature of the Security he proposes to give me, in order that you may prepare it for my perusal & approval.

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

S George Little Esqr

Solicitor Bristol

Dawlish, Devon 26th Jany. 1839

My dear Sir!

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yr fav of the 24th Inst, Mr Allwood had furnished me with a similar Statement of his property, but as he did not state the particular security he proposed to enter into for the payment of my advance, I requested that he wd inform you of his intentions that you might draw up the necessary papers.

I have every Confidence in the integrity of Mr Allwood, but as he is going to a far distant Country among strangers, I think some proviso should be made to guard against accidents, otherwise I shd be disposed to accept his bond for the loan, & yet - I do not know what I can ask that he has power to give - his proposition was "the terms on wh I had requested the loan are these, - £2000 at 6 p cent for 5 years - myself & property of every kind to be liable for the amount at the end of that term, or in the event of the interest not being regularly pd as in the event of my decease before the expiration of that term" the interest to be paid here or in Australia". I shd wish if it cd be done that he gave me security in this Country for the payment of the principal & interest, as in the event of any accident befalling him, I shd not like to have to send out his bond to seek for his property in the hands of strangers, who might put me to much trouble & expence in establishing my claim, of wh I have seen too many instances in my own Country of late years, in the present state of my health, &

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under all circumstances I do not think I am askg anything unreasonable. At yr convenience
will you be kind enow to inform me whether 2 or 3 witnesses are now required to a will?⁷²¹
I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

S George Little Esqr

Dawlish 31st Jany 1839

My dr Sir

I am sorry to learn that Mr Allwood does not approve of my proposition, I do not wish to remove any of his property from under his controul, but that I have something here to resort to for the repayment of my advance in case of any accident happening to him. I am extremely obliged to you for this information respctg the execution of Wills & the water-proof coats, & shall be obliged to you to procure three of the Same Cloth of the loose make, with sleeves & brown colour. I particularly mentioned to my Mother that those fm Birmingham were considered superior to the original McIntosh's & were what I wished for; my Sons' breadth across the shoulders without great coats is 12 inches. It affords me much pleasure to learn that the Arrowroot was acceptable, My Mother had informed me of the increase of yr family, all of whom with yr Mother are I trust in good health. I beg to offer my best respects & hope that the latter does not experience any difficulty in obtaining her annuity from Jamaica now.

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 12 Feby 1839

My Dr Sir

The Rice came to hand the day after I wrote my last letter to you & appears to be very good, the freight 1/6 I pd here, but not of the Stove, if Mr Livermore has sent in his bill, will you at yr leisure [sic] the cost of the latter, and the expences of shipping &c, I fear it is too large and throws us too much heat for our small rooms, there has been little occasion to use it as yet -

My Sons returned to Wiltshire the middle of last month, they have seen the Scythe, but think some instructions may be necessary to fit the blade properly to the handle, & that its power must depend Greatly upon how that is done, My plans for their emigration have been completely upset, by the friend under whose charge they were to have embarked & settled havg determined upon going to Sydney with his family so that at present I am quite at a loss what to do. Captn O'Halloran sailed in Augst last, & has long ere this I hope arrived safe with his family. I have a list of most of the Articles he took with them, but do not think his judgment can be relied on in such a matter.

The amount I proposed to place at my Sons disposal in S. Aust is from £1000, to £1500 - but in consequence of my present disapptmt I do not know to whose order to make it payable; you can if you please ascertain the terms upon wh: the Bank wd receive either of those sums, & what notice will be required before it is called for, it wd be drawn at different times to meet their expences & purchases, I shd not think that the Bank wd allow of the investment of a large sum for a length of time on interest. I thank you for the £100 & shall be obliged by yr paying £60 to Roberts Carter & Co to the credit of my Mother Mrs Rachel James with Stuckeys Bankg Cmpny Bristol I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 23rd Feby 1839

My dr Sir!

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Enclosed I beg to forward the first of A & G Ralston & Cos Bills of Exchange on the same firm in London in favor of David Lewis Junr for £150 stg which I will thank you to present for acceptance and place to my credit when due. I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

J. G. Vidal Esqr

Dawlish 25th Feby 1839

My dr Vidal

Has anything been done about the negroes in Wstmorlnd? J. Williams balce recd Pennock vs Colthirst Bill Sale? Willis vs Molony &c &c. I thank you for Scott's acct, it appears to be correct, & I shall be glad to receive a bill for the balance; I do not [sic] he has [c.o. treated] behaved well to me certainly not friendly - he has charged 5 p c premium on the bills to America, one for about 1800\$ was on Boston, & I suppose I shall have to pay another premm for getting the amount pd in N.Y; the horse sold at public sale for £53 &c he bought in Wstmrlnd & I pd him £100 cash for it; Haughton wrote me that he refused to draw after I came away, why I know not, it is not worth while to say anything of these matters unless he shd enter upon the subject himself. I wish you wd send the old horse to one of yr pens, he will do for you to ride about the property, he is a good tempered animal & I shd not like him to get into bad hands & be ill treated. I am glad that you have at length so far arranged with Dr McGlachan about my long standg bills in Mcfarlane vs Whittle, annexed is a statement of them, you had them taxed & must have the Crtfct!, the Wharf sold only for £700, he & Mcfarlane were both present at the Sale, Dallas & I divided the purchase money between us in part of our Costs, his receipt is in my chest. I shall be most glad when the matter is completed, a draft schedule of appropriation was among my papers. Dr Anderson will no doubt pay soon, when you write to him remember me to him - the dispatch of 3. 4. 5. 7. 8. 18 & 19 Jany have come to hand, but if it is not regularly sent I shall beg of you to change it for another better conducted. I thank Mr Sinclair for those he sent, what has he done with the house he purchased & he must have laid out a large sum on it, Send me a docket of the judgmt vs Guy if it has been taken. Robert wrote that it wd be of last Oct: Court, but nothing has been since said of it, neither has the order in Lambie vs Orr yet come to hand - Mrs Allen has never answered my letter you had better therefore tell Gore that you have no authority to pay him anything more that he may write to her himself. I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Coll Maberley⁷²²

Secy to the Post Master Genl &c &c &c

Dawlish Devon 27th Feby 1839

Sir!

I beg leave to inform you that I was last week charged 2/4 for a single letter by the packt fm Jamaica addrssd to me at this place, 2/ was originally marked on it, but struck out & the former sum written beneath. I have applied to the Deputy Post Master here who refused to refund the overcharge unless I will give him the back of the letter wh: I cannot part with, as it contains writing on business. I am therefore compelled to apply to you on the subject in order that the error may be rectified, & instructions forwarded for the future guidance of the deputy here in similar cases

I have the honor to be &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

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Thomas Lawrence Esqr
Asstnt Sectry to the P. Master Genl. &c &c
Sir!

Dawlish 4 March 1839

In compliance with yr request, I now enclose the letter on wh: the overcharge has been made, and when you return it shall be obliged by yr stating whether there is any reason why the postage of 2 letters bearing the Salisbury Post Mark of 19th & 26th Ult: shd be charge at 10d each, when several previously recd & one since are only charged 9d, & if there shd not be any, I shall be obliged by yr directing these errors to be also rectified - I am Sir &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

W R James Esqr
My dr Rhodes

Dawlish March 6th 1839

Presuming that you will be desirous of an early reply to yr last letter I sit down to it at once altho' it was only yesterday Morg. that I despatched a letter to you, & I now readily agree to give up all claim or right to any part of what our Mother has invested in the funds & wh: she may bequeath to me by her will, the reinvestment had better be made in the name of some other person omitting mine, as it is not likely that I shall survive her. -

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.
My dr Sir!

Dawlish 6th March 1839

I am glad to learn that the amended order in Lambie vs Orr has at length reached you, it must have been forwarded by some private oppy. I thank you for the payment on account of my daughter, & have no doubt she has recd the money, or I shd have heard of it as it is only when by any chance it may be delayed that my notice is taken of it.

On Monday or Tuesday next I will thank you to pay £100 to Masterman & Co to my credit with Langmead & Co of Teignmouth & £95 to Barclays Co to the credit of my son WRJ Junr with Hetley Everett & co of Salisbury.

My sons return home the end of next week havg spent 6 months in Wiltshire, the people about the farm begin to think the Scythe may answer, any further information that you can obtain respectg it will be acceptable as I intend to send some of that descriptn out with my sons, I am sorry that the Bank does not appear to answer yr expectations, where can the Money be placed until it is wanted? it will not do to keep it in the house & a supply must be sent out sufficient for 12 months at least, all that I have as yet purchased is the 6 sectns of land, I have not been tempted to speculate in a Town lot, as I wish my Sons to settle at once on their own property & to superintend it without havg any excuse for absentg themselves. It was the Revd Mr Allwood to whose care I had intended to intrust my Sons, & who has now determined on going to Sydney, a young man of most excellent character & a Relative of theirs to whom they have always looked up, I must now beg of you to let me know if you hear of any respectable family that may be going out about June, by wh time I hope to hear that their Land has been selected, that I may secure their passage in the same ship, I am extremely obliged by yr promise of letters of introduction for them.

I was much pleased with the informatn you were kind enow' to send - respectg my Brother's Manager in Jamaica,⁷²³ as his death at this time would have subjected him in all probability to the loss of the greater part of the expected crop. Has Mr Jones determined on givg up or keepg Passley Garden until the expiratn of the present lease?

My fds persuaded me to quit Jamaica under the hope that my general health wd be much

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benefitted by the change, but I regret to state that such has not been the case & I think I have suffered more from fever here than ever I did there, the inflammation in my eye is also most obstinate, my present attack has continued upwards of 5 months, & there is little appearance of its subsiding altogether,

I shall be happy to learn that yr family are all well & am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

David Lewis Junr Esqr
Philadelphia

Dawlish Devon 7 March 1839

Dr Sir

Annexed is a duplicate of my last letter to you wh was not forwarded as early as I expected, the steamer havg I imagine been postponed beyond the period it was first advertised to sail. I have now to thank you for yr favor of the 29th Jany, & for the bill of Exchange enclosed therein for £150 Stlg at 9¼ p ct premium, the remaining dividends wh you notice I shall be glad to receive when paid X

I am vy respectfully &c &c

X I shall be obliged by yr informing me whether the Camden and Amboy Rail Road paid any, & what dividend for the 6 months due last June.

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr
My dr Sir

Dawlish 16 March 1839

Enclosed I send you the first of Lewis Curtis' Bills of Exchange on Palmer, Mackillop & Co for £600 Stg & will thank you to present the same for acceptance, & place the amount to my credit when due. I am much obliged to you for the payments you have made on my account, & observe what you state in reference to the Bank at Australia, the change in Mr Allwood's plans sadly perplexed me, as my younger sons have since they left school disputed Rhodes' authority over them, & to send them out without any controlling power to restrain them wd lead to no good, they do not return home until about the 26th Inst. Rhodes appears anxious to obtain every informatn that may be of service to him in his future pursuits in life, & shall if possible avail himself of yr introduction to Captn Scott. By what conveyance wd you recommend his proceeding to Kelso, & what time will it occupy? I am glad to learn that Mrs Hawthorn & her infant are doing well, & beg to offer my congratulations on this addition to yr family

I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr
My dr Sir!

Dawlish 18 March 1839

Enclosd I forwd the first of Alex R Scott's bills of exchange on John B Elin of London for £541.15.10 Stlg for acceptance to be placed to my credit when due. Can you procure for me the form of an agreement to be signed by Emigrants going to South Australia? I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

Dawlish 18 March 1839

Dear Sirs!

Your favor of the 23rd Feby last accompanied by a bill of Exchange for £600 Stg at 9 p ct premium, & a sketch of my account to 31st Decbr wh have been duly recd & I thank you for the same. I observe that credit is given for the Dvdnds on the New Orleans Canal Bank Shares for July, & National Bank Shares for Novbr, but not for the Camden & Amboy Rail Road Dividends of last July, those acknowledged to have been recd being I presume for January, neither have you noticed the divdns on my Ohio Stock, which Messrs Lenox & Son generally recd Early in the year, & to whc I request yr attention.

In a printed circular wh you forwarded to me not long ago, it was stated that the Globe Insurance Company were about to make a final dividend, & I shall be obliged by yr receiving whatever may be coming to me. I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Dawlish 25th March 1839

My dear Sir

I am glad to learn that my report has been found, you can compare the Extracts sent to you by Haughton with those I sent to you in my letter of 26th Jany 37/. I then stated to Mrs Weekes that there was a balance of £916.4.10½ due to Mountagues. The measure proposed by Government will only hasten the fate of poor Jamaica, it will no doubt be supported by our late Governor the Marquis of Sligo, who has I perceive published a letter advising the Coll Sectry short steps shd be adopted, we cannot expect any favor to be shewn to us by either of the Marquises.

Will you be kind enow to send me the names, tonnage & proposed time of sailing of the several vessels for S.A? Mr Angas is anxious that my Sons shd go in a vessel he is about to despatch the 1st week in May the Anna Robertson⁷²⁴, but that will I fear be too early for them, a little later will be more convenient, if you can at some time ascertain the passage money, I shall be obliged - the house will be required in May I think.

Formerly the Masters sent their reports to the Chancery Office sealed up & addressed to the Chancellor, it was then filed or properly speaking entered in a book, in which all papers lodged were entered, a petition was afterwards presented to Open & record it, when it was copied into a book, it then became a record of the Office, & as such cd be given in Evidence in any of the Courts.

I will trouble you for the loan of yr Agreements, when I have determined upon my future plans - I am &c

[Extract: John Gale Vidal's letter-book]

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Messrs. W. R. & S. Mitchell & Co.

Spanish Town, Jamaica, 2nd April 1839

... In the box to your address by Mr Archer, I have taken the liberty of enclosing a parcel for Mr Herbert James which you will oblige by sending to Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden who will forward it....

....Your letter relative to Cave River will be replied to by my firm, as soon as they can have reference to the public offices which are closed for the Easter holidays. In the mean time I may mention that the party is wrong in supposing Mr Herbert James to be in possession of any money belonging to him or the property. A moiety of Cave River⁷²⁵ is in possession of Mr Fairweather as

Receiver the other moiety is not in receivership but I presume Mr Fairweather has rendered an account to the Attorney of the arrears of such moiety. Mr Powell I believe died about two or three months since. JGV.

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[In his wife's hand]

David Lewis Junr Esqr
Philadelphia

Dawlish 2 April 1839

Dr Sir!

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of the 5th Ultio: & will leave it to you to make the investment of such part of the money retained for the N.O. Gas Shares, as will not now be required for the purpose, in such other security as you may deem most beneficial, & secure sendg me first a notarial Copy of the Certfcte & when that is acknowledgd the originals.

I thank you for the Npapers lately sent, but I did not receive one from June to Feby one a month will be sufficient

I am &c &c

P.S. as I am going to London be kind enough to address yr letters to the care of H & Shedden

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[In his wife's hand]

John Gale Vidal Esqr
Jamaica

Dawlish 2nd April 1839

My dr Vidal

I have to thank you for yr favor of 6th Feby - the bill for £541.15.0 wh: has been accepted, I am glad that this business has been at length settled; when you see or shd have occasion to write to Mr Scott thank him for me, as it is not worthwhile to put him to the expence of postage wh: my letter wd occasion; Greens charges against Stogdon's estates. Wright⁷²⁶ wrote to me when in Engld would be shortly settled by Miles & I presume Scotts bill was drawn on that acct. Have Edgars representatives sent out a fresh power? I wrote to them that you wd attend to the matter for them - Dont forget my balance. Ditto McGlackan is very dilatory where he has not got to receive money, you must therefore keep at him. Willis vs Molony I perceive is in the Chancery list. I hope Cockburn does not contest the payment, if he should just make him pay the bills himself. Haughton never writes. I wish you wd see about my wine childns picture &c being shipped, they were to have been sent last year. Lambie vs Orr the order has been recd but I am not certain if yet pd. I am going to London &c &c

Yrs &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr.
My dr Sir!

Dawlish 6th April 1839

I am much obliged to you for the particulars of the Ships bound to South Australia, neither the terms or the accommodation appears to be so favorable as those offered last year, but as I am prepartg to go to Town next week, there is no occasion to trouble you further on the subject at present I thank you for the statement in "Lambie vs Orr" wh: is satisfactory. The payment of the

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balance of Mrs Weeks arrears of annuity was suspended by the proceedings filed in "Palmer vs Mountague", but it is still a lien⁷²⁷ agst Rose Hall & Palmyra Estates, for wh: Mrs W is not personally liable, Why do not the representatives of Mountague apply for it? Were she to petition for payment of her subsequent arrears out of the Compensatn they might then urge their claim & thus bring the matter before the Court. I am quite at a loss to account for the change in Sir Lionel Smith's conduct; when he first went to Jamaica he said that we had not been fairly dealt by, & expressed his surprise that there shd be people of Colour in the Assembly, & at their apptmt as stipendiary Magistrates, but lately he has turned completely against the Planters & respectable inhabitants & joined their enemies, it cannot surely be because the House refused to pass the Bill for his additional salary, there are I suspect many of the Merchants there who wd not be sorry to see the Government Measure carried into effect, they have no property in the Island, & are not interested in its welfare.

I am &c

PS. Be kind enow' to stop my newspapers for the present

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

No 3 Albion Place Edgeware Road

April 25th 1839

My dear Sir

As the time of my Sons' departure is close at hand, I think it as well to advise you that I propose Sending out with them One thousand pounds in Specie as I have been informed that there is at times a difficulty in obtaining it & I will thank your to send me Two hundred Pounds to make some purchases for them.

I am obliged to you for the loan of the draft agreement which my Son will deliver to you

yrs &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Robert Hawthorn Esq

3 Albion Place Edgeware Road

April 26. 1839

My dear Sir

My Son brought me the £200 in your letter yesterday afternoon for which I am much obliged to you as well as for the Zoological tickets which I omitted to acknowledge in my last. The Sovereigns will not be required until about the 15th of next month. Had they all better be kept in one parcel or distributed in different packages?

If Mr Chandler is satisfied with the house it may be got ready for shipment and if it is put up previously I should like to have an opportunity of seeing it, some additional lumber will be required which probably Mr C. may furnish

I am my dear Sir

Yours &c

[Between 210-211 written on loose sheet of embossed paper 'Wheaton 185 Fore St Exeter']

[In the hand of WRJ6]

George Miller Esq

No. 3 Albion Place Edgeware Road

30th April 1839

Dear Sir

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Previous to quitting Dawlish Mr Angas was kind enough to propose securing births [sic] for my Sons in your vessel but as Mrs James had been led to understand from him that she would not carry Emigrants I did not [c.o. avail myself] then avail myself of his offer, Since coming to Town my eldest son informed me of a conversation which he had with you from which I understood that you would take out the family I had engaged for them and it was under that impression that I entered into the arrangements for their passage on board the Anna Robertson, but as it now appears that you cannot find room for these Emigrants, you will not I hope consider it strange that I should wish to vacate the agreement for my Sons passage altogether as without the assistance of these people & their having their Supplies & Stores taken out at the same time as they go themselves [c.o. they need not hurry themselves to go out], their embarkation & arrival there would only be attended with expence & difficulties which I am anxious should be avoided if possible

I am very respectfully

[Extract: John Gale Vidal's letter-book]

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H. J. James Esq
Spanish Town, Jamaica, 2nd May 1839

My dear James. I have received yours & am sorry you still continue ill. I which indeed that we could hear some favourable account of your health. The prospects in Jamaica are certainly far from being bright I however do not despair. I think the country will yet do tolerably well. It is true some & perhaps many Sugar estates will be thrown up but the negroes are fond of beef & although so many stock will not be required for Estates as formerly the demand of the Butchers will be increased - You will have seem my brother Robert I dare say before this reaches you. He will have given you what information he could relative to your concerns. I have had a great deal of trouble to bring Dr McGlashan to a settlement of the accounts between McFarlane & Estate of R.G. Hamilton this I at length effected two days ago. I had to pay him in part of the purchase money of Grierfield⁷²⁸ about £1900 stock care to retain your bill in McFarlane vs Whittle out of it, Say £1491 for which I have handed the doctor a receipt. It had quite escaped Dr Anderson to comply with his promise which I wrote you he had made of sending me the balance of your bill in Campbell vs. Christie. On receiving your letter I took the opportunity of writing to him sending your regards & calling his attention to the claim. This morning I received a note from him for £40 & I have enclosed him a receipt in full. I now send you my first Exchange on Messrs W.R. & S. Mitchell & Co at 90 ds for £850 Stg. This with the annual Premium a 20 P Cent will be £1418 & stamps 5/- It does not quite cover the sums but I prefer drawing for an even sum on the house. The balance will be at your credit. Judgment has not be taken against Guy. Jas Allwood tells me he thought it better not to do so as Guy informed him that he had a good quantity of Logwood which he intended to ship purposely to pay your demand. I am afraid however that our friend has forgotten to do so but Allwood has since I received your letter written to inform him that unless he sends an admission of Judgment before the last day of summoning the action shall issue. I was very much surprised to hear of the alterations of R. Allwood regarding South Australia. I have also secured your £17.9.2 amount of your bill in Mox[s]y vs Gordon. Yours affectly. J.G.V.

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[In the hand of WRJ6]
Robert Hawthorn Esqr

No 3 Albion Place Edgeware Road
2nd May 1839

My dear Sir

In consequence of what passed between my Son and Mr Miller⁷²⁹ respecting the passage of the Emigrants to South Australia, he was induced, when that difficulty was disposed of, to ask for an Order to receive all their goods on board the 'Anna Robertson' which was refused on the ground that there might not be room for them & this was the first intimation given to us of such a doubt - Mr Miller had calculated for 22 tons but upon enquiry of Thompson yesterday he stated that the house would be upwards of 30, so that there appears to be little chance of our getting much more on board in time, a hint was given yesterday that no deposit had been made which almost lead me to the conclusion that had that been done we should have been held to the written agreement for the passage of my Sons & left to get out the Emigrants & Supplies as we best could, I regret being obliged to give you so much trouble but wish this matter to be put upon a more certain footing as little time remains for shipment

I am &c

[Between 210-211 back of loose sheet]

[In the hand of WRJ6]
Messrs G. F. Angas & Co

No 3 Albion Place Edgeware Road
4th May 1839

Dear Sirs

Finding that you cannot furnish room in the 'Anna Robertson' for my Sons' house Supplies &c & not being able to get the former on board the Prince Regent⁷³⁰, so that it may arrive within a reasonable time after them, I am compelled to say that they cannot proceed as passengers in the Anna Robertson to South Australia but that they must wait for another opportunity -
I am &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]
Robert Hawthorn Esqr

3 Albion Place
4th May 1839

My dear Sir

I thank you for your favor of yesterday, & for your kindness in communicating with Messrs Angas & Co respecting the conveyance of my Sons Supplies &c to South Australia.

My object all along has been to prevent their being more about the Town of Adelaide than actual necessity compelled them to be & the time they are likely to be detained while their goods are landing will I think be fully sufficient to enable them to view their land & make the requisite arrangements for settling on it, The offer of Messrs Angas & Co is kind & liberal but is still liable to many objections, however if the house could be put on board the Prince Regent which is to sail on 1st June I should endeavour to get my sons baggage down by the 15th so that they should not be disappointed, but it would not answer to send them out to wait there for the arrival of their house in a vessel which is not yet engaged & may not reach its destination for months after them, if this arrangement cannot be effected I hope you will be able to set aside my agreement for the passage altogether -

I am &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Albion Place May 8 1839

My dear Sir

It is extremely unfortunate that my Sons departure should have occurred at a time when you are so busily engaged, but I Could not help it and I regret very much being so often obliged to apply to you for assistance, I now beg to trouble you to send me one hundred pounds

I am &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

3 Albion Place 13 May 1839

My dear Sir,

As there appears to be so much difficulty procuring a passage for my Sons and Conveyance for their goods to South Australia, if the latter could be put on board the Dumfries I would send them out on a Vessel to Hobart Town where they would be better accomodated and there would be fewer passengers,

The £100 came safe to hand and on Saturday I sent you a bill of Exchange for £150 to be placed to my credit

I am yours &c

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

Albion Place May 21st 1839

My dear Sir

I find this emigration of my Sons troublesome & very expensive & shall be truly glad when all their goods are Shipped I must trouble you to send me Two hundred pounds more,

Thompson will not I fear get all the house down in the time unless you frighten him as he talks of it occupying [c.o. all] the whole of this week

I am yours &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Albion Place May 25th 1839

Dr Sirs!

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of the 22nd Inst, accompanied by my acct Current with you to 30th Ult, shewing a balance in my favor of £4981.9.9 wh: appears to be perfectly correct - When my sons are gone & all their expncs pd, I shall be obliged by a sketch of yr further acct to that period, that I may see whether I have sufficient left to make an investment of my son's legacy under Mr Boucher's will, & that it may be at hand when required. [there is a pencil line beside this reference to RBJ probably by his daughter Caroline] I thank you for the £200 wh: I rcd by my son. It appears that after all the Emigrants will not be allowed to go out in the same vessel with my sons, wh: I consider a gt hardship, as the Commssnrs wd have the same controul over them as if they were to go out in their own ship, but the latter wd not be subject to their orders, & as the number is so small it cd not be a matter of any consequence to them; My sons must now take their chance of hiring people in the Colony unless you have any influence with the Cmmssnrs: I am &c PS. I shd wish you to include my sons passage money in the amount to be insured P Dumfries as well as £100 for House Linen, their Linen, Clothes &c

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[In the hand of WRJ6]

Giles Edward Strangways Esq,
Adelaide South Australia

London June 1st 1839

Sir

The bearer John Brealey⁷³¹ with his wife and child I have sent out to Adelaide under engagement to serve my sons whose Land Orders were transmitted to you by Captain O'Halloran in the month of July last, that selection of the Land might be made as soon as possible - The Emigrants have been obliged to be sent by an earlier vessel than that by which my sons will take their departure and the chance of their arriving at the Colony before them induces me to trouble you on [c.o. this] the present occasion. I shall be obliged by your keeping them under your eye and doing the best you can with them having regard for the interest of my sons whose engagement of them commences directly from the day of landing - A copy of the agreement is in John Brealey's possession & I think it is as well to apprise you that several sums of money have been advanced to him for the outfit &c of himself wife & child their travelling expences and other minor considerations, the necessary requisites for the voyage have also been furnished them.

Upon consideration the better plan perhaps will be for the Emigrants to go at once to my sons allotment erect a shed for themselves and get what land into cultivation they may find practicable in the time. In this case I must request that you will provide them with rations till my Sons arrival who will embark on the Dumfries which vessel is expected to leave Gravesend about the 10th of this month

I am &c &c

[In a different hand - a younger son?]

David Lewis Junr Esqr Philadelphia

London 7 June 1839

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor [marked in brown pencil: not found] of the 20th April last and of Messrs A & G Ralston's Bill of Exchange for one hundred and fifty pounds sterling for which I am much obliged to you

I shall be glad to receive some further information respecting the Vicksburg Bank and any that you may be able to obtain for me respecting the New Orleans Canal Bank which does not appear to be very well managed

I am &c

[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Messrs Howland and Aspinwall New York

London June 8 1839

Dear Sirs

the foregoing is a duplicate of my letter of the 18th March which was sent to Bristol to be forwarded by the great Western; but as you have never acknowledged it I am fearful it could [c.o. never] not have reached you I shall be happy to [c.o. learn] hear from you in reply by an early opportunity

I am &c

[In the hand of WRJ6]

P.S. I shall be obliged to you to address all my letters to the care of Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden,

Merchants, Lime Street Square, as it is at present uncertain whether I shall return to Dawlish or not

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W.R.J. Junr to J.G. Vidal Esq Jamaica

London 15th June 1839

Receipt of letter of 2nd May 1839. Bill of Exchange for £850 Sterling acknowledged - being payment by Dr McGlashan in McFarlane vs Whittle - [c.o. arre] Shipment of Wine &c requested.

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[In a different hand - a younger son?]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

[not dated c19 June 1839] 3 Albion Place, Connaught Square

My dear Sir

As my Sons embark at Gravesend on Friday⁷³² evening I shall be obliged by your advising them as to the best way of taking the sovereigns either on that day or at any previous time, and as I shall leave Town as soon after their departure as I can determine where to settle myself I will thank you to let me have One hundred pounds for my future expences. I send a small packet containing a few more Original Certificates which I shall be obliged by your taking care of for me

I am my dear Sir

Yours &c

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[No addressee]

[In a different hand - a younger son?]

London June 19. 1839

Sir

This will be handed to you by my eldest Son Wm Rhodes James junr who embarks with his Brothers John & Boucher in the 'Dumfries'⁷³³ to sail for your port on Saturday next⁷³⁴. If the land has been selected you will deliver up the possession to my eldest Son, and I shall be much obliged by any advice & assistance you may be enabled to afford them in settling themselves

I am very respectfully

Your &c

Loose between 214-215

addressed: Herbert Jarrett James Esq,
care of Robert Hawthorn Esq,
Lime Street Square,
London

Packet

stamped: 20 JU 1839

J G Vidal

3rd May 1839].

My dear James

I have received your letter of the 1st April intimating your intention of going to London to arrange every thing previous to the departure of my nephews, and also to take advice for your eye which I am sorry to find still continues painful. I send you the second of my Bills for £850 Stg the first went by the last packet. The remittance I then explained was made by means of a Settlement with

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Dr Mackglashan and Dr Anderson's money - I am very busy making up the Estates Accounts and therefore must delay sending a statement of yours until they are all dispatched - however the Balance is but trifling one way or the other - I was quite surprised to learn from your letter that you had not then received the portrait which I thought Haughton had sent you last year. I immediately made enquiry of him respecting it and the wine. He told me Scott had both to Ship, last year, but it appears he must have forgotten to do so. I wrote to him yesterday sending him your message, and requesting him to find both picture and Wine by the first London Vessel addressed to you to the Care of Mr Hawthorn. I hope they will reach you safely. Lambie vs Orr. I also trust you have been paid your Bill out of the Compensation, I conclude this has been settled, as V. & Allwoods Bill in the matter was paid to Mitchells according to their last letter - I do not think the proposed measure of suspending the functions of our Assembly, will be carried through Parliament. When the subject comes to be discussed, It strikes me difficulties will present themselves and under it expedient to abandon the plan. As you say if carried it would be of some moment to me and I agree with you in thinking the Island would not be benefitted by it.

I am afraid Mr Heming's circumstances are bad. for I perceive he has taken advantages of his situation as a Party to a Chancery Suit to obtain the Protection of the Court.

Dallas's daughter was married a few days since to Mr Duff⁷³⁵.

The next packet which will be due about the 25th must bring us the result of the Government propositions. All here are most anxious about it. Have you read Lord Sligo's letter to the the Marquis of Normanby printed in the shape of a pamphlet - A shameful production it is. Burge has answered it and by all accounts most cleverly. John⁷³⁶ writes I believe to his Aunt. Give my best love to him also to your Sons should they not have taken their departure. Love also to Eliza and her little ones. Remembrance to Mr Goss. Remember me kindly if you please to Mr Hawthorn. Cargill⁷³⁷ & Mrs Duncan, with the 2 little girls sailed the other day in the Thames. The good Lady has thought proper not to speak to me. This I can only attribute to something Cargill may have thought proper to say to her respecting me. He for a time was rather Cool towards me but previous to his leaving he called to say Goodbyes - The Case on the Appeal has been drawn and Rennalls has furnished me with his reason for moving for the Reversal of the Order, and a direction of the Lords dismissing the Jamaica suit with Costs. The time for making up the Mail is close at hand therefore I must conclude

My dear James,
Yrs very Sincerely
John G Vidal

Spanish Town Jamaica
14 May 1839

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr
My dr Sir!

Albion Place June 24th 1839

My late servt J Brown⁷³⁸ went on board the Elizabeth & Jane⁷³⁹ on Saturday morn⁷⁴⁰ by direction of Mr Thompson,⁷⁴¹ & has written to his fellow servant of the troubles he has met with, & wh: I very much regret as he has always conducted himself much to my satisfaction, it appears that he was not expected, & that he will have to find himself until the vessel sails, when the Captn: says he must work, he is most willing & obliging & will I have no doubt give any assistance in his power, but it was not my intention that he shd be compelled to do so & I hoped that he wd have been comfortably provided for on board the vessel wh: I was led to expect wd have sailed immediately but he does not think it will go before tomorrow, I shall therefore be much obliged by yr directing one of yr men to make the necessary arrangemts with the Captn: for his future comfort during the

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voyage as he is well deserving of his kindness, I beg you will excuse my troubling you on this subject & am Dr Sir &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

3 Albion Place July 1st 1839

My dr Sir!

I am glad to learn from yr favor of the 28th Ult. that my Servant is likely to be better treated than he seemed to anticipate from his first reception on board the Elizabeth & Jane, it was the Captn who told him that he must work, & who upon his consenting to do so, then spoke more kindly to him. I am not sorry that Mr Thompson wrote to him, as the Cabin passengers frequently have to complain of the Capt'n's conduct during the voyage. The Invoice appears to be correct, but Mr Thompson has charged for 42 [illegible] nails 70/. If they are required for the erection of the house, no separate charge ought to be made for them. (& 7 doz squares of glass 72/- 2 doz panes were I understood the number to be sent. Will you direct Messrs Silver & Co to send me a pattern of the Netting they have shipped, as I am fearful it is not of the right sort & if not giving you too much trouble, I shd. wish to have sight of the freight acct for my future guidance. Shd. any other article appear to you to be requisite for my Sons comfort now or at any future time, I shall feel particularly obliged by yr mentioning it to me that it may be forwarded to them. Rhodes wrote from the Downs on the 25th⁷⁴², his brothers were suffering from sea sickness, they were tolerably comfortable, there had been an increase on board, without the assistance of a Dr, there is a Druggist with them a passenger who is the only person who knows anything of medicine. I hope however they will not require the use of a Surgeon. I thank you for placing my papers in a place of security as soon as I receive the June dividend on my Ohio Stock, I will request you to make the proposed investment for my youngest Son. I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

3 Albion Place 5 July 1839

My dr Sir!

I am much obliged for the perusal of the freight accts wh: are returned herewith, & at the same time I beg to trouble you with a few observations altho' it may be too late to obtain any redress - My son not being here to speak more particularly on the items alluded to: I was fearful that the delay of the Brokers was for no good purpose, you will be doing a most friendly act to any intendg emigrant to put him upon his guard against the many impositions to wh: he will be subjectd both here & on his arrival at Adelaide for I consider the refusal to land the goods a vy serious one. In a letter fm Capt'n O'Halloran an extract fm wh: has been sent to me since my sons departure, he recommends their takg out money in preference to goods. I must endeavour to forward a few more sovereigns for the purchase of Cattle & am thinkg of sendg them to Sydney or Hobart Town. Shd you hear of the arrival of the Dumfries at any place I shall be particularly obliged by yr favoring me with such intelligence as you may obtain respctg her progress &c I am &c

Freight of Ram £7. The Capt'n at first said he wd take it free, but afterwards said that as it wd. require a quantity of water he cd not do so, it was I understand fixed at £5 - unless you are aware of any subsequent agreement as stated in the accounts

All the freight is charged by measurement & not by weight on [c.o.] brl keg &c as was the practise in the W I trade.

No 93. a Blacking case 5 feet - this I believe to be a small leather Pmnteau about 1 foot long & a few inches high, they are made to hold the brushes & 2 pewter vessels for liquid at each end & are

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exposed for sale in the Turners shops I think.

WRJ 16 packages 22 ft 6 in: contg oil for Cabin use as well as soap & Candles, Bedding, 2 ptmnts. Carpet bag & hat box. These articles surely ought not to be charged for being in their private Cabin wh: I understood was not generally the case & to be exclusive of the allowance of 1/2 ton for each passenger.

Mr Thompson cd state whether or not he had included the battens in his measurement.
100 Deals⁷⁴³ 402 ft 9 in: the freight is almost equal to the Cost.

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

3 Albion Place July 22nd 1839

Dr Sirs

Enclosed I beg leave to forward the 1st of A & G Ralston & Cos Bills on their firm there for £105. wh: I shall be obliged by yr presentg for acceptance & placing to my credit when due - I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Albion Place 26 July 1839

Dr Sirs - Enclosed I beg leave to trouble you with the 1st of Howland & Aspinwalls bills on Cavan Brothers & Co for eleven hundred £60 wh: I shall be obliged by yr presentg for acceptance & placing to my credit when due, & at yr convenience I will thank you for a rough sketch of the payments you have made for me since the date of yr Acct current - I am just removing to No. 51 Notting Hill Square Bayswater, to wh: place you will be kind enow to forward any letters that may be addressd to you for me

I am &c

PS I will thank you to forward the enclosd letter to my sons by an early vessel to S.A.

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[In his wife's hand]

David Lewis Junr Esqr.

Philadelphia

London 29 July 1839

Dr Sir!

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of yr favors of the 10th June & 5 Inst. with a bill for [c.o. £1203] £125 Stlg for wh: I am much obliged to you. I am sorry to learn such an unfavorable acct of the Vicksburgh Bank, but as yr Citizens report was in its favor, I shd hope that they cd not have been deceived, & that it will turn out better, than its present price would lead us to expect, at wh: I am not disposed to sell, as so large an amount of Stock is held by yr Citizens I shd hope that some may be induced to come forward & assist in its Management for the future. The Gas Bank at New Orleans appears to be allowing their charter to run on without reapg the proper advantage from it by encreasing its means of supply wh: is likely to yield so ample a return for the expenditure. I am sorry that you shd have omitted to furnish me with the informatn requested by my letter of the 7th March last

I am respectfully &c -

PS. On reference to the newspapers the 1838 July dividend on the Camden & Amboy Rail Road is stated to be 4 prcent & last January 6 - Are they correct?

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall
New York

London 29 July 1838 *[error for 1839]*

Dr Sirs!

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of the 5th July Inst: & of yr Bill of Exchange for [c.o. £11,6] eleven hundred & sixty pounds stlg on Messrs Cavan Brothers & Co for wh: I am much obliged to you. It will be more satisfactory to me to receive remittances of my dvdnds as they are declared by the dfft Banks & Institutns than to wait until they amount to a sum wh: you consider worth while, provided they amount to £100 Sg & upwards but I do not require bills for the exact sum. It certainly appears strange that you shd have applied for the Jany dvd: on my Ohio stock immediately on the receipt of my letter of the 18 March instead of waiting until the morg on wh: you addressd me, as Messrs Lenox & Sons authority was revoked by my power to you sent out in Oct. last. I observe the dvds you have lately collected, & am glad to find that the North River Fire Insurance is among them; there appears to be an error either in the public papers or in yr statement of the July 1838 & Jany 1839 dvds of the Philadelphia price Current of 18 August 1838 & Pensylvania Enquirer of 15th & 20th Sepr 1838. the July dvd: is stated to be 4 pr ct: & in Messrs Musgrave & Sons lists of stocks published in the North American⁷⁴⁴ at Philadelphia, that of Jany last is stated to be 6. In yr letter \$960 are stated only 3 pr.cent for each half year. I shall therefore be obliged by yr early attentn to this apparent error. I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr
My dr Sir!

51 Notting Hill Square 29 July 1839

Enclosd I return the letter you were kind enow' to send for my perusal wh: I am much obliged to you - the Record also gives rather an unfavorable acct of the proceedgs of the inhabitants of S.A. not being able to select their Country sections has I think been the cause of much evil, by obliging the parties to live in Town where they have acquired indolent habits & spent most of their money leaving little to purchase Sheep or Cattle, I cautioned my Sons against this & believing that their land has been selected I hope they will at once proceed to it & endeavour to make themselves comfortable - there is ample employment for them for sometime to come without idling about the Town. I am much obliged to you for forwardg the letter to my sons & now beg to trouble you with 2 for America wh: I wish to go by the Liverpool Steamer Can you inform me whether my last to Howlands was sent by that vessel, it was left with you early in June? Messrs Silver have neglected to send me the pattern of the Muscheto net⁷⁴⁵ as they were directed. It was I assure you with sincere regret that I learnt from my Brother of yr late family affliction, I hope yr good lady submits to it with humble resignation to the divine will - I beg to offer my best regards & am - My dr Sir &c

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[HJJ's handwriting]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden
Dr Sirs

51 Notting Hill Square 26 August 1839

I shall be much obliged by your procuring & forwarding to me a list with the prices of the different American Stocks or Securities now offered for Sale in this Country & stating which you consider the most desirable for investment

I will also thank you to Ship a hhd or brl of Barclays Brown Stout Porter⁷⁴⁶ p regular Trader to

Teignmouth directed to Weston Goss Esq Dawlish & favor me with the particulars
If my Australian Record has been received be kind enough to forward it to me
I am

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

51 Notting Hill Sq: 27 Aug 1839

Dr Sirs

Be kind enough to present the enclosed bills on Messrs Mitchell for £165.16.6. for acceptce: &
place the Amount to my credit when due. I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Rob Hawthorn Esq

29 Aug [1839]

My Dr Sir

I am glad to learn that Mrs Hawthorn has derived benefit from her removal into the country &
hope she will continue there until her strength & spirits are recovered

I should have been much gratified by a call from you but unfortunately the medicines I am taking
have made my eye very painful for some days past so that I am compelled to request of you to
postpone your kind intention until I am a little more at ease.

I thank you for the prices of the American Stocks & wish to know what the Ohio 6 p Ct are selling
at or what is asked for them here - I am

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

51 Notting Hill Sq: 5 Sepr 1839

My dr Sir

Enclosed I beg to trouble you with a letter for my sons, & will thank you to send me £100 by Mr
R Vidal⁷⁴⁸ who you will find at Messrs Mitchell. My health continues very indifferent,
last week I was vy unwell & had fever, my sight is vy imperfect, I trust that it will be better next
week.

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

51 Notting Hill Square 9 Sepr 1839

My dr Sir!

Be kind enow' to have the enclosed bill for £200 accepted by Mess A & G Ralston & place the
amount to my credit when due. Enclosed I also beg to trouble you with a letter

wh: I recd fm my correspondent Mr Lewis of Philadelphia, & shall be obliged by any information
you may be able to obtain on the subject of its contents

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

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Messrs Hawthorn & Co:

51 Notting Hill- 18 Sepr. 1839

Dr Sirs!

Will you be kind enough to let Mr George Vidal⁷⁴⁹ have £100 on my acct & oblige yrs faithfully
H J James

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[In his wife's hand]

Robert Hawthorn Esqr

51 Nottg Hill Sq: Sepr. 20 1839

My dr Sir!

I omitted to acknowledge the receipt of the £100 by Mr R Vidal for wh: I am obliged to you, & on the 18th I gave a letter to Mr G Vidal requesting yr firm to let him have an £100 on my acct. - It is my wish to send £1000 to my sons & last month I hd a good oppy of getg & reserving £1000 to meet my expences the remainder of the money in yr hands may I think be invested, but in what fund I have not yet determined, - a very gloomy article appeared in the Times of Tuesday respectg the U.S. Bank wh: has no doubt lowered the prices of shares as well as all other American Securities, - What is the prevailing opinion on the stability of that Institution? The pain in my eye not being now so severe, I shall be glad to see you on any day & at any hour from 9 to 4 - or fm 5-7 - that you may be able to come as far, the house is on the lower side of the Sq: a short distance fm the Main road. I hope Mrs H. Continues to improve in health & that yr family are all well - I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

51 Notting Hill Sq: 3 Oct 1839

My dr Sir

Enclosed I send you a bill for my wine &c pr Duke of Bronte, shd there be any demur let it be bonded & I will return it to Jamaica or send it to my Sons, it need not be moved as I must soon get into winter quarters - Be kind enow' to return Mr Lewis letter wh I enclsd you on the 9. Ult: - I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

51 Notting Hill Sq: 9 Oct 1839

My dr Sir!

Enclosed I return the bill of lading endorsed; Among the books there may be 3 or 4 numbers of the American Rail Road Journal⁷⁵⁰, a weekly publication but this doubtful - Annexed is a copy of Thompson's bill for the Deals, I will send the original if required. My son John's letter may remain as I know of no friends he had here whose correspondence it wd be desirable for him to receive. I really think the parties ought to be satisfied if Mr Jones⁷⁵¹ Continues to pay the same rent as formerly, it is more than I had anticipated. Excuse my being so brief but I can hardly see Yrs &c &c PS: How wd you recommend the remittance to be made to my Sons? & whether to Adelaide, Sydney, Hobart Town or Pt Philips?

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[In his wife's hand]

David Lewis Esqr Junr Philadelphia

London 15 Oct. 1839

Dr Sir

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Increased inflammation in my eyes has prevented my sooner acknowledg the receipt of yr favor of the 23 Augst last & Bill of Exchange on Messrs Ralstons for £200 Stgl for wh: I am much obliged to you. The statement of the Fund in wh: you have invested \$3,000 for me is so favorable, that I cannot but approve of what you have done, & hope it will prove as advantageous as you anticipate. The U.S. Bank appears to be labouring under some difficulties, & I shall be obliged by yr opinion from time to time of its proceedgs & management

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

51 Notting Hill Sq: Oct 22nd /39 [1839]

My dr Sir!

My sight is now so imprfct: that I can neither see to read or write, & am therefore Compelled to require assistance in addrssg you; it will also compel me to trespass more upon yr kindness than I wd otherwise have done. I thank you for the trouble you have taken about the freight, there is evidently an overcharge but it wd be useless to pursue it further. I must trouble you to make a remittance to my sons of £1000 in bills or specie, whichever you may think most adviseable; if in the former I think in about £200 each wd be the best, to be drawn in favor of my son Rhodes, or the specie to be consigned to him. It is my intention to leave this on Thursday⁷⁵² for the neighbourhood of Bristol, & I shall require £100, for wh: I will send to yr Countg house tomorrow when in the City - I will also thank you to pay to Messrs Glynn & Co Bankers, to the Credit of Mrs Mary Archedecknie⁷⁵³ £46.10.6 for rent of this house, be kind enow' to send her a copy of their receipt addressd here. Any letters coming to me you can forward to No 6 Chapel Row Hotwells, & I will write to you respecting the wine & by Duke of Bronte when settled; When does the extra rent commence? If any of the U.S. Bank Post Notes⁷⁵⁴ cd be procured, at the discount of 18 to 20 pr ct at wh: they were selling in America, do you think it would be an adviseable investment?

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

12 Novbr 1839 Clifton

My dr Sir

I must beg of you to exercise yr judgment in the investment of the remaing funds in yr hands after deductg £1000 for my sons & £1000 for my current expences - as being on the spot all the advantage & disadvantages will come at once under yr view, & I shall be satisfied with whatever you determine on. Shd it be necessary to send a power of Attorney to Philadelphia I shd wish it to be sent to Mr David Lewis Junr of that City - but if to NY, as I do not think Messrs Howlands have been as attentive to the Collectn of my dvdnds as they ought to have been, I must request you to nominate some other Agent there to whom I might send a fresh power if necessary - I am not yet settled as I find it as dffclt to procure a house here as I did when in London last Spring

I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

5 York Place Clifton Novbr 18th 1839

My dr Sir

Notwithstandg the present state of money matters in America I think the State Banks are perfectly

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safe. Mr Lewis writes "The Western & South Western States are indebted to this City (Philadelphia) to an amount of many millions wh: they will be enabled to liquidate to a large amount from the proceeds of the immense grain crop & the crop of Cotton &c" & I have great Confidence in the resources of that Country, but I do not think any of the Stocks you mentioned to be vy tempting however favorably they may be considered by other persons, I shall therefore wait until somethg more desirable offers.

My brother recommends my placing my wine under the care of J Waters & Son 1 Arthur St West London Bridge, & shd you not be able to suggest any better plan, I shall be obliged by yr procuring me their terms at yr convenience. I wish you wd take a sample of the wine in No 1 - to 5 being all from the same cask, & another fm 6 to 11. & let me have yr candid opinion on them, they were a long time in the wood in Jamaica & about 2 years in bottle; shd they be a little cloudy or have any sediment it is no detriment as I have been informed of more parcels than one wh: were bottled in Jamaica & wh: I know to be quite clear turning out to be a little discoloured on their arrival here. The package No 21. I find contains a large china bowl wh: was given me for the christening of my childn - & a few other trifling articles wh: are not enumerated. I am at last settled in this house for a time but do not wish any of those articles to be send to me as yet - until I hear yr opinion respectg the wine - I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

5 York Place Clifton Decbr. 9th 1839

My dr Sir

I waited the arrival of the Gt Western in the hope that I might be able to fix upon the Stock in wh: to make my Investment but I am as undetermined as before, I am however disposed to give the preference to Pennsylvania State Stock if you shd approve of the same, but you are at liberty to make the investment in any way you deem most adviseable. I shall indeed be very much obliged to you to allow my wine to remain in yr Cellar, until I can make up my mind what to do with it, the other Packages of wh: a list is duly recied may be sent to me here by the Kennett & Avon Canal⁷⁵⁵ with a hogshead of Barclays Brown Stout. I thank you for the remittance you have made to my sons wh: will doubtless be very acceptable to them, you will be kind enough to forward the enclosed letter to them. I remain &c &c

PS. Will you apply to Mr Sanden for a statement of U.S. affairs & favor me with yr opinion upon it?

No 15 Rum	21 AlaMarie
- 16 Gin	22 Books
19 Claret & Sherry	1 Qr Cask of Shrub -
- 20 - Picture	No 12 - 19 Bottle Madeira

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[Unknown hand]

John Grieve Esq,

10 Gloucester Place, Edinburgh

5 York Place Clifton Bristol

13 Dec 1839

Dear Sir

Having observed some time since in the Jamaica Newspapers that Mr Wm Wright of the firm of Elin Scott & Co had applied for letters of admon in the estate of the late Alexander Edgar deceased I beg leave to remind you of the small balance of £9.12.2 currency due to me & I request that it may be now settled

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I am Dear Sir

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[Unknown hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden, London

13 Dec 1839

Dear Sirs

I thank you for your favor of the 12 Inst & will thank you to invest the balance in your hands deducting One thousand pounds for my present expences in the Maryland State Stock but I hope I am not to be excluded from the Jany dividend; the exact amount you will be able to see from your books as I have not yet an exact statement

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[Unknown hand]

John Grieve Esq,

5 Randolph Cliff, Edinburgh

5 York Place 20 Dec 1839

Dear Sir

I am favd with your letter of the 16 Inst but have never heard of the receipt of the letter you addressed in Augt last

Some time about the latter end of last year Mr Wright wrote to me from London of his intention of returning imdly to Jamaica & requested that I would interest myself to obtain powers of attorney from the parties whom I represented in Edgar vs Green & in Burke vs Fairclough to enable his firm to receive the dividends payable to them in the Compromise of Miles's debt which I understand was in a train of early settlement, to which I applied [sic] they were all represented but when I saw the notice in the newspaper of his appln for Admon on Mr Edgars este I concluded he had fm some other [c.o. source] channel obtained a power from the Trustees by which my authority to Mr Vidal was superceded but I have never recd a line fm Jamaica since on the subject & am wholly ignorant of what has since been done - Mr Wright is a Partner in the firm of Elin Scott & Co of Kn Jamaica & you can either apply to him by letter to ascertain if he has received anything under that admon, or address Mess V A & Co Spa Town who will pay every attention to yr Communication I am of opinion that the Master could not pay the money to any other person than an admon - Mr John B Elin resides in Fenchurch Street London but I am doubtful whether he can afford you any information on that part of his partners transaction, I have no papers by me to refer & am therefore unable to explain in what debt the last dividend was paid to me but probably a reference to my accts current might shew - I feel much obliged by the good wishes expressed in yr letter for the recovery of my health of which the Doctors do not give me any hope & I regret to add that a violent inflammation of the eyes has nearly deprived me of sight

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[Unknown hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Dear Sirs

I am extremely obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in procuring for the the Maryland State Bonds which I will thank you to place with my other papers now under your care Encld I beg leave to forward a bill of lading for a cask of rum per Hy Davidson

I am

5 York Place Clifton

20 Dec 1839

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

5 York Place Clifton

27 Decbr 1839

Dear Sirs.

Enclosed I send you the first of Howland & Aspinwall's bills of exchange on John Hosteman⁷⁵⁶ Esqr for £650 stg. wh you will be kind enough to get accepted, & place the same to my credit when due.

The Custom house declaratn: shall be returned as soon as I can find a magistrate to sign it.

I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

5 York Place Clifton Decr 31st 1839

Dr Sirs!

Enclosed I return the declaratn acknowledged before a magistrate, all the articles were sent fm this country but of the manufacture of the porcelain I have some doubt, as I am not a guide, & it was given to me, if you think proper you may strike it [c.o. off] out of the [c.o. list] decl: & I will pay the duty - be kind enow to inform me wh: of the 2 packages in my list are not in the bill of lading, as I copied it fm a statement wh: accompanied the letter I am &c &c

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[In his wife's hand]

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall

Clifton Jany. 7th 1840

Dr Sirs!

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yr favor of 2nd Decbr last, & yr bill of exchange on John Horstman for £650 Stg, for wh: I am much obliged to you. When you remit the Ohio Stock Dvdnds I shall be glad to receive yr usual acct current - I am

PS./Feby 17 - 40/ I have hitherto delayed sendg this awaitg the oppy of a steamer wh: has not occurred before the present.

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

York Place Clifton Feby 4 1840

Dr Sir!

Requiring a supply of money, I will thank you either to send me a B. p Bill for £100, or to pay that amount into the hands of Roberts & Co to the credit of F Granger Esqr - with Stuckey & Co Bankers here. I hope no difficulty has occured in clearing my wine &c - The Porter from Barclays came to hand about three weeks ago - I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

Clifton Feby 7th 1840

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My dr Sir!

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of you favor of the 6th Inst & of the B. P Bill for £100, for wh: I am much obliged to you. I shall be glad to receive yr report upon my wines at yr convenience. My health & strength I am sorry to add have declined considerably of late, & I am not led to expect much improvement in either. I am &c

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[In his wife's hand]

R Hawthorn Esqr

Clifton Feby 17 - 1840

My dr Sir!

Enclosed I beg to trouble you with a letter for my Sons wh: I hope will be in time to go by the Orleanna⁷⁵⁷ advertized to sail the end of this week. The supplementary number of the Record announced the arrival of 2 vessels wh: sailed just before my sons. I shall therefore be much obliged by your directg one of yr young men to keep a look out for any information wh: may have been recd: respectg the Dumfries, as I am anxiously looking for some intelligence concerning her -

I am &c

[Extract: John Gale Vidal's letter-book]

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Robert Hawthorn, Esquire.

Spanish Town, Jamaica, 6th June 1840

My Dear Sir. I received a few days since your favor or 15th April, acquainting me of the death of our friend Mr. Herbert James on the 3rd of that month. This was looked for, and from the nature of the complaint under which he suffered, can, as you say, only be considered as a happy release from unceasing misery. I have not heard from Mr. William Rhodes James relative to his Brother's affairs: he wrote to his son Haughton, and appeared to think I was in possession of a counterpart of the will of the deceased. One was left with me when Herbert James went to America, but after his return to England he wrote to me to forward it to him with sundry other papers, which I did the latter end of 1837. I do not believe there is much to be collected out here. I notice that in consequence of the trusts created you have determined not to incur the responsibility of acting under the will. If I could persuade Haughton James to administer on his Uncle's Estate, I should prefer it, but he is not inclined to do so...⁷⁵⁸

Loose between 224-225

addressed:

Messrs Le Blanc & Cook⁷⁵⁹,
Solicitors,
18 New Bridge St,
Blackfriars,
London

stamped: NO 25 1842

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46 Great Mersey St.,
Kirkdale,
Liverpl - Novb. 19th - 42

Gentlemen

Having recently been informed by Mrs Rachel James - my Cousin, residing at Hotwells Clifton, that you are Agents & Solicitors to Her late son Rhodes - whose Brother Herbert did administer & transferred in his name some Jamaica Property into the English Funds belonging to my Cousin Tumming⁷⁶⁰ (He not knowing the next akin) I beg to inform you that - I am - Mrs Tumming⁷⁶¹ & my Mother⁷⁶² were Sisters - their Maiden names Jarrett, to which the above Mrs James can prove at any moment. My Aunt Mrs T. had two Sons Henry & James. From the former I received a letter in 1819 - touching upon this Subject not knowing where the Property was, & acknowledging me his only near Relation. By another letter which I also have by me James was cast away on the Island of Jamaica & died from exhaustion about 1809 or 1810. Therefore of a certainty they have been both dead many years as proved by Mr Herbert James having Administered to the Estate. Such being the case may I beg you will not put me to any unnecessary trouble - Mrs Rhodes James having referred me to you for any further information thereon

I am Gentlemen

your Obedt Servt

Walsingham Beazley⁷⁶³

Kings Road. Nov 25' 42

Sir

I have forwarded to you the present letter which I should have done a few days since but have been absent from home - I will look in tomorrow or Monday

I am Your Ob Servt

John Rolls

APPENDIX

Small letter-book: Letters concerned solely with the Will of Richard Boucher of Marlborough Mount, Manchester; whose nephew, James George Crabb, was the residuary devisee and Herbert Jarrett James and John Salmon junior, the Trustees and Executors. There are also relevant letters in the large letter-book. This copy also includes relevant letters from a collection in the National Library of Jamaica [MS 377] inserted in date order.

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James G Crabb⁷⁶⁵ Esq
Sir

Spa Town Jama 21 Feb 1833

As it is absolutely necessary that an authenticated copy of my late respected friend Mr Bouchers⁷⁶⁶ Will should be sent to England to enable his Exors to obtain the controul over the funds there, upon advising with Mr Salmon⁷⁶⁷ we have determined to send it to you in the first instance for your perusal & information and at a future day shall request you to hand it over to our Agent, as soon and the Inventory of his personal Estate is returned a copy shall also be forwarded to you but at present we are unable to complete it for want of the particulars of the funds and debts due to him in England and we shall feel obliged by your directing a statement to be sent to us with as little delay as possible

Mr Salmon informs me that he has written to acquaint you of the state of the properties to which he will give his attention, there are a few debts due here but I fear they are bad, with the exception of a balance due from the Estate of John Thomson⁷⁶⁸ deced to whom Mr Boucher was Executor and a sum of money due from his Agent in Kingston Mr Maddan⁷⁶⁹

Mrs Boucher⁷⁷⁰ has given us to understand that there is a large sum invested in England, but that, as well as every other description of property is made liable for the payment of Mrs Bouchers Annuity, the three Sums of £10,000 Stg are to be raised at the expiration of 12 Months by a sale of part of the Real Estate after the personal is exhausted, it is to be hoped that the parties entitled to those sums will not be pressing for their immediate payment after they become due as there will not be a sufficiency of the personal Estate to meet them after reserving as much as will provide for Mrs Bouchers Annuities of £700[c.o. 0] & £150 in case she should go to England, being related to these parties you will be able to ascertain their wishes and intentions and we should wish you to determine which if any of the properties should be disposed of to pay off the Legacies under Mr Bouchers Will, as it is our desire to meet your views in all things as far as we possibly can

I am not aware of any other point to which it is necessary at present to call your attention

I am with much respect &c &c

HJJ

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J G Crabbe Esq Sir

4 March 1833

The foregoing was intended to have accompanied the copy of the Will, but as no ship will sail [c.o. before] until the end of this or the beginning of next week I have preferred sending it by the Pkt the Will will be sent by the Thames Captn Rigmaiden addressed to the care of Messrs Samuda & Ricardo

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J Salmon Junr Esq

25 May [1833]

P.S Last evening I recd the enclosed letter from Mr Crabb which you can read & return, in stating the amount of Property in England available for payment of the Legacies under Mr Bouchers Will, he omits altogether the balance in his hands which is rather strange. We must determine to whom the power to receive the dividends is to be sent as they must have applied in payment of Mrs B's Annuity in the first instance, any balance with the amount in Mr Crabbs hands may be divided between the Legatees his Sisters. the proceeds of this Crop may be reserved for payment of my Sons & the Misses Ashmans⁷⁷¹ Legacies provided you think there will be sufficient in this Country to pay the Legacy of £500 to Mrs Boucher these are merely suggestions on my part & I am ready to receive and consider any you may propose Are you aware of a purchaser for any of the properties and what would be given? that I may reply to Mr Crabbs inquiry not that I am anxious for a sale unless either Legatee should drive us to that necessity

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J Salmon Junr Esq

Sp Town 20 July 1833

My dear Sir Enclosed I send you a letter which I have just received from Mr Crabb they appear to be under a strange mistake as to the plate furniture &c which I will endeavour to explain in my answer

Inventory ready, Mrs Bouchers Legacy & Interest. Dubs. wanted Prem 3P Cent
Bill or Order on town not yet selected

It is time a power was sent to Transfer the Stock to our names Mr Crabb may as well act on this occasion if you approve of his doing so, the money in his hands may be divided I think amongst his three Sisters in part of their Legacies provided there will be sufficient in hand to pay the others, a power must be sent out to receive the dividends it may be filled up to Mr Crabb your friend Mr Green & my friend Mr Hawthorn for whom I must also request a moiety of the Consignments in future, he is a most respectable merchant in good circumstances & effects very fair sales
Expected in town Map Canada

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[in another hand]

J.G.Crabb Esqre,

Spanish Town Jamaica

5th August 1833

My Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of 16th April & 22nd May last and am much gratified to find that you have consulted my worthy friend Mr Freshfield on the subject of Mr Bouchers will as it was my intention with the consent of Mr Salmon to have employed his firm in all business relating to that Estate. I do not however agree in opinion with them upon some parts of their letter which I will point out presently. It is our intention to send a power of Attorney by next Packet for the transfer of the money in the funds to our names, as well as to administer, which I much fear the Bank will insist upon, but you had better ascertain from Mr Freshfield whether or not that can be avoided as well as the payment of the duty upon the Transfer, as the money is not to be paid away to any legatee or other claimant under the will but the dividends will be applied generally to the purposes of the Estate first in payment of the annuity to Mrs Boucher - It would have been very satisfactory to us to have authorised your taking out the Administration but you being an accounting party we are advised that it would be more correct to name some other person and my present intention is to request my friend Mr Robert Hawthorn to act on this occasion and to consult Mr. Freshfield throughout the business - to prevent disappointment I would also insert the name of my brother but his residing entirely in the Country will prevent his interference except in

case of necessity - Mr Hawthorn is a gentleman in whom every confidence may be placed and Mr. Freshfield will confirm my opinion as well as introduce him to your acquaintance whenever you may wish to converse with him on this matter - Mrs. Bouchers annuity will nearly consume the whole of the annual dividends particularly should she determine upon quitting the Country therefore no part of the £30,000 in the funds ought to be touched, From the sale of such part of the young horses as are of a proper age, the proceeds of the present Crop and the money here we propose after paying all debts and contingencies of this year to liquidate Mrs Bouchers legacy of £500 and the legacy to my son and such part of the Miss Ashmans as the balance may meet - the sum in your hands we would divide equally between the three legatees of £10,000 each - and the annual accruing rents & profits we would annually divide in like manner amongst them and which I hope will meet your approbation as well as those ladies - the legacy to Mrs Hollis you will observe is to be invested in my name and I shall be happy in meeting her wishes in every respect if you will have the goodness to make me acquainted with them & when her proportion of the above sum is invested you can send me out a power filled up in the names of such persons as she may approve of to receive the dividends as they become due - You will no doubt have heard of the death of Mr Bouchers eldest niece but her legacy I am led to understand is payable to her sister or legal representative. Should you think differently I would recommend your obtaining the opinion of Counsel on that point

It is not our intention to dispose of any part of the real or personal Estate except such part of the horse kind and cattle as circumstances may render necessary from time to time or the legatees insisting on payment of the sums bequeathed to them - the plate we cannot sell, it is left in trust for the use of Mrs Boucher for life and in conversation with Mr Salmon I understand she told him that in case she went to England she would take it with her & I do not think we could prevent her doing so and I would beg to call your attention to this as well as to the other bequests X to her for life as I am informed that she can claim them as absolute gifts - I am not aware that she has any such intention but I should wish you to take advise on this point and to favor us with instructions how to act should he be so advised

Every things is put in trust for the payment of Mrs Bouchers annuity as well as the money in the funds as all the real and personal Estate as in case of non payment power is given to her to enter into possession of all or any of the Plantations slaves &c &c So long as Mrs Boucher remains in this Island I do not think that the Dewlling House could be sold apart from Marlbro' Plantation but you have power to dispose of that property if you think proper during her life - Were she to quit the [c.o. Island] Country I do not think she would release the furniture &c for the reason I have before stated that she might consider them as gifts - The Inventory is not completed and will be sent to Mr Salmon for the signature of the valuation as they sent it down in a rough form to be made out correctly

X Furniture Liquors Linen &c &c

I understood from Mr Salmon that he had sent you a copy but probably he is waiting to check it with that to be returned into Office

I believe I have touched upon every point that is necessary and I shall be anxious to hear from you in reply and to attend to any Suggestions you may propose for our guidance and instruction

I am my Dear Sir

Yours very faithfully & respectfully

/signed/ Herbert J James

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Jno Salmon Junr. Esq.

Sp: Town 24th August 1833

My Dear Sir Expecting that you would be in town by the sailing of the pkt I did not send you by last post the enclosed letter from Mr Crabb, who appears to be most anxious to administer upon his

Uncles Estate - I have consulted with Jno Vidal who does not think there would be anything amiss in our authorizing him to do so, & if you have no objections you can sign the power annexed to his letter for me & return it, he must then send out a power to receive the dividends to be applied in payment of Mrs Bouchers annuity and at the end of the year we must draw 3 bills on him to the extent of the funds in his hands in payment of a proportion of the Legacies to his three Sisters. the Dividends on the funds & property should be paid to a merchant on whom we can draw as Mrs B's Annuity becomes due or she requires money

Annexed I send you copy of an a/c rendered by Mr Beaumont & sworn to by him, the Statute might be pleaded but it will cost more than the A/c amounts to I think therefore that it had better be paid, but without Int & you can direct Mr Maddan to settle it on obtaining a proper Voucher
I am

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James G Crabb Esq
Shedfield Lodge Wickham Hants
My Dear Sir

Spanish Town Jamaica
31st August 1833

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st June last with a power of Attorney annexed to enable you to obtain the Administration on Mr Bouchers Estate which has been executed by Mr Salmon & myself and will be sent by this opportunity enclosed to Mr Freshfield and as soon as the money in the funds in [sic] transferred to our names as trustees it will be requisite that a Bank Power be sent out for our signature to authorize the receipt of the Dividends which as I before wrote you are to be applied as payment of Mrs Bouchers annuity - they should therefore be paid into the hands of a merchant to meet our drafts for that purpose the power therefore might be to yourself Mr Robert Hawthorn & Mr E F Green but one of the latter should receive them as your residing in the Country would prevent any sale of Bills if drawn on you, but for the moneys remaining in your hands we propose drawing 3 separate Bills in part payment of the legacies to your Sisters to be sent to Mr Freshfield to be delivered up on acceptance and obtaining releases to that extent for the Indemnity of the Trustees except Mrs Hollis's which is to be invested as directed by the will

The Inventory is now complete and Mr Salmon is shortly to be in town when he has promised to bring up his accounts a copy of which shall be sent to you together with an abstract of the Inventory should he not have already forwarded the particulars - Any further information you may require shall be transmitted on learning your wishes

I am My dear Sir
Yours faithfully
/signed/ Herbert J James

PS. Will you be kind enough to direct Messrs Samuda & Ricardo to forward a copy of their last account with Mr Boucher to the time of his death?

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J W Freshfield Esq }
Solicitor - London }
My dear Sir

Spanish Town Jamaica
31st August 1833

I was pleased to find from a letter which I lately received from Mr Crabb that he had consulted your house on the subject of his Uncles (my late esteemed friend Mr Boucher) Will As it was my intention to have put the matter in your hands had he not before hand with me and I wish you to act on behalf of the trustees as well as for him as Devisee - It is our desire to meet his wishes in every respect, so far as we can in the safety to ourselves and with a just view to the

protection of the interests of the other persons committed to our care - Mr Crabb is very anxious to do all the business himself to save expence and although he is not exactly the proper person to administer his uncles Estate being an accounting party and unable to give himself a proper discharge yet we have signed the enclosed Power of Attorney to enable him to do so and as soon as the money in the funds is transferred to the names of the trustees to forward a Bank Power of Attorney to receive the dividends which we propose applying to the payment of Mrs Bouchers annuity as it falls due and which is the only fund we can apply to that [c.o.] purpose We should therefore be filled up in some Merchants name who would honor our drafts and I have written to him to insert his own, Mr Hawthorn & Mr Greens names - the dividends to be received by one of the latter and [corrected in pencil: as] Mr Salmon & I may direct - for the money in his hands we propose drawing three separate Bills in part payment of the legacies to his three sisters to be sent to you and delivered up on acceptance by him and obtaining from them a release to that Extent - Mrs Hollis's to be invested in my name as trustee pursuant to the terms of the will - to these propositions I should hope that he would not object but should he wish to do so you must interfere in our behalf or if you cannot act for both give these Instructions to a House of respectability who [c.o.] will see justice done

The opinion given by your firm on the will does not agree with mine, not tat I pretend to be a Lawyer but my legal advisers agree with me - My last letter to Mr Crabb conveyed particulars and a desire for Instructions from him on some points which no doubt has been shewn to your sons but you must overlook those youngsters and brush them up at times -

Mr William Jackson is very anxious to obtain the opinion upon the case you were to submit to Counsel on his behalf - Mr Shawe has written out that Sir E Sugden has given an opinion against Mr J on a case that was submitted by him, but he did not send out the particulars - I hope the expected packet may relieve his anxiety and bring out the Opinion

& I am my dear sir
Yours faithfully
/signed/ Herbert J James

Private correspondence &c

PS

2nd Septr - The Packet arrived yesterday without the opinion - What are Counsel about?

I send the accompanying letter from Messrs Samuda & Ricardo to save them the expence of postage, not having any account with them, it relates to Mr Bouchers Estate

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Messrs. Samuda & Ricardo }
Merchants - London }

Spanish Town Jamaica
2nd September 1833

Gentlemen

I am instructed by Mrs Boucher on behalf of her niece Miss Ashman to apply to you for a statement of the net proceeds of all the Coffee consigned to you by Mr Boucher from Pans Lodge and of the appropriation thereof or if you have any separate account with that property to request the favor of your furnishing copies of the same at your earliest convenience

I beg to apologise for giving you this trouble and am with much respect

Your most obed Sert
/signed/ Herbert J James

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John Salmon Jr. Esqr

Spanish Town 21st December 1833

Annexed I send you Copy of Mr Crabb's letter to me by the last packet upon which please to favour me with your sentiments as I shall not reply to it until I hear from you - he has not in my opinion acted up to his professions of following our instructions which were to transfer the money in the funds into our names - how is Mrs Boucher's annuity for the last year to be paid - he appears to be desirous of taking the staff out of our hands - it is also payable quarterly by the Will and that he would purchase is only payable $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly - I shall not consent Mrs Hollis' Legacy being invested otherwise than the Will directs - Can you ascertain and let me know the names of Mrs Boucher's parents as there appear to have been two Barbara Samuells? Messrs Samuda & Co's A/C: should be sent to us. I was sorry to hear of your attack of fever and hope that you are now restored to health - this is packet day therefore excuse this hasty scrawl

Yours Truly &c
/signed/ Herbert J James

13-14

Spanish Town Jamaica 10th Feby 1834

My Dear Sir [J G Crabb]

Your favour of the 6th December [above in HJJ's hand: qy Nov] last arrived by return of the regular post from the Country and I had no opportunity of communicating with Mrs Boucher of Mr Salmon on the subject of its contents neither am I yet able to forward the information you require and Mrs Boucher proposes in case I cannot get so far as Manchester to meet me half way or even to come to town, this I cannot allow and I have therefore promised to pay her an early visit and learn what her wishes are, and until then I must withhold my consent to your propositions, it would have been better to have transferred the money as directed that we might have had funds to pay her annuity which is now twelve months in arrear, it is payable quarterly and the Government Annuity I presume half yearly Why should Mr Salmon's name be omitted? - his power should not be taken from him - the investment of Mrs Hollis's money is by the Will directed to be made in my name alone, surely Mr Boucher could have added any other that he thought proper, as a Trustee I am not disposed to consent to any deviation from his directions to give up the power and authority vested in me as to the appropriation of the funds belonging to his Estate, Mr Salmon left his accounts with me on his return home from attending the Session but I have delayed looking over them in the expectation that Mr Green's account would shortly arrive but as he says that it will not be here before June, I shall immediately attend to them, the balance is very trifling either way, notwithstanding he has only paid the debts, no part of any of the legacies have been paid not even Mrs Bouchers, as the funds in Mr Green's hands are the only source from whence it could be paid, the Crops of this year promise to be good and sufficient to liquidate all the small legacies - Messrs Samuda & Ricardo's account as well as your own should be sent out and a Copy of ours will be transmitted to you, from which you will learn the shipments of last Crop, Mr Salmon writes that Mr Green will furnish you [inserted in pencil: with] the particulars of the supplied sent out, but I submit the Executor in management of the properties should be left to exercise his judgment in making out the lists - I regret much being compelled to differ from you in respect to the steps you propose to take

15-17

Spanish Town Jamaica 24th April 1834

My Dear Sir,

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favours of the 20th Feby & 3rd March last and am glad to learn that the affairs of my late friend have been so nearly and satisfactorily arranged but

there still remains something more to be done, and no doubt by the end of a few months that will also be effected. By the first post after I received it I sent an extract from your letter to Mrs Boucher and she has expressed her satisfaction at the manner in which the Annuities are secured for the future but we have no funds out of which the Arrears can be paid, neither is her legacy yet paid, but that is at her service and will be immediately settled, indeed she might have received it long ago had she required it, the other legacies are still unpaid as well as a demand of Dr Dempster's for about £600 Cy: which will be discharged out of this year's Crop. Our accounts would have been sent by this opportunity but all the accounts sales have not yet come to hand, the balance in favour of Mr Boucher's Este will be from 60 to 70£ Cy: exclusive of what is in the hands of Mr Green which is applied to the payment of Mrs Boucher's Legacy and the supplies lately arrived - an abstract of the Inventory is annexed. The Releases have been received and if recorded the duty amounting to about £840 Currency must be paid by the Legatees I shall therefore Keep them by me until I hear from you again Mrs Boucher's cannot of course be executed until her legacy and [c.o. all] the arrears of her annuity are paid, and a [c.o. Case] question may arise in case an income tax should be imposed or the rate of Interest reduced, how any deficiency is to be made good to her after she has released the general Este of her husband, out of which her annuity is payable - I do not state this by way of Objection Knowing that it can be easily obviated, but she will ask my opinion which I am in duty bound to give candidly on this and on all other points on which it is asked.

Capt Middleton has not I understand returned to this Country however enquiry shall be made after him, the other debtors to Mr Boucher's Este are not in a situation to pay what they owe a payment is promised by the representative of John Thomson's Este out of the present shipments of Coffee - Forbe's debt is totally bad - Samuda's Este make dividends occasionally, a small sum £11.9.1 has been received on account of Hall's Judgment, Samuel's is bad - Madden's is paid to us & Ayton's is bad

I have to return you my best thanks for naming me in the power for the management of the properties so soon as the Trust is at an end - Your worthy Uncle had been intimately acquainted with my Mother & family as far back as I can remember and on my coming out to this Country his Conduct towards me was most Kind & friendly but it was very seldom I could avail myself of his invitations to Marlborough having a large scene of business which occupied my whole time & attention, his confidence in me was not however lessened even to the last, and you may depend upon my doing all in my power to serve Mrs Boucher - Mr Salmon's character stands so high in this Country that it is unnecessary for me to say anything in his favour, and I shall have much pleasure in acting with him, but my health having suffered much from the sedentary life I have led for many years, I have been strongly advised to try a change of Climate and is it my intention if I can arrange my affairs in time to take a trip to America & Canada in June & July next, for a few months, should you be desirous of appointing another atty during my absence, I would recommend that he should be a resident in the neighbourhood of the properties that he may visit them frequently and without inconvenience and be a Check upon the Overseers &c. I will make enquiries and send you the names of some gentlemen from which you may select such as you think proper, but so long as you are satisfied with Mr Salmon's management I would not recommend the appointment of any person with him, - Arrangements have been made for the for the Shipment of the present Crop for payment of the remaining legacies, but the list of supplies required shall be sent to you. There are a few persons here who are of opinion that the new system will work - I am afraid that it will not, the first and great difficulty to be encountered is in making the negroes comprehend that they are free, but that they will be compelled to work, the power of enforcing obedience is altogether removed from their present owners and managers and placed in the hands of strangers, who are unacquainted with the negro Character & mode of treating them, these persons few in number are to visit the properties for the purpose of inquiring into their conduct & punishing the negroes, instead of having a well disposed peasantry we shall be surrounded by a horde of thieves and idle Vagabonds, the cultivation of Coffee may be continued but the making of Sugar so as to remunerate the

proprietors of Estes cannot be expected - Mr Salmon has explained to Mr Bouchers negroes the nature of the Alteration about to take place for which he said they appeared very thankful - I do not think that emancipating the negroes at once would be a prudent plan, consider for one moment that would be the effect of letting loose upon our small Community of free persons upwards of 30,000 slaves of bad passions, ignorant and very many without the least idea of Religion? how could they be kept in any thing like subjection? the present experiment is bad enough, but there is no doubt in my mind, what would be the result of the other, there is however much difference of opinion upon this point. - I have now I believe replied to all your inquiries & I shall be glad to learn in a manner satisfactorily to you it will afford me much pleasure to forward any further explanation which you may deem necessary

I am &c

J.G. Crabb Esqre⁷⁷²
Camden packet

17-19

Spanish Town Jamaica 24th April 1834

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of the 7th Novr: 20th Febry & 5th March last with the several deeds alluded to in the latter, which you request may be recorded and returned to you, but in the even of the former the duty of about £840 Cy must be paid, of which probably you were not aware and I shall therefore keep them by me until I hear from you again

Of the nature of the Government annuities I have little knowledge but I must confess that I have little confidence in a Government which does not scruple to take away property or reduce the interest in Loans as it suits its convenience, the arrangement now entered into by M Crabb is much more satisfactory to the parties and will I think be more beneficial for him in the end, the deviation from the terms of Investment directed by Mr Boucher's Will, I am not disposed to cavil about but Mrs Boucher cannot at present be called upon to execute the Release sent out for signature, neither her legacy, or arrears of annuity to this period having been paid and should she release the General Este of her husband, and an Income tax be imposed or the rate of Interest be reduced, how is the deficiency in her annuity to be paid? I regret that sufficient funds have not as yet come to the hands of Exers to enable them to discharge all the debts of the Testator, or any part of the legaciess, our accounts would have been forwarded to Mr Crabb by this oppty but I have not received the account sales of all last years Crops the balance in favour of the Este will be about £60 or 70 but there is also a sum in Mr Green's hands out of which the Legacy to Mrs Boucher is to be paid

The administrator in England acting under a power of atty from the Exers and Trustees here ought to account to us for his Transactions and I should like to be furnished with a statement of the funds which came to or were in his hands at the time of Mr Boucher's death or a copy of the Invty if any has been returned

Mr Charles Gordon called on me yesterday to make a proposition on behalf of his Brother Mr William Gordon to set aside the proceedings in "Gordon vs Garrigues &c" and settle on half of his Wife's (Mrs Cole) money on her, the other half to be paid to him to enable him to defray the expences he had incurred since his marriage in instituting his suit and purchase of a pen &c. I told him to put it in writing and send it to Mr Vidal who would transmit it to you by the present opportunity which however he has not yet done - I told him at the same time candidly that I did not think Mr Hawthorn would agree to such a proposition but you can mention it to him -

I am &c.

Messrs Freshfield & Son
Camden packet

Spanish Town
7th June 1834

My dear Madam

In consequence of the late heavy rains I did not receive your favor of the 28th May until last Sunday evening - I hope the Doctor is mistaken in his opinion of my symptoms, at all events I am disposed to try the effect of his prescriptions a little longer, before I quit the Country, which is by no means an easy undertaking to one who has been so deeply engaged in business, and unless I am carried away by force I shall not go without seeing you in Manchester, as I cannot think of your journeying so far to see me

Mr Batty had not yet given his opinion upon the points I have submitted to him but your shall see it so soon as I get it - I much fear you are fretting yourself without sufficient cause, your future Annuity is secured to you in England, your Legacy is at your command, and the Arrears of your Annuity will no doubt be shortly provided for, you are living in your own house with every thing around you as in former days, and can go where you like without restraint, then why will you make yourself uneasy? You have no debts to pay or Property to superintend - Who molests you? You may probably think I am making light of your loss - not so I can assure you - but grievous as that is consider how many blessings and comforts are still within your reach and that you cannot by any means within your power, undo what has been done, let me know in what way I can assist you, and I will readily attend to your wishes - Mr Crabb has paid the Legacies to his three Sisters and has transferred a sufficient sum in the funds to secure the payment of your Annuities should you at any time visit England, Your Nieces and my Sons Legacies will be paid out of the present Crop which is ready for shipment, if you would rather receive your Legacy in money Mr Salmon can sell his Bill & pay you but you now probably would prefer to wait until you receive Mr Crabbs sanction to it's being paid in England. If your Niece intend being forward any claim in respect to the Crop of Pans Lodge the sooner she does so the better that we may write to Mr Crabb upon the subject, I understand that Mr Boucher executed a Release for the monies he advanced in payment of the debts due by Mr Ashman, Has it been recorded? What is the date? all transactions prior to the date must be considered as closed on both sides - there will then only be the subsequent Crops to be accounted for, against which will be set off the Supplies, Taxes, Doctors Bills, also the sums paid for medical attendance on the Miss Ashmans, and their other expences while residing with Mr Boucher should Mr Crabb insist upon the latter, the sums paid for Doctors Bills are heavy, of Mr Samuda's Account I have no copy, and fear some difficulty would arise in ascertaining the different sums paid by Mr Boucher in his lifetime

I have only seen Mr Salmon once for a few minutes since he came to town if you will be kind enough to pack up the papers and give them to the Overseer with directions to forward them by the first opportunity coming to town I have no doubt of receiving them safe, and Messengers frequently come to Mr Salmon with poultry &c

I feel particularly indebted for your kind interest in my health, and with much that I could avail myself of your very friendly invitation to spend some time at Marlborough, but I am completely tied by the leg, the Chancery Court has been sitting for the last two weeks and now the Assembly have met again, & do not expect to get through their business before the end of next month; the Weather here is so insufferably hot that I know not what to do & should much enjoy a cooler climate

I beg to offer my kind regards to your Niece & yourself and am

My dear Madam

Yours faithfully

Herbert J James

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mount
May Hill

19

J G Crabb Esq
Sp Tn 11 June 1834
My dear Sir - Mr Salmon came to town & brought with him Mr Greens Account I take the earliest opportunity of forwarding to you our Accounts with the properties & the Estate of the late Richard Boucher deced which I hope will be found correct the Balance in Mr Greens hands will be applied in payment of Mrs Bouchers Legacy whenever she will receive it & the other Legacies to her nieces which are now due

I am my Dr Sir yrs faithfully & respectfully HJJ
p Kingston Captn. Emerson

95-98*

Marlbro' Mount
June 26th 1834

My dear Sir,

The first May Packet is just arrived and I feel rather disappointed as I was in hopes of hearing from you - or to have heard of your arrival in her - There really appears to be so much delay in your getting possession of the properties that I hardly know what to make of it, but between ourselves I must say this, that I can see plainly that Mr S is very much chagrined at the idea of giving up his power as Trustee - I believe he expected to have held it for life

I am confident that the properties will never pay of the Legacies under his management and from what I have learnt the coffee crop does not amount to 200 Tierces -

You mentioned in your last letter of March something about a release being sent out to the Trustees, but I have not seen anything of it and I understand they have submitted the Will to Counsellor Batty's Opinion Depend on it unless you come out and look into it yourself every obstacle will be thrown in the way. If there is not other method of your getting possession of your properties could I not petition the Chancellor to appoint a Receiver? I have not be well treated and perhaps I may get you appointed I say again my niece is quite satisfied to take your security for her Legacy - I fear I shall be too late for the post. I therefore must conclude with love to dear James

Believe me to remain

My dear Sir

With sincere regard

Yours

B Boucher

[in Crabb's hand] Mrs Boucher Augt 1834

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

stamped: KINGSTON JAMAICA JU 28 1834

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Spanish Town Jamaica 30 June 1834

Dear Sirs

Mr Salmon having handed to me a Bill of Lading for forty six Tierces of Coffee shipped to your address P the Sophia Captn Barclay and wishing to stop the interest on my son's Legacy I have by this pkt drawn a Bill of Exchge on you for £1000 Stlg with interest from the 13th December 1833 being 12 months after the death of my late friend Mr Boucher it is drawn in favor of Mr Hawthorn on account of Mr Boucher's Estate and will I hope be duly honored

I am Dear Sirs &c.

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden

Duplicate - 25 July P Skylark Pkt

115-116*

Spanish Town
6th September 1834

My dear Madam

You will be surprised to learn that I got home about ½ past 8 oclock on Thursday evening, and went over to Kingston yesterday from whence I returned last night, not much fatigued but considerably burnt by the sun, the roads were dry but very rough

Mr Vidal in reply to my inquiry has stated that you will not try executing the deed release the other benefits bequeathed to you under the Will. I shall therefore return the Release by the first favorable opportunity & by next post address Mr Salmon on the subject of the payments to be made by him,

The only paper necessary to be produced to the Valuers is the Certificate of the Registry Return, and I hope Miss Ashman has received hers

The price of a Tablet to be put up in the Church is from £21.6.8 to any extent you please to go, and the inscription costs £4 P 100 letters if you wish for one and will send up the inscription and name the sum you will give, I will do what further may be requisite

I beg to offer you my best thanks for your kind attention to me when at Marlbro, and with kind regards to Miss Ashman

I am My Dear Madam

Yours faithfully

Herbert J James

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough
May Hill

119-124*

Spanish Town
20th October 1834

My dear Madam

Your favour of the 17th Instant was handed to me yesterday morning altho the messenger arrived late the night before Mr Salmon had however gone over to Kingston in the morning and is not yet returned, I shall get every thing ready for his signature, so that the papers may all go up by bearer - Your Annuity is only payable up to 5th January the day on which the Interest on the Investment in the Bank commences - the dividends being payable half yearly on 5th January & 5th July one half years Interest on each day and altho the purchase may not have been made until February 20th still you are entitled to and will be paid the half years Interest from the last payday. Do you understand me?

Mr Crabb has not written to me since he sent out the Releases I was in hopes that I should have heard from him on the subject of the letter he wishes to be given you authorizing the payment of the Arrears of your Annuity - I am very anxious to close this concern being unwilling to act for any person who appears to be dissatisfied with my conduct, You have I believe written to him respecting the Legacy to your late niece, but really should he consent to its being paid without administration being first taken out - I should scarcely feel myself justified in doing so as whenever the party to whom it may be paid dies, any relative may call for the amount again, there not having been any person legally qualified to give a discharge for it, and Miss Ashman cannot tie down those now in existence not to call for it, as they may not live long enough to be enabled to put in a claim to it and on their death another may start up & demand it

It is my wish and intention to quit Jamaica early in the year, to try a change of climate for a few months, altho I do not wish this to be publicly known at present until I can make my arrangements

22nd October

Mr Salmon has just been with me and herewith I send a letter signed by us both, Authorizing Mr Crabb to pay you the sum of £746.13.4 for one year & twenty four days Annuity from 12th December 1832 to 5th January 1834 from which last period [c.o. the] you will receive the Interest on the money in the funds I likewise forward herewith J Salmons Bill on E J Green of London in your favor for

		£333.14.1 St.
Exchange 40 Pr Cent	<u>£133.9.7½</u>	= Cy: £467.3.8½
Premium thereon at 12½ Pr Cent		58.7.11½
Stamps		<u>5</u>
		<u>£525.16.8</u>

being in full of your Legacy of 500.-.

Interest thereon from 12th December 1833 to 22nd October 1834

10 months & 10 days at £6 pr. Annum	<u>25.16.8</u>
	<u>£525.16.8</u>

for which I send receipts to be signed by you as well as the Release in your possession, and as a messenger will be coming down early next week you can return them all by him - but you must let some person witness your signing the Release and prove it before a Judge of the Common Pleas.

I am glad to learn that Mr Crabb has arranged your last half years Annuity to your satisfaction and hope that there will not be any difficulty in settling the previous amount

The Butter came to hand safe and in good order and I am very much obliged to you for it

I beg to offer my kind regards to Miss Ashman and am

My dear Madam Yours faithfully
Herbert J James

PS Mr McCatty says that he has sent Miss Ashman the receipt

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mount
May Hill

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James G Crabb Esq

Sp Town Jama 22nd Octr 1834

Dear Sir Mrs Boucher having expressed her readiness to execute the Release sent out by you on receiving from us a letter authorizing the payments of her Annuity from the time of the the death of Mr Boucher to the period at which the Interest on the Investment in the Funds for her use commences, we have to request that you will pay to her Order the sum of seven hundred and forty six pounds 13/4 Sterling being for one year & 24 days annuity due to her from 12th December 1832

to 5th Jany 1834 at the rate of £700 Sterling P annum - We are respectfully
Dr Sir &c &c

103-106*

Marlbro' Octbr 29 1834

My dear Sir,

I herewith inclose a Bill of Exchange - on Mr Green for the Amount of my Legacy which I will thank you to receive when due, and as you were kind enough to say in your letter of June 18th that I must get Messrs James and Salmon to sign an Order on you to pay my Annuity from the date of the 12th Decemr 1832, I have done so, and you will oblige me by adding it to the Legacy and Investing the whole for me - I am extremely thankful for the Investment you have already made of this years Annuity, but I find they have made a mistake in the name, instead of Barbara it is Arabella, I therefore think it right to return the receipt that you might get it rectified -

I shall not draw on you for any money immediately - you had therefore better Invest the balance in you hands. I shall subjoin a copy of Mr James's letter on the subject of my Annuity that you might better understand it - If it is necessary I will send you a receipt by next packet for the full amount of my two years Annuity, to enable you to Invest it with the Legacy -

I thank you I shall not require any thing to be sent out with the Supplies, I do not wish to draw on my funds in England if I can help it, what little I require I shall purchase here - I believe I mentioned in my last the £600 claimed by Dr Dempster, was for Mrs Dempsters share of commissions as Executrix to Mr Thompsons Estate. There was no European Carpenter employed here in you uncles life. The supplies for your properties this last year I have understood is nothing less than £800 - I was much concerned to hear that you had been so unwell as to require medical advice, but I sincerely hope thro' the blessing of God that your next letter will contain more satisfactory accounts of your health and I do hope, you will say that you are coming out, I think the voyage and change of climate for a few months would now be of great benefit to your health, my own is very indifferent and I have a slight troublesome cough but I wish to remain here untill you come, as I can point out many things, and I may be usefull to you, I am glad to hear that James is going on so well at school, remember me to him, likewise to your sisters and the Adml. in which my niece joins and believe me to remain

My dear Sir
Your attached friend
B Boucher

(Copy)

Spanish Town
20th Oct: 1834

My dear Madam

Your Annuity is only payable up to the 5 Jany, the day on which the Investment in the Bank commences. The dividends being payable half yearly on 5 Jany an 5 July, one half years Interest on each day and altho' the purchase may not have been made untill Feb, 20th still you are entitled to and will be paid the half years Interest from the last pay day. I was in hopes I should have heard from Mr Crabb on the subject of the letter he wishes to be given you Authorizing the payment of the Arrears of your Annuity, I am anxious to close this concern as it is my wish [torn] intention to quite Jamaica early in the next year Altho' I do not wish it to be publicly known at present untill I can make my arrangements

I herewith forward J Salmons Bill on E F Green of London in your favor £333.14.1 St.

Exchange 40 Pr Cent £133.9.7½

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signed by you	<u>£525.16.8</u>

and am

My dear Madam
Yrs faithfully
Herbert J James signed

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

[in Crabb's hand] Mrs Bouchers bill for £333.1.1 in ??plaint 1 Jan'y 1835

99-102*

Spanish Town
1st November 1834

My dear Madam

I am glad to learn that you received all the papers safe, but your have not informed me what you have done with the receipts and Release, Mr Crabb has written for the latter to be sent to him, The Packet arrived on Monday and is to sail on Saturday the 8th Instant -

Enclosed I send you Sixteen Pounds in Checks for the chaise with a bill of parcels which you will be kind enough to receipt and send to Mr Saunders to enter in the Plantation book

I have at length received a letter from Mr Crabb which is by no means satisfactory, he wishes us to direct the proceeds of the last Crop to be paid over to him and we are to draw on him in payment of the Legacies, and be at his mercy as we have been since we sent him a Power to administer, he does not allude to the authority given us in his letter to you, to pa the arrears of your Annuity by an order on him - I really wish the business was concluded, he intimates his intention of coming out and expresses a hope that I may not have not have [sic] gone away before his arrival

I received a few lines from my daughter by the packet, she was married to Dr Weston Goss on the 27th of August

I was sorry to learn that you had been unwell since I last heard from you and hope you are now quite recovered. I beg to offer my best regards to Miss Ashman and am my Dear madam

Yours faithfully
Herbert J James

Mrs Boucher

Check No 10361 1 - dated 1 Decr 1832
1292 5 - " 19 Septr 1829
1177 10 - 21 May 1830
£16

addressed: Money Letter
Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mount
May Hill

J G Crabb Esq

Sp Town Jam 7 Nov 1834

My Dr Sir

I have now the satisfaction of informing you that I have been to Marlbro & seen Mrs Boucher and have explained to her everything that she required to know, on coming away she expressed herself perfectly satisfied and that her mind was now relieved. She read a paragraph of your letter to her on the subject of the Arrears of her Annuity authorizing Mr Salmon & myself to give her a letter on you for the amount which we have since done & of which the foregoing is a copy, the legacy has also been paid & she has signed the Release which shall be forwarded to you at a future day when a safe opportunity offers, Miss Ashman has at length sent the necessary paper to enable her to administer on her sisters Estate and execute a proper release for her legacy which shall be immediately settles, my sons I have drawn for and there is only one outstanding debt due to Mrs Dempster for her share of the Commissions charged by Mr Boucher during the period he acted in the management of the affairs of the late John Thomson but as there is still about £1300 Cy due from that Estate to Mr Bouchers we wished the present acting Exor Mr McCatty to settle with Mrs Dempster (his sister) & deduct it from the amount due to Mrs Boucher so as to prevent our drawing upon our Testators funds this Mr McCatty declined doing partly from the want of funds but chiefly on account of a claim which he has set up against Mr B in respect of a Bond which he took from Charles Miller of St Elizabeth for between 4 & £500 in payment of a judgmt which J Thomsons Estate held against the Estate of his Brother Archibald Thomson & which Mr Miller is totally unable to pay, in a letter which Mr McCatty wrote to Dr Dempster in reply to his application for a payment he threatened to file a Bill against us is we would not agree to deduct the amount of this Bond from Mr Bouchers claim on the ground that as Exor he had no right to change his Testators Security, however when he called upon me in town last month he offered to submit a joint Case for the Opinion of Council and to abide by that Opinion which we are dispose to agree to Mr Vidal who acted as Atty at Law in the Settlement of the matter between Mr B & the Creditors of A Thomson is decidedly of opinion that Mr B's Estate is by no means liable for any part of the debt - So soon as Miss Ashmans Legacies & Mrs Dempsters claim are settled & the A/c Sales of this years Crop are recd. we shall make up our A/cs and remit to you any balance that may be due from us - The Negroes have all been valued but for what purpose we do not understand as the compensation will not be more than 1/3, in the Marlbro Gang is a Negro named William Samuells belonging to Mrs Boucher, but having always been registered with the other, it was also necessary that he should be values with them, there are 159 Negroes on Marlbro -

149 Moreland

87 Cedar Grove

26 Hanover

5 Wiltonin all 426

I am glad to learn that our Accounts had been recd and hope on examination you will approve of them I had expected to have heard from you in reply to my letter of the 24 April last, which no doubt you duly recd.

During the 6 days I was at Marlbro it rained incessantly excepting on the 2nd on which Mr Salmon came there for the purpose of giving the Negroes their Clothing with which they appeared to be well satisfied

It is my intention to quit this early in the year and it would afford me much pleasure to become personally acquainted with you previous to my departure

I am

175-178*

Marlbro'
Novbr 7th 1834

My dear Sir,

The two Septbr Packets have arrived and no letter from you. I should have been glad to have received a line to know if your health was improving - Mr James wrote me he had heard from you, and that you had intimated your intention of coming out but did not say when; I hope your next will inform me what your movements are to be, and if your intend coming in a Ship direct to Alligator Pond; which I think would be most adviseable. The first Bill of Exchange I sent you I quite forgot to Endorse; I now enclose a second which you will find correct. On the receipt of the Bill of Exchange for the Legacy of £500 Cy and the letter to you Signed by the Trustees Authorizing the payment of my first Years of £700 Stg I signed the Bill and returned it to Mr James, in consequence of which they have exacted receipts from me for the Legacy and Annuity as above, which I have signed and returned to them, and altho' the money is not absolutely paid me, I place every reliance in you and I now trust you will not hesitate in coming to Jamaica as your presence here would be advantageous, for your would see enough to disapprove of and much to your interest to correct - You observe in one or two of your letters to me that Mr Salmon does not speak very favourably of the affairs of the Estates as to produce - I should suppose he could not say much in favor of the Horse kind for every body tells me they see a great change for the worse - The fact is, you interest is too much neglected; The Oversee that is on Cedar Grove is of little use; Can a man who is continually in a state of intoxication be capable of conducting any ones Property? It is well known he is a complete sot and treats his wife who resides there with him brutally: this man is a relation of Mr Salmons who he give Bread to at your expense. Mr Saunders⁷⁷⁴ enjoys his luxuries here to their fullest extent, he has a family with him of 9 illegitimate Children the greater part of them grown up, whom with the Mother and himself make 11 in number who feed at your expence - He is still very uncivil, but I will bear it patiently till you come - I am quite convinced he is encouraged by the employer in his improper conduct, but this must rest between us for the present.

Among the many points in the case that has been submitted for Counsellor Batty's Opinion by the Trustees are the following which I think I am in duty bound to communicate to you, that you may be better able to judge whose interest is most studied yours or theirs.

Mr Batty's Opinion

"In the event of Mrs Bouchers accepting the arrangement and commutation for her Annuities and provision under the Testators Will Are the Trustees competent and would you advise them upon having releases from Mrs Boucher and the residuary devisee and Legatee to surrender up the trust Estate? Or must their trust subsist until Mrs Bouchers death?

"If Mrs Boucher acquiesces in the arrangement for payment of her Annuities the trustees may I think safely deliver up possession of the trust premised to the Residuary Devisee upon obtaining a release from her and the Residuary Devisee previous however to their doing so they should provide for the Legacies payable under the Will and take care that all the debts are paid.

"Your Opinion is desired whether the Exors are not entitled to charge the customary commissions upon the English funds the same having been applied in payment of the Legacies or invested for securing Mr Bouchers Annuities?

Opinion "I think the Exors resident in Jamaica are entitled to charge the lawful commissions of 6 per cent upon the English funds as forming part of the assets and receipt to be administered by them and which they are bound to Bring to the credit of the Testators Estate this point was so decided in favor of Mr Hyslop in Jones and Albert The act of Administration having been taken out in England will not alter the right

Signed
F. Batty
July 9th 1834.

I am informed [c.o.] that the case of Jones and Albert referred to by Mr Batty was decided in the court of Chancery of this Island, but whether there was an appeal to the Cockpit from that decision my informant is unable to say - I have thought it adviseable to give you this information, so that if an appeal was made in the Cockpit, your Solicitor could I suppose by reference there, ascertain the fact and thereby enable you to obtain all the necessary information as to that cause -

With my kind regards to James and your Sisters, believe me to remain

My dear Sir

Yours ever Sincerely

B. Boucher

addressed: James Geo. Crabb Esqr
Wickham
Hants

stamped: Kingston NO 7 34

[in Crabb's hand] Mrs Boucher 1 Jan'y 1835 re Mr Battys opinion &c

179-182*

Marlbro Mount
Septb 17th 1834

My dear Sir

Your last kind letter of day the 17th of June I received in July and should not have omitted replying to it by the following Packet but as I could not see Mr James to converse with him on the subject of the Release it was not in my power to write your. I wrote him immediately after the receipt of your letter requesting him to come to Marlbro' as I wished much to have my business settled and to see you in possession of the Properties I have at length prevailed on him and he came here about a fortnight since when I had an opportunity of seeing the release likewise Counsellor Batty's Opinion on the several points of the Will that was submitted to him Many of them I conceive are of little consequence and the business may have been settled some months ago; I sincerely hope there may be no more obstacles thrown in the way - I shall with pleasure affix my signature to the Release as soon as the Trustees will allow me to do so which they say I cannot do until they have payed me my first years annuity and the Legacy - Mr James had promised me to arrange with Mr Salmon for the payment of it which I trust will be done in time for the next Packet - As far as it regards any loss of Income in case the Funded money for my support maybe affected I have every confidence in your doing all that is just towards me and I told Mr James so and that you had kindly offered to give me any assurance that might secure me from loss, but that I did not think it necessary, and he then observed that as long as your life was spared I might not be a sufferer, but in case of my outliving you (which is not very likely) your Executors might refuse to make up any deficiency, and that he thought a letter perhaps from you to that effect for me to produce to your Executors might be as well in case of accidents but this can be settled between ourselves at any time and you may depend no delay shall be on my part to place the Properties under your controul as I am most anxious that they should be do. Between ourselves from what I could learn the chief point in this case was submitted for Counsels Opinion was and Eye towards commissions on the money in England belonging to your Uncles Estate. It seems Mr S wrote to town to have this particular question submited to Councils Opinion and it has been given in his favor which is all he

wished for - I am glad you did not write him on the subject of his Oversees conduct to me for he would not have done it to please you knowing that it was not in your power to controul him, but I rest satisfied that it will soon be in your power to do all that is right towards it. I regret Mr James had not an opportunity of riding over the Properties the few days he spent with me; He was kept in doors by incessant rain and boisterous breezes the therefore could not form any idea of the management of them he could not go farther than the Stable and he told me that Crockery looked quite changed for the worse. The moment the rain ceased he set off to Town. He told me he had made up his mind to retire from business and settle himself in America if the climate agreed with him, I said I hoped he would settle your business before he left that it might in future be under your controul and he said he would endeavour to do so . In respect to the £600 claimed by Dr Dempster it is for Mrs Dempster's share of commissions as Executrix to Mr Thompsons Estate

You wished to know if my Nieces Legacy was paid She has not yet received anything of it but it was due in June, but I understand Mr James's son has been paid his out of the Coffee Crop of this year

With respect to the funding of the money that is due me you can do nothing for me yet as it is not paid - I will write you my the next Packet and inform you of my wishes - I hope to hear James [ends]

P.S. As my Niece is at a loss for some friend in England to appoint to receive the Compensation money for her negroes I must beg the favor of you to receive it for her as I know it will be safe in your hands

The Valuers are now in this neighbourhood The Claims must be sent to the Commissioners here in the course of 3 months therefore be so good as to let me know by the next Packet if it will be agreeable to you as you are obliged to mention the name of the person in the claim that you appoint to receive it

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

stamped: KINGSTON SE 23 1834
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Sp Town Jama 25 Feby 1835

Messrs Hawthorn & Shedden Dr Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 10th ulto addressed to Mr Salmon & myself as Exors if the late Richard Boucher deced accompanied by your A/Ct with us made up to the 30th April next for which I am much obliged to you as should Mr Green have been equally attentive to Mr Salmons wishes we shall be enabled at once to make up our A/cs to the 31 Dec last and transmitted them to Mr Crabb who is very pressing to obtain them the Acct Sales have not yet come to hand but may be daily looked for - The balance shall be drawn for in the way you suggest as soon as our statements are prepared I am &

125-128*

Marlbro' Mount
March 11th 1835

My dear Sir,

I thank you for your kind letter by the Janry Packet. I am truly happy to learn that

your health is so much improved and sincerely hope that you will experience many years of good health. Be assured I have been, and am perfectly satisfied with what you have done for me having always had every confidence in you.

I regret extremely that you cannot visit Jamaica even it was only for a short time. With respect to your observations of Mr Salmon if you think all is going on right I must be silent Mr James may speak as highly of him as he pleases but I speak from ocular demonstration and I think I may venture to say that no one here can feel more interested in your welfare than I do and am therefore grieved to see your interest neglected. The negroes are very thankful for the Blankets but they have not been distributed amongst them yet they request me to say for them that it would be highly gratifying to them to see you here indeed they have long solicited me to entreat you to come out; they are by no means satisfied or happy, for they detest the Overseer that lives here. As it is my wish not to remain in the Island much longer, I am desirous of disposing of the Furniture, Carriage, Horse &c, and appropriating the amount of them in the same way in England and as they are left me for life of course they will be yours at my death: Now will you give me your consent to dispose of them? The plate I should never think of selling and therefore shall take it with me; but I am at a loss to know what duty I shall have to pay for so doing; Can you inform me? As the above mentioned articles were bequeathed to me for life I should derive no advantage by leaving them here when I quit Jamaica. Pray let me hear [sic] from you on this subject by the first Packet that sails after your receiving it! As I wish to lose no time in preparing for my departure. I thank you for the Monumental Stone but I have not yet seen it, and it would have been a satisfaction to me to pay for it myself, as it is the last tribute of respect I can pay to his memory. My niece thanks for your kind acquiescence to her request in naming you as her Agent, but when is the compensation to be paid, can you tell us? She unites with me in kind regards and

Believe me
My dear sir
Yrs very sincerely,
B. Boucher

addressed: James Geor: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

[in Crabb's hand] Recd 11 May 1835 Ansd 13 do Mrs Boucher

129-132*

Marlbro'
May 6th 1835

My dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce my friends Mr & Mrs Skaife to your acquaintance, I and my niece have experienced much friendship from them, therefore any attention you can shew them will be most gratefully felt by me - They are highly respectable Characters and you will I am sure gain much useful Information from Mr Skaife respecting the present state of Jamaica Property - He goes to England for the benefit of his health which I most sincerely hope he may speedily regain - I shall feel the loss of their society very much as they are our most particular friends and we regret extremely that we have not been able to accompany them to England, but I hope and trust to meet them there next year as I have determined please God! on leaving Jamaica next May. With my kind regards to all the family

I remain
My dear sir

Sincerely Yrs
B. Boucher

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

Favd. by
David Skaife⁷⁷⁵ Esqe

155-156*

Spanish Town
9th May 1835

My dear Miss Ashman

I was surprised at not hearing from you sooner of the sale of Pans Lodge as it was during the Races that Mr Morrice called upon me on the subject - I make a point of not giving possession of Propertied which I sell until the Title is complete and the purchase money paid or Security given for it, not that I anticipate any delay in the present case, Mr Morrice said he was ready to pay the money at once - Mr Smith is preparing the Title and care shall be taken that your right to the compensation shall not be disputed

Mrs Boucher's release has not been recorded as Mr Crabbe has not stated by whom the duty is to be paid, however I am wrong here as her claims are not subject to duty - but I waited to ascertain whether he had paid the order in her favor, and if she is satisfied on that point, it shall be recorded and she can take it to England for him - the Tolu⁷⁷⁶ & pareira brava⁷⁷⁷ are waiting an opportunity to be sent to her - the Tomb Stone is ordered and will be shipped to Aligator Pond when complete

With my best regards to Mrs Boucher I remain

Yours faithfully

Herbert J James

Miss Ashman

Tolu 3/4 Pareira 2/6 sent by Mr Allan

PS. Mr Allan has taken charge of the Medicines & I enclose the list of Furniture &c to be signed by Mrs Boucher, of course she will strike out any article not received by her stating what has become of it.

addressed: Miss Ashman
care of Mrs Boucher
Marlbro Mount
May Hill

Marlbro' Mount

145-146*

June 17th 1835

My dear Sir,

It is now five months since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you, your last letter being of date the 14th Janry, which makes me uneasy fearing ill health may be the cause of it, If it is only a few lines from you it always affords me much satisfaction to know that you are in the enjoyment of health. I feel most obliged for the trouble you have taken in funding what was due to me of my Annuity and as I shall not draw on you for any part of it before I go to England you will be kind enough to continue to do so as it becomes due - In addition to it I have sent £50 Stg by my friend Mrs Skaife to pay into your hands when an opportunity offers of her doing so. I do not think

I can accomplish my wishes of going to England this year as I cannot expect an answer to my former letter to you until next month; and I would not on any account sail in August for fear of encountering bad weather, and Mr James advises us not to go so late. As you seem determined not to visit Jamaica, I hope please God! we shall be among you early next year. I think it proper to inform you that Dr Dempster is gone home in the Marlborough, and you may by chance meet him in London or Southampton, and I know he would force himself on your notice. He is a character you would not like to be acquainted with, therefore should he take any letters of introduction to you I hope you will be cautious - He is a confirmed sot and cannot confine himself to facts, strange to say they are five Brothers of them that came to this Country to seek a livelihood and the whole of them are tipsters, one of them died the other day from drinking, He is allowed to practice here, but of very little use to the Negroes. Dr. Halliday practiced for the family but he has left the Island, and whenever my niece and self require medical advice we apply to Dr Magrath in Kingston who is a most Eminent man in his profession. As you were kind enough to say my niece might name you as her Agent to receive the compensation money she has subjoined a letter of instructions which we have been informed is necessary to send you - They are no counter claims against her negroes. I hope dear James is enjoying good health and improving in his Education. My niece requested to join me in kind regards &

Esteem me
My dear sir
Yrs most sincerely
B. Boucher

137-140*

Copy Case and Opinion of Mr Batty. - [June 27th 1835]

The late Mr John Thompson [sic] of Manchester was a Creditor to a large amount on the Estate of his Brother Mr Archibald Thomson, on Judgments obtained by Mr Roe and assigned to Mr John Thomson

The Judgments formed part of the personal Estate of John Thomson at the time of his death.

Mr Thomson by his will appointed Mr Richard Boucher Mr James McCatty and others his Executors

Mr Boucher and Mr McCatty qualified - Mr Boucher principally acting from the time of Mr Thomson's death in 18[blank] until the year 1828 when he delivered up the Real Estate of the deceased to his CoExecutor Mr McCatty and some time in the year 1829 the papers and Vouchers of the deceased were also delivered up by Mr Boucher to Mr McCatty -

Some time in the year 1826 or 1827 the Creditors of Archibald Thomson who were very numerous having exhausted all the personal Estate and Slaves of the deceased, caused Extents to be issued against a penn called Hillhead the property of Archibald Thomson, which Extents were executed. Irregularities were discovered which were considered sufficient to quash the Extents, and Mr Boucher's only object being to participate in the value of the property according to the amount of the demands due to his Testator's Estate, consented not to take measures for quashing the Extents but to allow them to be confirmed on condition that he should receive a rateable proportion of the value of the extended premises.

It was understood among the Creditors generally, that the offer of a Mr James Miller should be accepted - vizt. - that he should purchase the property and that the Creditors or Representatives of Creditors should take his Bonds payable in three Annual Instalments for the share coming to them respectively - and Bonds were accordingly given - The proportion payable under Mr John Thomson's Judgment amounted to £456.12.6 and Mr Miller granted his Bond dated

2nd April 1827 to Mr Boucher conditioned to pay the sum of £456.12.6 with Interest from 26th Sepr. 1825 by three annual Instalments of £152.4.4 cu on the 26th Sepr. 1827. 26th Sepr. 1828 and 26th Sepr. 1829

Mr Miller although repeatedly applied to for payment of the Bond both by Mr Boucher and Mr McCatty has never paid any part of the Instalments and it was considered of no avail in consequence of the heavy prior Judgments which were open against Mr Miller to put the bond in question on Judgment.

Mr Boucher on his accounting finally before a Master for his transactions with Mr Thomson's Estate is found to be a Creditor for and in advance on 31 december 1828 for the Estate to the Extent of about £2,519..

Mr McCatty has been called upon by the Executors of Mr Boucher for payment of such balance but Mr McCatty considers that Mr Boucher ought not to have taken the Bond of Mr Miller, who, he says was known to be in very bad circumstances at the time of the sale, and that therefore the amount of such Bond should be deducted from Mr Boucher's balance, in other words that Mr Boucher's Estate should be obliged to take the Bond, and that he Mr McCatty should only pay to Mr Boucher's Executors the difference between the sum due on the Bond and the reported balance due to Mr Boucher - On the other hand Mr James the Executor of Mr Boucher, insists that Mr Boucher's Estate ought not to be made to suffer inasmuch as the Estate of Archibald Thomson, had been with the exception of the penn or plantation been exhausted prior to the issuing of the Extents - that had he omitted to question the execution of the Extents and allowed the other Creditors to have their Extents confirmed, without stipulating that he should participate with them in the proceeds of the Sale Mr John Thomson's Estate would not have got any thing - that in taking the Bond Mr Boucher acted in the same manner as the other extending Creditors, whose claims were provided for in the same way, and that as several of those Creditors resided in the same parish with Mr Miller Mr Boucher could not be blamed for accepting the same terms as were acceded to by the others and on which alone Mr Miller agreed to buy and Mr James has found among the papers of Mr Boucher a Letter from Mr McCatty dated 22d June 1831 in which is the following paragraph X "I take this opportunity of mentioning that I have never been able to obtain a settlement with Mr James Miller of his Bond notwithstanding his repeated promises" [in margin: Mr McCatty's observation X Mr McCatty thinks it implies the opposite meaning.] which Mr James considers is sufficient to shew that at the date of the Letter, and which saw some time after Mr McCatty had obtained possession of the Bond, he did not consider Mr Boucher in any respect responsible for the Amount -

It is we believe admitted that Mr Miller has been unable to meet his engagements - at all events, no blame can under the circumstances be attached either Mr Boucher or Mr McCatty (who must have obtained possession of the Bond before or about the time the last Instalment became due) for not establishing the Bond on Judgment which would only have occasioned useless expence to the Estate of Mr John Thomson. -

The Judgments at the suit of Rose assigned to John Thomson against Archibald Thomson still remain open and unsatisfied. -

Mr McCatty before he arranges with Mr James in respect to the Balance due to Mr Boucher's Estate wishes to be advised. -

Whether under the circumstances before detailed Mr Boucher was justified in taking the Bond of Mr Miller as the Purchaser from the Extending Creditors of the remaining Real Estate of John Thomson deceased? - And whether Mr Boucher's Estate is liable for payment of such Bond Mr Boucher having delivered up the Bond to Mr McCatty before the last Instalment became due? -

Opinion of Mr Batty - When an Executor compromises a Debt due to the Testate or takes a Security payable to himself in satisfaction of a demand due to the Testator, he does so at his own risk, and is personally liable to make good any loss that may ensue, unless he can shew such compromise &c

was fair & reasonable and promised to be beneficial to the Testator's Estate - in which case the Court would not hold him personally responsible 4 Ves: 369.1 Crompton & Mason 402.2 Madck. Prac:153 - In the present case Mr Boucher certainly acted for the benefit of the Testator's Estate, in the arrangement he made with the Creditors, by which he was allowed to participate in the Extent - and if Mr Miller had been a man in good credit at the time the Bonds were given there can be no doubt but a Court of Equity would have borne Mr B. harmless, if a loss had subsequently arisen from the nonpayment of the Bonds - According to Mr McCatty's statement Mr Miller was not in good credit at the time of the sale, and if so I am of opinion Mr Boucher ought not to have assented to take his Bond & his Estate must make good the loss that has consequently accrued. On the other hand, if Mr Miller was in such circumstances, that a prudent man, would not refuse in the Ordinary course of business to take his Bond in payment I think Mr Boucher's Estate ought not to be charged with the amount of the Bond - It depends altogether on the particular circumstances of the Case - It is a favourable circumstance for Mr Boucher that the other Creditors agreed to take Miller's bonds, but it is not sufficient of itself to exonerate him as acting in a representative capacity, he was bound to act with great circumspection, & to take care that the security was unobjectionable at the time. -

(Signed) H. Batty

June 27th 1835

[in Crabb's hand] No 5 - Mr Batty's opinion on Thompson Estate July 1835]

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J G Crabb Esq

Spa Town Jama 29 June 1835

My Dear Sir Mr Greens A/Cs having only lately arrived has been the cause of the delay in forwarding our A/cs with the properties and Estate of the late Mr Boucher, which now accompany this and we shall be glad to learn that they prove correct any further information that you may require respecting them shall be forwarded as soon as your wishes are made known to us

Mr Maddan is about to quit the Country I believe only for a short time and most probably you will see him in England, under the present system I consider that the person in charge of a Property should reside within a moderate distance of it as it is impossible to say how soon or how often his presence may be required. I have not yet determined upon the time of my departure and Mr Salmon is anxious that Mr Cooper, a relation who occasionally superintends the properties for him during his absence, should be joined with him, when I was in Manchester I could not learn of any person residing there that I thought likely to answer, it is a much more difficult task to manage now than it was formerly and persons must be selected who can agree with the Negroes as well as attend to the cultivation of the Property

Mrs Boucher has intimated to me her intention of going to England next month, but has not yet fixed upon a ship, at her request I procured in Kingston a marble slab to be placed over the grave of Mr Boucher to prevent it being disturbed as the Monument sent out by you is to be put up in the Church

In a former letter I mentioned that Mr McCatty had set up a claim against Mr Bouchers Estate in respect to a Bond which he had taken in payment of a Judgment Debt due to his Testators Estate John Thomson deced which we had agreed to leave to the decision of Counsel and I regret to say that it has been given against Mr B unless it can be shewn that the person was in good credit at the time the Bond was given which from what I have learnt appears to be very doubtful, it is very hard upon Mr Boucher who certainly acted for the best, the amount will be set off against the balance due from Thomsons Estate, out of which I had hoped to have arranged the payment of the only remaining debt due to Dr Dempster for his wife's proportion of the Commission charged to that Estate, as Exor of her former husband about £671 Cy & which I do not know how otherwise to provide for Dr & Mrs D sailed for England in the Marlbro

I am not aware whether it is Mrs Bouchers intention to take the Family Pictures to England with her, if not do you wish to have them sent as they will probably suffer by remaining in an empty house? There is also a painting of the Marlbro off Dover

The Claim for Compensation put in the names of Mr Salmon & myself as Trustees & Exors in possession, as soon as it is determined how the money is to be paid I shall be happy to join in an Power to enable you to receive the amount, but I have understood that the Commrs had not yet made up their minds on that point

I am with sincere regards Yours faithfully

[from original letter:] P.S. I send herewith a copy of the Case and opinion respecting Mr Millers Bond

151-154*

Marlbro' Mount
August 3rd 1835

My dear Sir,

I am extremely obliged for your kind acquiescence to my disposing of the Furniture. Previous to writing you I made known my wishes to Mr James who referred me to Counsellor Batty's Opinion which I am guided by, and which you shall see when we meet. As it is now late in the year my Niece and self have made up our minds to stop till after Xmas when we hope please God to take our departure in March or April as there will be two ships with good accommodations to sail about that time (the Leppings and the Statira, which are expected out here in Janry. Your letter gives me some hope of seeing you at Marlborough ere I leave the Island as you observe you have a great wish to visit Jamaica if only for a short time. "Procrastination is the thief of time", my dear sir, so why not make up your mind and come at once. I should think it would tend greatly to your interest to see your Properties and place them in better hands before you are ruined, You are not aware how soon Jamaica possessions can be sent to destruction if not well conducted and I certainly think your are in a very fair was for it, but I sincerely wish the evil may be remedied ere it is too late. I do not conceive that Mr Salmon treats you with proper respect in not replying to your questions and you observe you are kept in the dark in respect to his proceedings, You surely ought to know what he is doing; as most Gentlemen are made acquainted with every thing relative to their affairs from their Attornies I will mention a circumstance which has lately ocured, A Mr Bruce⁷⁷⁸ who left a very fine Estate in excellent order under his care, and took his family to England, finding he had so little sent him for the last two years was induced to return to this country a short time since to look into the state of it and he has discovered that Mr Salmon took the liberty of lending a Mr Vassel horned cattle therefore to the amount of £1,300 to pay a debt. Mr V has since died and left nothing and Mr Salmon refused to make it good to Mr Bruce, who was determined to expose him in a Court of Justice if he did not pay him. Since writing this I have received a letter from a friend who says, "I have seen the Newspapers and I have to inform you Mr Bruce has obtained a verdict at the Cornwall Assizes against Mr Salmon and has recovered damages to the amount of £1,526.11.4½ with costs, so that you can and ought to write Mr Crabb on the subject, and point out what a pretty Attorney he is to manage peoples properties;" - Answer me this question: Has he ever written you to come out and see yours? because he has said in my presence that he has done so repeatedly: The Jamaica Newspapers which will probably go by this Packet you will see at the Jamaica Coffee House; The Cornwall Assizes took place the second week in July - Always being in the hope of seeing you I never told you that Bramshill was sent to Pepper; (the property of Messrs Dickinson & Harman) for 8 months immediately after your Uncles death and a little ugly Horse sent here in his stead, which had the quality of biting and kicking; now I heard a Gentleman say he thought this a liberty no Attorney should take, and if any accident had

happened Mr Salmon should be made to pay his value - I never hear anything from him about the concerns of the plantations; what I write you is what I see myself and what I hear other people speak of. I think I should apologise for my long letters for when I begin to write I forget and think I am talking to you - Accept and distribute to your sisters and the Adml the united kind regards of my niece and self with my love to dear James

Believe me
to remain, my dear Sir,
Very sincerely yours
B. Boucher

P.S. I hope ere this you have had an opportunity of meeting my friends Mr and Mrs Skaife they talked of visiting Southampton and Cheltenham.

addressed: James George Crabb Esq
Wickham
Hants

Pr. packet
5th August 1835

[in Crabb's hand] Mrs Boucher - re Salmon Sept 1835

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Jas G Crabb Esq
My Dear Sir

Sp Town Jama 28 Augt 1835

On your receiving from Mr William Morrice of St Mary Axe London the Agent of Mr James McCatty the Exor of the late John Thomson deced the sum of £1202.7.2³/₄ Currnt money of this Island with Int on £1195.3.9³/₄ from the 11th Sepr 1834 at the rate of £6 PCt P an, less the current Premm on Bills of Exchange You are hereby authorized to apply to the Commrs of Compensation & withdraw the three Counter Claims entered on my behalf as one of the Exors of the late Richard Boucher deced against the said John Thomson for the balance due to the Estate of the said Richard Boucher on his Transactions as late acting Exor of the said Jn Thomson

Copy sent JG Crabb 19th Oct 1835

I am my Dr Sir

Yrs faithfully & respectfully

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Admiral Hollis - Highfield Southampton

Spt Town 24 Sepr 1835

Sir I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12 July last which came to hand on the 19 Inst and in compliance with your desire I have executed the Power of Atty sent out by Messrs Freshfield & Sons to Transfer the Stock invested for Mrs Hollis Legacy under Mr Bouchers Will to the Trustees under her marriage Settlement it accompanies this addressed to those Gentlemen - I am advised that I should procure a Release from Mrs Hollis and yourself in which the trustees should join and Messrs Freshfields write me that you are ready to execute it as well as the other Parties there is therefore no difficulty in the way of concluding this business

I am Sir

Your most Obed Sert

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Messrs Freshfield & Sons London

Sp Town 24 Sept 1835

Dr Sirs Your letter of the 15th July last came to hand on the 19th Inst and I now return enclosed the Power of Atty executed to enable you to transfer the amount of Mrs Hollis's Legacy under the Will of Mr Boucher invested in the funds to the Trustees under her Marriage Settlement, but I requite a Release from Admiral and Mrs Hollis in which the Trustees must join
I am Sirs Your most Obed Sert.

133-136*

Spanish Town
25th Septr 1835

My dear Miss Ashman

I have received your letter of the 23rd Instant and observe that you are as usual all in a hurry, and for what purpose? the Commissioners here must take your claim into consideration and report it to the Commissioners in England before any part of your compensation is paid - and the Gentlemen here move but slowly, and are by no means in a hurry, however when the power is sent, you will have a little breathing time to recover yourself after so many months of hurry and bustle.

In my letter which accompanied the number of Negroes lately belonging to Mr Boucher, I mentioned to Mr Crabb that one of them was the property of Mrs Boucher, and I will endeavour to ascertain how he was valued. I beg to offer my kind regards to Mrs Boucher

and remain

Yours faithfully altho not in haste
Herbert J James

addressed: Miss Ashman
care of Mrs Boucher
Marlbro Mount
May Hill

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Messrs Freshfield & Sons

Spanish Town Jamaica
9 October 1835

Dr Sirs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yr letter by the packet with a Copy of a Case submitted to Mr Rennalls and his opinion thereon annexed, and notice of Counter Claim on the part of Mr Crabb enclosed therein, in the present Case it does not signify otherwise the parishes as well as the numbers should be inserted. I had previously applied by letter to the Assist Commsnrs to report upon the claims for the negroes belonging to Mr Boucher's Estate but am fearful that the step taken by Mr Crabb may have the Effect of placing them among the "Contested" and they will not be taken into considon. until all those against which no Counter claim has been put in have been disposed of.

It is satisfactory to learn that Mr Crabb has no wish to deprive the Exors of what they are fairly entitled to and I beg to assure you that we should not have made the charge for Commission on the funds in England unless we had been advised that we were justly entitled to them. In a matter in which the Interests of many persons were to be protected and so much money to be appropriated it was not likely that we should be disposed to act solely upon our own judgment a Case upon the Will of Mr Boucher therefore was submitted to Mr Batty a Gentleman of Experience and long standing at the Bar here and who has been in full practise for many years and he gave his opinion that we were entitled to them founded on the decision of the then Chancellor Lord Belmore upon Exceptions taken to a report of mine in which I had disallowed a similar charge made by the

Executors when the transfer (only) of some money in the funds to one of them as Trustee of the Testator and argued before him. I can also confidently state that this opinion is conceded in by the profession her generally - I also asked Master Gayleard whether he would allow them in stating an Exor or Trustees accounts he said that he would indeed I know that others opinion differed from mine at the time I made the Report that was objected to - I therefore think that you will admit that the Exors have not wilfully made an improper charge if it should be decided hereafter.

It is to be regretted that any statement should have been inserted in a Case submitted to Counsel for the purpose of ascertaining the just rights of parties but what is strictly correct and capable of being proved because it misleads the Counsel and induces the parties against whom that opinion is obtained to doubt the amicable professions made to them - "All debts legacies & claims on the Testators Estate are stated to have been fully paid", and that the Exors at present hold the real Estate and refuse to deliver it up until satisfied their Commissions In my letter to Mr Crabb which accompanied the accounts I mentioned that there was a debt due to Dr Dempster of about £671 Cy which I did not know how to provide for, Upon what ground the other charge is founded I am totally at a loss to discover, the whole of the present years' Crop of Coffee has been shipped to Mr Crabb I therefore cannot conceive what difference it will make to him whether we are in possn as Exers of the Testr or as he Atty it certainly makes no difference to us but we are advised that all the debts should be first paid, at the time of the arrival of the poser none of the Legacies in this Country had been discharged, it was only in October last that the [sic] were enabled to give Mrs Boucher a letter to Mr Crabb to settle the arrears of her annuity from December 1832 to Jany 1834 and Miss Ashman's Legacies were paid in December last, if any delay has arisen in the settlement of these claims no blame can attach to us for it as we were not in funds to liquidate them at an earlier period. In April 1834 I applied to Mr Crabb on the subject of the duty on the three legacies of £10,000 each amounting to about £840 Currecy. but have never received any instruction from him in Reply. It is my intention to lay your Case with Mr Rennall's opinion before Mr Batty who has been prevented by sickness from coming to town this week and to communicate with Mr Salmon upon the subject and I trust that this business will speedily be brought to a satisfactory and amiable termination not that I am afraid of being saddled with the Costs of any proceeding which Mr Crabb may be induced to institute as was the case in *Henkell vs Daly* to which I shall however refer as the whole proceedings are on record here.

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J G Crabb Esq

Spa Town 9th October 1835

Dr Sir, By the packet I have received from Messrs Freshfield & Sons copy of a case submitted to Mr Rennalls respecting the charge made by the Exers of Mr Boucher in the accounts transmitted you in June last for commission on the funds in England with his opinion thereon which I am sorry to find differs entirely from the opinion given by Mr Batty in this Country upon the same point ground on the decision of Lord Belmore on agreement of Exceptions taken (see Report which I had made disallowing a similar charge and however this point may be decided between us it is the general opinion and has been the practice here that such Commissions should be allowed. Messrs Freshfield state that you have no wish to deprive us of what we are fairly entitled to and I hope that you will believe that we have no wish to ask more than we are justly entitled to, but having the opinion of Counsell and the decision of the Court in our favour we certainly considered our claim fair and just, if however the matter can be amicably settled and it should be declared that we are not entitled to the Commissions I shall be ready to refund such part as I may have received and I have no doubt Mr Salmon will do the same it is my intention to communicate with him upon the subject by post as well and to submit you Case & opinion to Mr Batty for his further opinion when he comes to Town next week being confined to his house by sickness at present, annexed is an extract from the former Case which was submitted to him by the Exers and his opinion thereon. I could

have wished that the Case laid before Mr Rennalls had contained nothing but actual facts but upon what ground or authority it has been stated "that all the Testator's debts are fully paid" and that the Exers refuse do deliver up the real Estate until satisfied their Commission I really am at a loss to imagine as on reference to my letter of 29 June last I mentd Mrs Dempster's demand of about £671 which I did not know how to provide for, the latter was a most happy idea because it enabled the Learned Counsel at once to fix us with the costs of any proceeding which you might be induced to institute against us, but I hardly think the Court would inflict such a penalty upon parties who had only acted in conformity with a decision pronounced in a similar case, I have explained these circumstances to Messrs Freshfields and they will of course give you a perusal of my letter to them

I regret that you should have thought it necessary to enter Counter-claims for the compensation on Mr Boucher's negroes as I had made application to the afsd Commissns to report upon the claims put in by the Exers & until that has been done the powers of atty are of no use it is more than probably that they will not now be taken into considon until all those against which there is no Counter claim have been disposed of - Since I last wrote to you I have seen Mr McCatty who has agreed to waive the claim he set against Mr Boucher's Este in respect of the Bond taken from Mr Miller on account of a claim of John Thomson's on Judgmts agst his Brother A Thompson [sic] and as he is desirous of making an arrangement with Mr Morrice for the liquidation of all outstanding demands. I annex a Copy of a letter which I gave him addressed to you for the purpose of withdrawing the Counter claims which I had put in on payment of the balance due to Mr Boucher's Este which I dare say you will be very glad to do

183-186*

Marlbro' Mount
October 13th 1835

My dear Sir

I have just received you letter per Septbr Packed and am happy to find you are in good health as you have not said anything of James & your Sisters I conclude they are likewise well. I wish indeed I could have gone to England this year for my health really requires a change of climate and had it been my wish to have gone in the Marlborough Dr Dempster and his family would have been a great objection Cedar Grove House has been without a tenant since they left it in May. He used to pay £150 per ann in your Uncles lifetime but what he gave for it after I know not - Hanover House is made use of by Mr Salmon and his relatives whenever they are travelling to and from Kingston. I had a great deal of perplexity before I could get Mr Salmon to have the monument brought home It was left at the wharf at Alligator Pond exposed to the weather for five months and when it was brought here he never concerned himself about it I have however without his kind assistance succeeded in getting a mason who understands such things to put it up in the Church a few days ago, and I hope to see it on Sunday next, and will inform you by next Packet if it is to my satisfaction of which I have no doubt. I could not venture to have it unpacked here for fear of accidents and the Church is six miles distant from hence - I always intended to take the Pictures with me when I left the Island for I never for a moment had an idea of leaving them here as I knew they would be neglected - I have not time by this opportunity to write you anything concerning the occurrences on the property but you may depend I shall most faithfully do so as long as I remain in the Island - I herewith forward the power of Attorney from my niece and when you think it is likely to be paid if you will let us know we will then inform you how it is to be employed as she wishes to add something more to it - My niece unites with me in kind regards to your Sisters James and yourself and

Believe me to remain

My dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

B Boucher

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

stamped: KINGSTON OT 19

[in Crabb's hand] No 177
Miss Ashman
Rd Patterson } Assignees and trustees }
Wm Jas Richardson } of Herman Hendricks⁷⁷⁹ } 200
Pd to Acct Genl

83-85*

Spanish Town
27th October 1835

My dear Miss Ashman

Your favor of the 25th Instant with the accompanying papers were delivered to me this morning

Be kind enough to tell Mrs Boucher, that I do not know of any reason in particular why the cows were omitted in the Inventory but for her signature, except it may be that as no one was specifically devised, and she was left to select them, she was only considered entitled to the use of them, that upon her going off they would remain upon the property, the same as the Negroes, & upon her return, she could claim them again

Mr Crabb has not written to me I should therefore like to have an extract from his letter authorizing the sale of the furniture &c otherwise I do not see how we could allow it, When I mentioned to him that I understood it was Mrs Bouchers intention to take a trip off, I inquired what he would wish to have done with the portraits bequeathed to him, but he has not sent me any answer, - the carpenter shall be directed to render any assistance that may be required should I be here when you are about to depart, or should I then have the management of the properties which is very unlikely as Mr Crabb has objected through his Solicitors in England to the charge made by the Executors for commissions, which is in conformity with the practice and decision of the Court of Chancery here - a Case has been submitted by them to Counsellor Rennalls who has given his Opinion that our claim is not [c.o. proper] just, and hints that in the even of any proceedings being instituted against us we shall have to pay the costs of them, which is a flattering inducement for Mr C to commence at ones - he has also entered a Counter-claim to the compensation altho' I wrote him in June last that I should be happy to join in any power to enable him to receive it as soon as it was determined how it was to [sic] made out - I regret to add that Mr Crabb has from the commencement shewn a want of confidence in us in all his Transactions relating to Mr Boucher's affairs and I am sure we have more cause to complain of his conduct than he has of ours and I shall consider myself fortunate in bringing this concern to a close without loss - I shall know better how to act in future -

The Title to Mr Wheattle was presented for my signature some weeks back, and taken away - Bills were 19 P Cent p last packet & 20 is expected by next

Messrs Finlaysons cannot trace Salamaca in any Deed on record and there is nothing to shew that it was formerly called Blakes Pen, neither the title to Johnson or to Lewis can be found, they therefore think you should give a letter of indemnity I endeavoured to satisfy them that it was altogether unnecessary, but they still persist that it should be done -

You are quite mistaken in your idea of the Marquis of Sligo who is altho very stout and unwieldy, is very active and indefatigable at business, he writes from morning to night to the great annoyance of many people - I understand from one of the Commissioners that the claims reported

upon are to be published

The money enclosed in your letter came safe to hand and enclosed I return you the difference 4/2 your dockets & papers also accompany this

I beg to offer my kind regards to Mrs Boucher and
remain Yours faithfully
Herbert J. James

[bottom part of the paper cut off so that on the back only half the address remains]

87-89*

Spanish Town
12th November 1835

My dear Miss Ashman

I am extremely sorry to learn from your favor of yesterday that Mrs Boucher is complaining, but hope she may not be seriously ill, It would appear from the message which she had sent that she is annoyed at my requiring an extract from Mr Crabb's letter authorizing the disposal of the furniture &c but really when she considers the situation in which I am unfortunately placed, I am sure she will acquit me of any intention of withholding anything from her, or interfering to prevent her having the most ample enjoyment of all she can desire, - but Mr Crabb seldom writes to me, and when he does, most probably omits to notice those circumstances to which I have particularly called his attention, the receipt of our first annual Account was acknowledged, but to this hour, we know not whether he is satisfied with it, the receipt of the last was acknowledged by his Solicitors, accompanied by a Case & the Opinion of Counsel that we were not entitled to the charge we had made for commission on the Funds in England, and intimating that a Counter-claim had been entered for the compensation "for regularity" altho' when I forwarded the Accounts I expressed my willingness to join in any power that might be necessary to enable him to receive the compensation money, so soon as the Commissioners had determined in what form it was to be made out, the claim was put in the name of the Trustees, in whose possession the Negroes were then and still are, - It also appears that instead of transferring the money in the funds into our names, as directed by us, he had it transferred into his own name, which he certainly was not justified in doing, these acts clearly evince a total want of confidence in our integrity in the discharge of our duties under the Will of our Testator, and may he not turn round at a future day and call us to account for every article included in the Inventory returned by us? or in the event of his death may not his representatives do so? It is not that I have the least doubt upon my mind of correcting Mrs Boucher's statements, but I am unwilling to trust myself to the tender mercies of Strangers, without something to shew in my defence. I had hoped that as she expressed herself perfectly satisfied on the morning I took leave of her at Marlbro, everything would have continued in the same course, and that she would not have had any new cause of complaint of dissatisfaction, there cannot however be any necessity for her undertaking such a lengthy and unpleasant journey, merely for the purpose of talking to me upon her affairs, not but I should be most glad to see her as well as yourself (as then you might give your instructions for drawing out the settlement, and superintend its progress) Mr Salmon is not in town and if she will inform me of her wishes, I can get him to give the necessary orders without delay, or in a little time hence I may possibly be able to pay another visit to Marlbro before I quit the Country, which it is my serious intention to do early next year, It is by no means improbable that Mr Crabb may send out a fresh power to some other person to take charge of the properties for him, which I should not be sorry for as I am by no means disposed to act for him, after he has shewn such distrust of our conduct, neither Mr Salmon or myself have touched one shilling of the money which has been charged for commissions, Mr Batty gave his Opinion that we were entitled to it, and the Case sent from

England is now before him, but Mr Crabb will not I imagine be satisfied, until it is given against him in England

In my last letter to you I mentioned that I had endeavoured to convince Mr Finlayson, that there was no necessity for the letter of indemnity, but he persisted in requiring it - In the Title by your father there is no particular description of Blakes Pen, which is stated to be "butted and bounded as P plat annexed" when there is no such plat, neither the conveyance to G R Johnson or to Mr Lewis are on record, Mr Finlayson found the same Deeds on record as were docketed by Messrs. Vidal & Duncan &c but there is nothing to shew that this is the same land - I really do not see what Mr Muirhead has to fear in taking your Title, Mr Lewis might satisfy him as to the quiet possessed enjoyed by him of part of the land and could inform him to whom it was conveyed.

The Sessions have commenced, but I fear all the business will not be got through by Xmas, last night the Officers performed a play for the amusement of the Ladies and Gentlemen in town, tonight there is a Quadrille Party at the Kings house, and every Thursday until Xmas or rather the week before, but I never go out; This appears to be almost as long as a settlement but I must not omit my kind regards to Mrs Boucher

I remain Yours faithfully Herbert J James

addressed: Miss Ashman
Care of Mrs Boucher
Marlbro Mount
May Hill

79-82*

Marlbro' Mount
Novbr 18th 1835

My dear Sir/

I recvd your kind favor of the 15th Septbr and am happy to learn your health is perfectly restored. Mine I regret to say is anything but good - As soon as the Ships arrive and I take my passage I will acquaint you of it If possible I shall endeavour to land at Portsmouth but that will entirely depend on the Captn I go with, if he is accomodating. I am glad to find my communications from time to time have been useful to you in some measure I was certain of facts when I wrote you the Executors intended to charge commissions on the funded money, I told you Mr Salmon always had an eye to commissions and the 6 per cent on that he I assure you thought too good a thing to lose sight of They are grievously vexed at the disappointment and have submitted Counsellor Rennalls's Opinion to Counsellor Batty and from what I have learnt I do not think then mean to give it up quietly in fact I have seen a letter written by one of the parties to a friend of mine wherein he observes "Mr Batty gave his opinion that we were entitled to it - I am inclined to think they intend to have Counsels Opinion on it in England - They are likewise very much annoyed at your sending in a Counter Claim for compensation. No doubt commissions were expected on that - Why was the release withheld till after the valuation of the negroes? To me the motive is visible. They are looking forward to your sending out a power to some one else to take charge of your properties, and which I will convince you of some future day, If you do so, I can assure you your Apprentices will not be sorry of it, for some of them have told me when their Apprenticeship ceases they cannot remain here under the management of Mr Salmon and his Overseer Saunders, but if otherwise they are willing to work for you. In a letter from Mr James to my niece a few days ago he says "It is my serious intention to quit this Island early next year -" for America as he has always determined on going there whenever he should leave Jamaica - You will greatly oblige me by writing to Mr James by the earliest opportunity to assist me with the carts and oxen to take down my Trunks &c, to Alligator Pond when I am going off otherwise I shall have a great deal of trouble to convey them there as I cannot get Carts to hire &c I know it will not be

attended to unless you particularly desire it, at the same time let me know you have done so, that I might know whether I am to Apply for them. With respect to the amount I get for the furniture I would much rather lay it out again in purchasing the same as far as it will go, to make me comfortable then I can get a House of my own, more particularly the Horses and Carriage, and having always enjoyed the indulgence of one I should now feel the privation of it in the Winter of my days - I do not expect to ge[torn] much for the carriage I am now using as i[torn] is quite out of repair, indeed I do not thin[torn] I shall be able to dispose of it at all. I must now conclude with the united regards of my niece and self to your sisters and self

Believe me

My dear sir

Ever most sincerely yours

B. Boucher

P.S. Mrs Skaife to whom I gave the money will no doubt give it to you when next you see her. I suppose your interview was so short she forgot it -

[in Crabb's hand] Mrs Boucher Feb 1836

addressed: James Geor: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

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JG Crabb Esq

Spa Town Jama 19 Nov 1835

Dr Sir In order to satisfy you that we were justified by the practice in this Country in making the charge for Commissions on the Funds of our Testator in Great Britain I send you annexed a copy of the Exception to my Report and the Order of the Court thereon, my reason for not allowing it was that I did not consider it was the proper time for making it, the Funds having only been transferred by the Exors (by their atty who administered on the Estate of the deceased) to one of them as Trustee to be appropriated by him at a future day when the Devises would become entitled to receive their respective proportions, in the present case the Funds have been appropriated according to the directions of the Testators Will

Mr Salmon has come to Town to attend the session as Member of the Council but as he has nothing particular to be communicated to you has requested me to state the quantity of Coffee picked on the different properties Marlbr 500 barrels Moreland 150 & Cedar Grove 200 brls it is ripening very slowly and altho the Crops promised to be so abundant I am informed by a Gentleman from that quarter that he is very fearful they will fall very far short of what they were anticipated to be in consequence of the continued wet weather which has prevented the fruit from ripening

I very much regret that I am again disappointed in sending you a copy of Mr Batty's Opinion upon the Case submitted by you to Mr Rennalls in England, he came to his Chambers for a few days but expressed a wish to be allowed time for consideration and to look into any Cases that might bear upon the point in dispute, last we he was again laid up and has not been to town since - We are as anxious to have this matter disposed of as you can be and shall lose no time in forwarding his Opinion, in the hope of effecting an amicable settlement of our Testators affairs

I am &c

73-75*

Spanish Town
27th November 1835

My dear Madam

Yesterday evening I received your favor of the 23rd Instant and am very much obliged to you for the extracts from Mr Crabb's letters giving his concurrence to the Sale of the furniture &c

As I am so little master of my own time I cannot say when I may be able to visit Marlbro' and as I expect Mr Crabb will insist upon his right to be put in possession of the properties, my authority will soon be at an end, I must therefore beg of you to let me know your wishes in respect to the cows at once, that I may do what is right while I have the power, with respect to the furniture, you can do with it what you think proper

I thank you for your kind inquiries after my family they were all in good health when I heard from them last, but the former packet, I hope you are quite well again, it appears that several persons in Manchester have been ill

I am My Dear Madam

Yours faithfully

Herbert J James

Mrs Boucher

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mount
May Hill

[in Crabb's hand] Nov. 1835 Mr James

167-170*

[28 Nov 1835]

Copy Case and Opinion of Mr Batty

Herewith is laid before Mr Batty the copy of a Case and Opinion submitted to Mr Rennalls for his advice by Mr Crabb in England -

Counsel will observe that in the case sundry statements are made which are not strictly speaking the fact - In the first place it is stated that all the Debts are paid - this however is not the fact - for Mr Herbert J James in June last wrote Mr Crabb that there was about £670 due to Dr Dempster for commissions on behalf of his wife who was Exis with Mr Boucher of the late John Thomson and this he added that he did not know how to provide for - this statement therefore is incorrect the amount is still due. -

In the next place it is stated in the case that the "Executors hold possession of the real Estate and refuse to deliver it up until satisfied with their commissions" and upon this point Mr Rennalls very neatly fixes the Executors of Mr Boucher with all costs which may accrue from any proceedings adopted by Mr Crabb, but Counsel will observe that this is not the fact. - In the early part of the year Mr Crabb sent out a Power of Attorney as Devisee, to Messrs Salmon and Hames, to manage the properties devised to him but in consequence of the debts and Legacies not having been paid at that time and their still being the above mentioned debt remaining due, the Power has not been recorded and Messrs Salmon and James still retain possession of the properties as Executors and Trustees. -

Messrs Salmon and James have no wish to retain possession of the properties, in the character of Executors and Trustees in opposition to that of Attorneys of Mr Crabb the Devisee provided they can consistently and without prejudice to themselves and the Estate of their Testator relinquish such possession as Executors and Trustees and resume it as Mr Crabb's Attorney when the aforesaid debt is still subsisting and unsatisfied. -

The Executors of Mr Boucher are not desirous of further pressing their claim of commissions on the English Funds, provided Counsel is not still of opinion that they are fairly and justly entitle to them - It is however to be observed that in the event of the commissions not

being allowed the Executors would have sufficient in their hands to pay the before mentioned debt.

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The Opinion of Counsel therefore for the purpose of keeping the Executors of Mr Boucher from all liability, is required on the following points - vizt. -

Whether they would be justified in relinquishing the possession of the Estates when the aforesaid Debt still remains unsatisfied? And whether if they did release such possession the Executors themselves would not be saddled with the amount of the debt? And whether even supposing the debts to have been paid, the Executors would be justified in retaining possession of the properties until payment of their Commissions on the English Funds provided Counsel is of opinion that they are still entitled to them, and if not in what manner are they to enforce payment thereof by Mr Crabb, he being only represented in this Island by Poer of Attorney to Messrs Salmon and James And whether in the event of the Executors and Trustees not delivering up possession of

the properties until payment of the aforesaid Debt, would they incur the Costs of any proceedings to be adopted by Mr Crabb to enforce his right to the possession?

(Opinion) I think under the circumstances of the Case the Trustees may safely deliver up the possession to the residuary devisee & that the Trustees will incur little or no responsibility in so doing as the property still remains chargeable with this debt. - As to the commissions on the English Funds, I remain of the same opinion as expressed by me on the former Case, that the Trustees & Exors are entitled to commissions on the same. I have examined every Case on the subject and find the law to be admitted in England "that where the Executor would have been entitled to his commission on the sum in question if the Accounts had been passed in India or the West Indies, it would be the height of injustice to withhold that allowance because the accounts happened to be taken in England" 2 Russell 590. Note - Now it must be admitted that the Trustees and Executors, are answerable for the application of these English Funds that they were necessarily applied in satisfaction of the legacies and that they were so applied thro' the means of the agent of the parties (who by the way appears to have been guilty of a great irregularity & departure from his instructions in having these funds transferred to his own name instead of that of the Trustees) and that if a Bill had been filed here, the Trustees must have accounted for and given credit to the Estate for the amount of the English Funds & shewn how they were applied - They would therefore have been allowed their commissions on the amt: her & it shd. be allowed in England. The Act 24 Geo: 2d:19 did not originate the right to commission but recognizes it & limits its amount - The words are - "The commissions of Exors, Trustees &c arising from their several payments transactions management & disposals" of any the rents &c of any the Estates & interest for which they are respectively concerned" Now I consider the appointing an agent, to obtain admn for the purpose of transferring the Stock into the name of the Trustees & applying it towards the purpose of the Will as coming strictly within the latter words "transactions &c" and that as against their agent Mr Crabb they are entitled to consider his transactions as their own he having nothing but a delegated authority, claiming the Admn in England, not in his own right as next of kin, but as holding a power of attorney from the Executors - As to enforcing the payment it appears the Exors have sufficient in their hands to pay themselves, which they should keep and give up the Estate to the residuary Devisee chgd with the remaining Debts - If they have not sufficient finds in their hands to pay themselves, the only remedy they had it to retain the Estate, until they are paid - I do not think the Trustees would incur costs in withholding the possession if they did so bona fide on the ground that the Debts were not paid & that their commissions were unsatisfied -

(Case) Releases for 3 Legacies of £10,000 Sterling each given under Mr Boucher's Will have been sent out to the Executors but they have not been recorded, as a duty of 2 Per Cent is payable thereon for which no provision has been made and Mr Crabb has not replied to the application made to him how the money for that purpose was to be raises

Can the Releases be considered complete until recorded and how should the Executors act so as to indemnify themselves in this respect?

(Opinion) I think the releases are complete altho' not recorded, and that the Executors if called to an account would be entitled to credit for the amount of the Legacies in the Master's office upon production of the Releases, the recording them being solely for the benefits of Mr Crabb to shew that his Estate is exonerated from the charges, he of course must be at the expence of doing so - It is sufficient for the Executors, that the Legacies have been paid & that they hold releases. -

(Case) And Generally Counsel is requested to advise the Executors how they should act to save themselves harmless in the premises. -

(Opinion) I have already stated all that occurs to me on the subject. -

(Signed) Fitzherbert Batty

Novr 28th 1835

Spanish Town Jamaica

28th November 1835

Dear Sir

The foregoing is a copy of the Case submitted to Mr Batty with his Opinion thereon which I have just obtained from him, I shall see Mr Salmon on the subject next week

I am very respectfully

Dear Sir

Your most Obedt. Sert.

Herbert J James

J G Crabb Esq

addressed:

James G Crabb Esqr
Shedfield Lodge
Wickham
Hants

stamped: B 4 Ja 4 1836

[in Crabb's hand] Case & opinion of Mr Batty

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J G Crabb Esq Dr Sir

28 Nov 1835

The foregoing is a copy of the Case submitted to Mr Batty & his opinion thereon which I have just obtained from - I shall see Mr Salmon on the subject next week I am

69-70*

Spanish Town

5th December 1835

My dear Madam

I have not been able to fall in with Mr Salmon today but will see him early next week and hope to arrange satisfactorily with him about the cows, I will also speak to him about the provisions, & write you how both points have been settled

Bills were at 16 by last packed but I hardly think they will fall as low at 12½ until probably the middle of next year, I will however be upon the look out for you

The bearer takes charge of the different articles you wrote for vizt

4oz: Syrup of Poppies 5/- 1 bottle of Balsam of Horehound 5/- no Syrup to be got - 4oz: Syrup of squills 3/4. 1 oz: Ext: Colocynth 5/ ½oz: Blue Pill 1/8 Comb 10d Sponge 2/1 in all £1.2.11

& for Miss Ashman 4oz Carbonate of Soda 5/- 2 Sticks of red sealing Wax 2/6 & 2 Toothbrushes 5/- - £0.12.6. which I hope you will receive safe

I am not aware of any reason for Mr Crabbs entering a Counter claim to the compensation, as I wrote to him in June that we would send him a power to receive it - so soon as it was determined how they were to be made out & in August, he adopts that step after the receipt of my letter, the Debts not being all paid we were advised that it would not be right to give up the possession of the properties as Trustees and of course we did not put Mr Crabbs power on record, the whole of the last Crops were however sent to him, Mr Batty has now given his opinion that we may put him in possession & the power will be recorded immediately - that gentleman still considers us entitled to the commissions upon the money in England, if we do not get it we shall not have anything for our trouble, beyond what we are entitled to for simply managing the properties -

I shall be most happy to pay you a visit before I go, but you must not feel hurt should I not do so, as I may probably take my departure very suddenly if a good opportunity offers, we may however meet in England as I think it likely that I shall proceed there after arranging my affairs in America -

Why do you express such fears of being troublesome to me? I hope that none of my letters have led you to fancy that I looked upon any of your requests in that light, as I can assure you that I never felt them to be so

Be kind enough to offer my regards to your Niece & believe me to be

Yours faithfully

Herbert J James

Mrs Boucher

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mount
May Hill

65-66*

Spanish Town
11th December 1835

My Dear Madam

Before you receive this I hope one of your complaints will have been removed as Mr Salmon either has gone or is to go away today and has promised me that it there are three milch cows on the Properties you shall have them, you will not I fear be satisfied with this promise, but there is no other mode of proceeding that I can adopt not knowing anything of the cattle, and being desirous to avoid interfering in the management, as it will not do for two persons to give orders at the same time, however if this matter is not immediately arranged to your satisfaction I shall not hesitate to act more decisively, you will therefore be kind enough to inform me how far your wishes have been complied with, The supplying you with provisions is a matter of more difficulty as I have no means of ascertaining whether there are any on the Property you must be fully aware that they are not always to be had, at other times there is a superabundance, and much is spoilt for want of care & attention as well as for want of a mode of disposing of or using them, I think you would have been more independent in keeping your land & making your own people cultivate it, Mr Salmon has promised to do what he can also in this matter, Can you point out any way in which your wishes can be readily met.

Mr Crabbs power will be recorded today, and the properties may now be considered his, subject to Mrs Dempsters demand, and your interests in the provisions for your Life, this will be satisfactory to him, but I know not how our claim will be settled

Make my kind regards to Miss Ashman

I remain my dear Madam
Yours faithfully
Herbert J James

Mrs Boucher

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mount
May Hill

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Spas Town Jama 14th Decr 1835

James G Crabb Esq Dear Sir

On the 28th Ultio I forwarded to you a copy of the Case submitted to counsel in this Country with his Opinion thereon & I have now to inform you that your powers of Atty to Mr Salmon & myself has been put on record, you may therefore consider yourself as Owner in possession of the properties devised to you by Mr Boucher subject to the debt due to Mrs Dempster, Mrs Bouchers rights under husbands will and the balance due to us.

I really wish that some mode could be adopted by which our Claim to Commisn might be amicably disposed of and settled - the practice in this Country has been to allow it, It cannot be denied but we have had much trouble in respect of our Testators affairs and are we not entitled to some remuneration for it? as with the exception of a small sum the other part of the Commns is only what an Atty would be entitled for managing the plantns & shipping the Crops, the amount is large but it is at the rate allowed by the Law quoted by Counsel & there is only one other which regulates the Commn of an Atty at 2½ pC for receiving & 2½ p Cent for remitting money

Mr Salmon has returned home and I understand from a Negro who came to town last week that the picking is at its height

I am

53-56*

Marlbro'
Janry 27th 1836

My dear Sir,

Having received some money which was due me on my own Account and Bills being at a low premium 12½ per cent, I was induce to purchase one for £120 which I herewith enclose and have to request the favour of you receiving for me when due and placing it in the funds with the other monies in my name

There is something more due me for a little property of my own and as soon as I can collect it I shall purchase another bill of Exchange and send you to add to it. I was happy to learn by last Packet from Mrs Morgan that she had seen you and you were [sic] the enjoyment of high health - She wrote in very bad spirits having lost her eldest Daughter⁷⁸⁰ and Mr Morgan's health much worse. It seems poor thing, she has experienced a great deal of uneasiness for many months past. Mrs Hollis mentioned in her last letter that your sister Mrs Ballard had been suffering very much from ill health but I sincerely hope soon to hear from some of the family that she is again well. When you see her remember me in the kindest manner. With my best regards to Miss Crabb and Adm and Mrs Hollis not forgetting your son

Believe me
You remain
My dear Sir
Yrs very sincerely

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B. Boucher

addressed: James Geor: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants.

[in Crabb's hand]

Mrs Boucher 19 March 1836

Compensation Parish of Manchester Nos.126, 127, 128, 156

Compensation Parish St Elizabeth No. 241

Bill drawn by Wm Walcott on Messrs Pitcairn & Amos London to Thos Land Esq for £120 dated
23 Decr 1835

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J G Crabb Esq

Sp Town Jam 12 Feby 1836

Dr Sir On receipt of Messrs Freshfields letter of the 15 Decr I sent to Mr Salmon for execution Powers of Atty filled up in your name to enable you to receive the Compensation to be awarded for the Negroes belonging to the Estate of Mr Boucher and which I now enclose One for the Negroes on Wilton in St Elizabeth No. 241. and the other for the Negroes on Marlborough Moreland Hanover & Cedar Grove No 126, 127, 128 & 156.

Admiral Hollis & Messrs Freshfields by their letters of 12 & 15 July last let me to expect that a Release would be sent out for the Legacy bequeathed to Mrs Hollis but no further notice has been taken of it since transmitted to England the Power of Atty to transfer the monies invested for her benefit to the Trustees under her Marriage Settlement

Our A/cs for last year are nearly completed and will be sent to you shortly

I am

49-51*

Marlbro'

Feby 17th 1836

My dear Sir,

I herewith enclose a second Bill of Exchange for £120 Stg which I shall feel obliged by your placing as per former advice. I received a letter by last Packet from Mrs Skaife saying she would have paid you the £50 Stg which I sent by her but she had neither seen or heard of you since your hasty call on them at Southampton. I am sorry it has so happened, as I have lost nearly a years interest on it - She mentions they remained at Ealing until the 22nd Decbr. & they are now at Camberwell Grove where they have taken a House until next month; You would always hear of them by enquiring at Mr Wm Morrice's Counting House No 42 St Mary's Axe London - Mr Skaifes medical adviser recommends his remaining in England as a tropical climate is not at all suited to his complaint, and Mrs Skaife says he is much better since the Winter commenced and bears it well. I have not had the pleasure of receiving a letter ever since the 15th Septbr from you I feel anxious to hear of Mrs Ballards health and sincerely hope to have better accounts of her when you write again. The Marlborough and Volusia arrived three weeks ago; one or other of these ships I should like to go in but I believe they will not be ready to sail before the middle of May or beginning of June; I therefore have not yet taken any passage; When I do you shall be made acquainted of it - With the united regards of my niece and self to your sisters Admiral Hollis James and yourself

Believe me
My dear Sir
most sincerely yours
B. Boucher

P.S. Mr Salmon has lost nine of his Attorneyships -

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esq
Wickham
Hants

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JG Crabb Esq
Dr Sir

Sp Twn Jama
25 Feby 1836

Mr McCatty wrote to me on the 17 Inst that Mr Morrice had mentioned in a letter to him, that for want of a power of Atty from the Exors of Mr Boucher to you the arrangement entered into between us could not be accomplished, in reply I stated that instead of a Power I should forward to you Petitions to withdraw the Counterclaims I had filed to the Compensation to be awarded for the negroes belonging to the late John Thomson deced and which are now enclosed No 70.⁷⁸¹ 107⁷⁸² & 429 attested by one of the local Assistant Commissioners and will I imagine be sufficient to remove any impediment to the settlement of Mr Bouchers demand against Mr Thomsons Estate if however Mr Morrice meant a Power to receive the amount, that is unnecessary as Administration in England you can grant a discharge without any assistance

For the determination you have come to and which has been conveyed to me by Messrs Freshfield & Sons letter of the 15 Ult rec yesterday evening I was fully prepared having written to Mr Salmon by the previous post that I did not think you would ever allow our claim to the Commissions on the English funds but that you would carry the question to England upon Appeal where of course we should stand no chance of succeeding, that I had prepared two sets of accounts one with the charge the other without it which only waited a private opportunity of being forwarded to him & asking for his opinion in his reply of the 23 Instant he writes "better give up the Commissions" so that you may consider our claim as withdrawn and Mrs Dempsters demand will be paid out of the balance in our hands

Messrs Freshfields having in their late letters thought proper to allege a variety of complaints against me on your behalf I shall take an early opportunity of calling your attention to certain parts of your own letters and at the same time point out several misstatements in theirs in order to shew that my conduct was fully justified by you mode of proceeding and the circumstances in which I was placed

I am

41-42*

Spanish Town
26th February 1836

My Dear Madam.

The Merchant to whom you remit your Bills will charge you a Commission of $\frac{1}{2}$ that is = 10/ or 1=20/ P Cent for receiving your Bills and Paying for your Stock or anything else he may purchase for you, I do not think he will allow you any interest during the time the money remained in his hands

The Stock Mr Crabb purchased for you is called the 3 P Cent Consols, for £100 of which he paid £90.10- and for each £100 Stock your will receive Three pounds a year - do you understand me?

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The Packet has brought me a long letter from Mr Crabb's Lawyers Messrs Freshfield & Sons with a whole string of complaints against me and stating his "determination to try our right to Commissions by an Appeal to England if necessary", this is no more than I expected and having by post received Mr Salmon's acquiescence, I have written to day that our claim to them is withdrawn and shall leave it to some other person to dispute that point if they are so disposed I prefer keeping what I have worked for to running the risk of losing it in a law suit, altho I cannot but think that we have been jockeyed out of them by some manoeuvre of Mr Crabbs and his legal advisers, it is not however my intention to sit down quietly under the blame so kindly bestowed upon me by the latter, but I shall endeavour to shew from Mr Crabbs own letters, that my conduct was caused by the distrust and want of confidence shewn my his actions towards the Executors on all occasions - When at Marlbro I read Mr Lynch's letter to Mr Boucher in which he stated his reasons why Mr Crabb ought not to be named an Exor Can you lay your hand on it as I do not see it among the papers in the box you sent to me, this is the first occasion in which I have been called upon to act and I think I may venture to say it shall be my last appearance in the character of Executor

Having written to my Mother by last Packet it will be some time before I address her again I shall not however forget your kind remembrances to her and to my daughter for which I feel much obliged to you

I am My Dear Madam
Yours faithfully
Herbert J. James

PS The English Papers announces
the death of poor Harry Morgan⁷⁸³
which was to be looked for

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Spanish Town
26th February 1836

My dear Miss Ashman,

I do think that if your mind has not been so deeply engrossed in the consideration of that long projected Settlement you would on looking at the Notices sent to you comparing them, and observing the instructions written on the back of each, have clearly comprehended what was to be done with them - however put aside the Settlement for a few minutes and I will endeavour to explain what is to be done with them - first you must sign them both and send both to Mr Green X - they are as you will observe on reading them copies one of the other and alike in every respect except the endorsement or writing on the back, on one of which is written "to be served on - Richardson" (I believe is the man's name) - that paper is to be left with him, and the person doing so is to shew him the other, on which is written "keep this to prove the service", this he must keep and annex an affidavit thereto that a true copy was served on Mr Richardson on such a day, your friend or Agent will however do what is requisite in this respect.

I have paid the Law A/cs which are ready to be forwarded by a private opportunity and have a balance in hand of £50.13.5 due to you What shall I do with it?

I remain Yours faithfully
Herbert J James

X probably as Mr Crabb has you power you had better send them to him

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlbro Mount
May Hill

37-39*

Marlbro' Mount
March 3rd 1836

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 14th Janry I have just received and am happy to find you have again entered into the marriage state Accept my Congratulations and make a tender of the same to Mrs Crabb⁷⁸⁴ and may every earthly felicity attend you both is my sincere wish, in which my niece most cordially joins, and trusts the period is not far distant when we shall have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with her. Miss Ashman⁷⁸⁵ has been served with a notice of Counter Claim to which she has put in a replication which has been filed in the Assistant Commissioners office in this Island & copy of which will be forwarded to the Commissioners in England nothing more now can be done but that of serving the parties with notice of Replication which we have enclosed and are as you will observe on reading them copies of of the other and alike in every respect except the endorsement or writing on the back, on one of which is written "to be served on. W.J. Richardson" that paper is to be left with him, and the person doing so is to shew him the other on which it written "I keep this to prove service", this he must keep and annex an affidavit thereto that a true copy was served on Mr Richardson on such a day, Should it not be convenient for you to be in London probably your friend or Agent will do what is requisite in this respect. I feel much obliged for the statement you have sent me of my annuity &c which you have been so kind as to place in the funds for me - My niece joins me in an offer of remembrance to Mrs Crabb and yourself and

Believe me to remain

Very sincerely yours

B. Boucher

P.S. Our kind regards to your sisters and Adml. Hollis. I thank you much for calling on my poor afflicted relative Mrs Morgan⁷⁸⁶ I have written her by this Packet - I hope you will always go to see her whenever it is in your power to do so as I know she will consider it kind of you

addressed: James George: Crabb Esqre
Wickham
Hants

stamped: KINGSTON JAMAICA

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JG Crabb Esq

Spa Town 12th March 1836

Dear Sir Enclosed I send you Duplicate petitions to enable you to withdraw the Counter claims filed by my direction against the Compensation to be awarded for the negroes belonging to the late John Thompson's Este on payment by Mr Morrice of the balance due to Mr Boucher's Este as stated in my letter to you of the 28th Augt last.

I shall now proceed to the performance of the unpleasant task alluded to in my last letter of making observations in your Correspondence and the mistatements of Messrs Freshfield & Sons.

Messrs Freshfield & Sons in their letter of 15th December last alluding to our charge of Commission state "We have moreover your own judgment in the Case cited by you which is the strongest proof that there was no opposite opinion in Jamaica" whereas in my letter to them of the 9th Octr last I observed "I can confidently state that this opinion (Mr Batty's founded on Lord Belmore's decision) is coincided in by the profession her generally. " I also asked Master Gayleard whether he would allow them in stating an Exors or Trustees accounts, he said that he would, indeed I know that his opinion differed from mine at the time I made the Report that was objected to." and in my letter to you of 19th November I explained why I differed in opinion from the profession here -

- With what propriety then could those Gentlemen assert there was no opposite opinion in Jamaica?

On 15th January 1836 they write - "We observe Mr Batty considers Mr Crabb guilty of great irregularity in not having acted on the directions of the Exors in transferring the Stock into their names. Whether these directions were giving with a view to furnish a Colour to the claim we know not?" A reference to dates will I think be sufficient to satisfy of the Injustice of this remark, the first intimation expressed on either side of an intention to transfer the stock in question was contained in your letter to me dated 22nd May 1833 as follows: "I mentioned in my former letter that the was £30,000 3 PCent Consols in Mr Bouchers name at the Bank which should be transferred to yr name & that of Mr Salmon, which by a power of Atty & attested Copy of the Will I could effect." It will be evident therefore that the desire to transfer the Stock in Mr Salmon's & my name was first expressed by yourself and that in directing the transfer we were only acting upon your wishes, how can it therefore be said that the directions which we gave on this point at your own request were with a view to furnish a subsequent claim for Commissions? It was however a fact that Mr Crabb after leading us to expect that the Money in the funds would be transferred to our names and promising to act under our directions as soon as he obtained the power to enable him to take out Adminn in Engld. totally disregarded our instructions & his own promises and acted in every respect as suited his own purposes and in some points differently from the directions of the Testator's Will

In your first Letter to me of the 16 April 1833 you state "I shall be happy to give my assistance in furthering the wishes of the Testor, to my utmost ability as it is my duty as well as my inclination to see every part of Mr Bouchers intentions carried into effect, deeming Mrs Boucher to have the priority of claim & demanding the first Consideration - P.S. The Will must be proved in England to enable me to transfer the money in the funds in Mr Bouchers name viz £30000 3pc Sterling 21st June 1833. I forward a power of Atty to enable me to take a probate of the Will of my late Uncle and to act as may be most beneficial to the Interest of the Estate under the direction of the Trustees." In the power itself it is expressed to be "for our use and benefit." My Letter to you of the 5th Augt 1833 fully explained how the Executors proposed to Act. - On 31st August I wrote you that the power was to be forwarded to Messrs Freshfield "by the Packet & stating how we proposed to apply the dividends on the Money in the funds when transferred to our names & the amount in your hands." to Mr Freshfield I also explained our intentions "& requested him" to act on behalf of the Trustees as we as for you at Devisee" - but if he could not act "for both to give my instructions to a House of respectability who would see justice done."

Having thus fully before you the manner in which the Exors intended to act in regard to the Estate any objections which you had to their proceedings ought to have been made at this stage of the business but it would appear that you declined making any objections until you could through our agency place yourself in a situation beyond out contraul. had your opposition been then made as I think it ought to have been it would have rested with the Exors: to consider them, which by the line of Conduct you have adopted you have prevented them from doing.

On 6th November 1833 you wrote "With a view more particularly to secure Mrs Bouchers bequest I propose to lay out a sufficient sum in Govermt Securities to purchase an annuity of £700 P annum for her life & to transfer a further sum in the 3 P Ct Consols for the £150 which she will be entitled to in England and that Investment as well as the annuity will be placed in the Bank of England in her name yours & mine &c" thus disregarding the appointment of Trustees under the Will by investing the money in your own and Mrs Boucher's names and leaving out Mr Salmon's & our instructions of transferring the £30,000 into the names of the Two Trustees - "The remainder I propose dividing equally between my Sisters investing Mrs Hollis' proportion in your name hers & mine & receiving from Mrs Ballard & Miss Crabb a full & sufficient Release for the Trustees." - this is exactly what I wrote to be out intention except your again deciding from the directions of the Will appointing me Sole Trustee for Mrs Hollis and taking the Staff altogether out of the hands of the Trustees.

Messrs Freshfield & Son on the 7th November acknowledged the receipt of my letter of the 31st Augt. adding "respecting Mr Boucher's Will we feel assured that no difficulty or misunderstanding can arise with the Execution of it" - they also informed me of your intentions. - On the 10th Febr'y: 1834 I expressed my dissent to such proceedings - In your letter of 20th February you inform me that "you had yesterday transferred & bought £10,822.17.6 3 P Cent Consols in your name & mine for Mrs Hollis & a Release to the Trustees under the Will in the course of signature & will be forwarded to you by the next Pkt together with that of Mrs Ballard & Mrs A M Crabb both of which are in a state of forwardness - £28,333.6.8 3 P Ct Consols has been transferred this day to the names of J G Crabb. HJJ & J Salmon for which no power to receive the dividends will be required - Mrs Boucher will draw on me for her annuity & which drafts will be made payable at the Bank of England. Should any difficulty arise as to the premium of the Bills being lessened by my non-residence in London I will give such directions as will obviate them - Having released the parties from any liability on persons in this Country & as you have doubtless in accordance to your letters satisfied the Claimants in Jamaica for which purposes the debts due to the Estate and available assets have been applied, I have now to request you & Mr Salmon will in future consign the produce of the Estate direct to me and that Mr Salmon will apply to me for the supplies necessary"

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A Letter of same date was also received from Messrs Freshfield & Son stating the transfer of £28,333.6.8 "Consols into the joint names of the Exors & yours having added the latter to save Expense in receipt of the Dividends and that the Releases were prepared" adding "so far therefore as the Legacies in this Country & Mrs Boucher's annuities are concerned we assure you that if we had acted solely for you we could not have made a settlement more entirely satisfactory" -

On the 3rd March you wrote "that you might experience no difficulty in the Settlement of the Trust all having been satisfactorily arranged here, I have deemed it expedient to forward a power of Atty: to you & Mr Salmon to manage the Estate for me in my absence" - Messrs Freshfield & Son also wrote on the 5th March forwarding the Releases &c".

On the 24th April I acknowledged the receipt of your letters of the 21st Febr'y & 3rd March stating that we had no funds out of which to pay Mrs Boucher's Annuity, the Legacies in this Country had not be paid & that there was a debt still outstanding - that a sum of money was also required to pay the Legacy duty before the Releases could be recorded. - this was also notified to Messrs Freshfield & Son but it has never been noticed by either party.

The Deeds were submitted to Messrs Vidal & Allwood who considered them correct "and in respect to the power" wrote "that unless Mrs Boucher Executed the Release and until the other Legacies are paid the Trust under Mr Boucher's Will must continue and Mr Crabb cannot change the nature of the possession"

Am I therefore not correct in what I have stated? Did you not lead us to expect that the money in the Funds would be transferred to our names? Did you not promise to act under our directions? Have you not totally set at nought our instructions? Have you not deviated from the terms of the Will in making yourself a Trustee for Mrs Hollis & Mrs Boucher? I cannot conceive that you were justified in any one of these acts more particularly in transferring the money into your own name in the first instance after you had in requesting our power to effect that object voluntarily led us to believe that you intended vesting the monies in our names - You are said to be possessed of considerable property I have therefore no reason to doubt it altho' I have no actual knowledge of your being so - how many persons are there however who in their lifetime were considered to be men of wealth but upon whose death it was discovered that their property was covered with mortgages and subject to debts and claims to an amount fully equal to its value - had you unfortunately been carried off before you had transferred Mr Boucher's money in what a situation might not his family and the Legatees under his Will have been placed by you act?

For Mrs Boucher's annuity she was to have drawn Bills on you - What was she do [sic] with them had she wanted money in the Country? Send them up to Town to an agent to sell who would

have charged her 2½ P Ct commission for so doing or probably the Executors were to transact the latter part of the business. I certainly should have been glad to do any thing in my power for her but should have protested against any trouble or expense being thrown upon her - For what purpose were Executors and Trustees appointed but to protect her rights and save her trouble that would have occasioned expence to the Estate and did not the Testator know that? Did he not leave his Estate subject to the provisions of his Will?

Your next letter of 27th August acknowledges the receipt of out account Current for 1833 adding - "It appears to me that the Legacy to your Son with that to Miss Ashman & the £500 Cy: to Mrs Boucher were the only remaining claims on the Estate to liquidate which there is due from Mr Green £746.11.10 and the proceeds of the Crop of this year - You will be pleased to order these proceeds to be handed over to me as I propose managing my own consignments & you will draw on me for the Legacies due which will be paid at the Bank of England." also "I shall be glad to know from you what steps are to be taken" for claiming the Compensation for the Manumission of the negroes."

Beside the four Legacies above mentioned there were arrears of Mrs Boucher's annuity from Decbr 1832 to Jany 1834 £746.13/4 Stg: & Mrs Dempster's demand of nearly £700 and wer were required to place ourselves again at the mercy of Mr Crabb and his legal advisers giving up all control over the proceeds of the produce placing it at his disposal &c giving him the opportunity of honouring or dishonouring our Bills as he might be advised or thought proper. We had had however some experience in his mode of conducting our Testator's affairs and therefore did not comply with his request neither was the power of Attorney then recorded.

Messrs Freshfield & Son go on to state in their Letter of the 15th Jany: "We cannot however forget that Mr Crabb was required to invest most unnecessarily so large an amount of stock to meet Mrs Bouchers annuities that unless he had paid the Legacies from his other means the Estate must have continued in the hands of the Trustees & subject to their Commissions for a long series of years."

The amount we called upon Mr Crabb to transfer

was £30,000 Stock

The amount transferred by him was 28,333.6.8

difference 1,666.13.4 and this is the "large amount he was

unnecessarily required to transfer."

It was necessary that the money in the funds should be transferred in order to receive the dividends and pay Mrs Bouchers annuity as there were no other funds out of which it could be paid - it was also payable quarterly and it was necessary to have a fund before hand to meet it, after provision was made for this purpose any surplus would have been applied to the general purposes of the Estate - With respect to the Commissions of the Trustees probably those Gentlemen can explain to you the difference between the Commissions payable to Executors and attornies of absent proprietors in the management of properties as I am not aware in what they differ - They next state in the same letter - "You have also subjected Mr Crabb to Expense and loss by making the claim to Compensation money in your own names instead of his and subsequently withholding a power to enable him to receive it"

In my letter to you of the 7th Novr I stated to you "that I have been to Marlbro' and that Mrs Boucher was satisfied upon every point, she did not however execute the Release until I had sent her Mr Vidal's opinion after my return to Town. I mentioned also that in consequence of a letter from you to her we had given a letter on yyou for the amount due for her arrears of annuity from December 1832 to Jany 1834. that Miss Ashman was about to take out Admon on the Este of her Sister to enable her to give a discharge for her Legacy, that my Son's was drawn for there there was only one outstanding debt due to Mrs Dempster that Mr McCatty disputed Mr Boucher's demand against Thompson's Estate and that the negroes had been valued - It was not therefore until October 1834 that we we enabled to pay up the arrears of Mrs Boucher's annuity and then Miss Ashman's

were not paid.

Your Letter of the 14th Jany: 1835 contains the following paragraph. "I beg to offer my best thanks for the general arrangements that you have made assured that as a friend of Mr Boucher you have studied the interest of his family and in as much as was in your power fulfilled the wishes of the Testator". P.S. "You do not mention having sent in my claim for Compensation for the negroes & which if you have not already done should be done in my name before the 1st March"

The claim for Compensation was lodged in November 1834. On 29th June 1835. Our account Current to 31st December 1834 were forwarded with this simple remark "We shall be glad to learn that they prove correct, any further information that you may require respecting them shall be forwarded as soon as your wishes are made known to us." I also stated - "that Counsels' opinion had been given against us on the Case submitted as to Mr Boucher's liability to make good to Thomson's Estate the amount of Mr Miller's Bond, that I had intended to pay Mrs Dempster out of this sum which I did not know how otherwise to provide for concluding

"The claim for Compensation was put it, in the names of Mr Salmon & myself as Trustees & Executors in possession as soon as it is determined how the money is to be paid I shall be happy to join in any power to enable you to receive the amount but I have understood that the Commissioners have not yet made up their minds upon that point" -

On the 19th Septr: I received Letters from Admiral Hollis & Messrs Freshfield & Sons accompanied by a power of atty to transfer the Legacy under Mr Boucher's Will to Mrs Hollis which Mr Crabb had invested in his & my names as Trustees under her marriage settlement & offering a release from the parties - On the 24th the power was returned executed and Admiral Hollis advised thereof and requesting the promised Release - the Receipt of these Letters has never been acknowledged nor has any release been sent out -

On the 1st Septr Messrs Freshfield & Sons acknowledged the receipt of our account Current by Mr Crabb & that he had desired them to take Counsel's opinion as "to the right to Commission on the Funds in England - they also forwarded a Copy of the Case submitted to Mr Rennalls with his opinion thereon that we were not entitled to Commission on the money in the funds.

In that Case however are 2 statements utterly void of foundation - 1st "all debts Legacies & Claims which were charged thereon by the Testator's will having been fully paid 2nd "They hold the Real Estate and refuse to deliver it up until satisfied their Commissions." Mrs Dempster's demand was still unpaid and not a word had been said about our Commissions - In that letter they add "Mr Crabb had hoped that holding his power of atty: you would have claimed the Compensation money on his account was to enable him to receive it directly He has for regularity entered a Counter claim but will be glad to receive the power from you and Mr Salmon in the form issued by the Commissioners to receive the amount. He will be glad to know that the Estate is considered as now in his own possession because withdrawing the commission there will be a Balance upwards of £2000 Cy: due to Mr Crabb upon the accounts current as rendered & he considers that the objects of the Testator being entirely fulfilled he ought not to be kept out of possession by a Trust which is satisfied." "We enclose the notice of Counter claim which please acknowledge."

On the 9th Octr. In note to Messrs Freshfield & to Mr Crabb much to the same effect complaining of the misstatements in the Case which I should submit to Mr Batty who had already given his opinion that we were entitled to the Commission , that I regretted it had been thought necessary to enter a Counter-claim to the Compensation.

I really do not see why all the blame is attempted to be thrown on us in the matter. We were the Trustees and Exers actually in possession of the negroes and I had written to Mr Crabb to say that I would join in a power to enable him to receive the Compensation for them but at that time they had not been sent out and one which was drawn here and sent to England has been returned as of no use. - On receipt of my letter Mr. C entered a Counter-claim "for regularity." thereby tying up the Compensation & then blames me for not sending him a power it was his own act & deed and if he

had not confidence in what I stated I could not help it but I certainly did not then feel disposed to interfere to relieve him from the difficulty in which he had placed himself - The powers have however since been sent.

They go on to complain of my conduct generally and that "Your" confidence since had not been met in the same spirit" now I contend to the contrary, that Mr Crabb's conduct has not been such as it ought to have been but that he has shewn the most marked want of confidence & distrust towards us throughout all his proceedings looking upon & treating us merely as his agents to do just what he directed wholly forgetting that his power was in the first instance devised from us and unless we had placed confidence in him we should have been in a very different situation from we are at this day

And I have great cause to complain that no answer has been given to such parts of my letters as have sought for information respecting our Testator's affairs in England. - to this hour not a word has been said about the duty on the Legacies for which Releases were sent out - no advice has been forwarded to how the arrears of Mrs Boucher's annuities were to be provided for neither has any notice been taken of the intention of Mr McCatty to dispute Mr Bouchers demand against J Thompson's Este or of the letter given to him authorizing you to withdraw the Counter-claim filed against that Este on payment of that demand.

The concluding part of the last paragraph but one is worthy of remark "If the Executors had taken extraordinary trouble or had risk or had afforded him accommodation they might have alleged a ground for extending their remuneration to the English funds & he would willingly have met it, but the contrary of all this is the case and by their withholding the Compensation money they have put him to Inconvenience"

This comes well from a party who has defeated our right to Commission by an act he was enabled to do under a power of Atty: derived from us, and now that he has got from us all that he can get professes a shew of liberality, had we been deserving of it - That we were if he had been fairly dealt by entitled to the Commission on the funds in England, I still maintain - I do not blame Mr Crabb for endeavouring to avoid the payment of them but what excuse can be made for him in holding out an expectation to us that he would transfer the money into our names and act under our directions & then as soon as he obtained our power pursuing a totally different course.

When you were directed to transfer the funds to our names it was not under the expectation that by such proceeding we should thereby become entitled to Commissions as acting upon the opinion I had expressed in disallowing them to a suitor upon the occasion before alluded to, I could not conscientiously claim them until that money was appropriated according to the terms of the Will, if there was anything incorrect or improper in such direction why did not Messrs Freshfields as the professional Gentlemen authorized to act the the Executors in England then candidly advise me of it? I did nothing secretly but fairly & clearly stated to you and to them how we proposed to act -

The conclusion is drawn by Messrs Freshfields are altogether incorrect and the invention of their own imagination - Your power was recorded in December and you were informed thereof by the packet which sailed on the 15th of that month which is a contradiction to their statement that "we retain the Estates to enable us to enforce this claim to Commission- " the powers to receive the Compensation have also been forwarded.

A threat has been held out against us of "taking steps" for recovery of the Balance remaining in our hands. " I think however had we been disposed to drive you to that extremity that you would in the end have had more cause to regret it that we should as I do not know how you would have justified yourself before a Court of Equity for some of your acts.

It is my intention to submit a further Case for the opinion of Counsel in England respecting the claim to Commission

I am respectfully Dr Sir
Yr most obedt Servt. HJJ

187-190*

Marlbro' Mount

1st June 1836

My dear Sir

Your two favors of the 4th Febry and 30th March I have received and should have replied to them sooner but I fully expected to have been on my voyage to England however having unexpectedly many obstacles to contend with I find I must remain where I am until I can manage my movements with ease and comfort. I suppose ere this you have recvd the notices which I sent you to be served on the Assignees of Herman Hendricks, Miss Ashmans Solicitor here informs her he can do nothing more in that business until it is known whether they will consent to withdraw their Counter claim as it is considered an unjust one here; Hendricks is quite unknown to Miss Ashman and she never had any dealing with him; there was a small account of £80 between this man and her father of near 16 years standing which Mr Griffith⁷⁸⁷ informs us could never be attested which he held Dr Ashman's property as Executor it therefore remained unpaid; Mr Griffith afterwards gave up the property into the Hands of Mr Boucher as Guardian to my nieces and during his lifetime Hendricks never applied to him for payment or even sought for it through a course [sic] of law - I trust you will excuse my being thus explanatory, but we never had an idea it was likely to cause any trouble - If necessary you will of course put it into the Hands of any Solicitor you think proper, and Miss A will willingly pay any expences attending it. With respect to Penny's affairs, I was informed soon after his death that he let nothing more than what would pay his funeral expences and his debts. The child you speak of by the name of George Penny, is a natural son of his; the mother is Black, and the child is called a Mulatto; he is 4 years old, He was emancipated on the 1st August 1834 with the rest of the children throughout the Island under six years of age. I do not know how he could have acquired property for he had only been 1 year in Mr Griffiths's employ when he died and only £60 per ann is the salary of a Book Keeper I have particularly to request you to let me know the price of the marble Tablet you were kind enough to send me - I suppose ere this you have received your Compensation? I should like to know the amount of it; You observed in your last letter that the Trustees had seen that they had no claim to commissions on the funded money and therefore renounced it; but you are quite mistaken, the cause of their doing so was in consequence of Mr [torn] writing them that it was Counsellor [torn] opinion they were not entitled to it and if they attempted to go to law the expences would fall on themselves. I was sorry to hear that Mrs Crabb was not in health and truly hope she is not better, Pray tender our kind remembrances to her and Believe me

very sincerely yours

B. Boucher

addressed: James Geo: Crabb Esqre

Wickham

Hants

33-35*

14 June 1836

Dear Sir

Coming thro Manchester on my way to the meeting of the Council I found our prospects for the ensuing crop suffering very much by the heavy and continuous rain which have destroyed the blossom leaving us only the chance of what an August blossom may do for us - at all times uncertain - I find the rains still continue - I see most of the Planters of our Island here & find the Crops generally are falling off and even the keeping them to what they are, in all the expence of the fences grass pieces and general

management -

The Merchants in Kingston are taking largely in the Colonial Bank - (The Jamaica Bank will scarcely succeed the Capital cannot compete with the other) - It is generally supposed the Interest will be high if usually proceeded on - the immense command of money will place the whole business of this part of our possessions in the hands of the Company - the rule of Premium - the currency - the immense issue of notes - The Steam company also more than filled up - This attempt is on less secure footing but still thought well off [sic] it must be begun with caution and proceeded with and extended as the means admit

The political state of the Island is now the subject of everyone's thoughts & conversations - I write to my friends as I believe the case is; the ultimate security of property here must be a matter of considerable interest to all proprietors - The great question is gradually coming nearer to us for solution - I look and enquire & fear - I collect from the free people and many apprentices that the industrious will buy land and settle and I think so, because land is to be got as thousands of Acres @ 2. 3. & 4£ per acre and where is the Negro good for anything who has not that money, or has not something or other to dispose of that will bring this - and where is the Man so attached to a particular House or spot who would agree to remain and work merely to retain what less labor will procure elsewhere, without a Master to control and with more gain to encourage him - I know that large quantities of land are already bought and being cultivated - why? in 1840 the Negro will say I'm ready to do so too for my House & Grounds (perhaps labor 2 or 3 days in a week) and this offer will be so extravagant that no Master will be able to enter into it - "You must go away or come into my terms" "Very well Massa me wi go to me mountain" - Perhaps in the parishes where lands are not so easy to be had some little time will be required for the free man to fix on and prepare his House &c. I do not understand on what data opinions are so readily pronounced as to the working of the free Negro - Nothing like it ever occurred before, nor can I fancy it at all like Human nature to labor for another where there is opportunity to work for yourself - Some enquire what is the Negro to do, he must work, it's no use his planting Provisions? now will he except for his own supply - look at ginger, coffee, tobacco, cotton &s &c and I am not sure that they will not soon make sugar in small quantities to sell - Having these opportunities, if the Negro does work I fear it will be at such uncertain times that no reliance can be placed on him to gather a crop, and he would equally require his own labor at the time the planter would want it.

You will see by the Papers the Assembly has passed the "Act in Aid" of the abolition Act - It does not appear to me that there is now much Law to look to - the "Bill" may be and is very well - the question is is it administered? I have no hesitation in saying it is not - The Special magistrates do not administer the Law and they dare not -

The whole system as at present is a mockery and our situation getting worse & worse - The representations sent Home of the ill feeling said to exist here against the working of the Abolition act are untrue - That we have been designedly calumniated and misrepresented & by the Highest Authority cannot be denied - When to get successfully this a great experiment, measures well considered, conciliatory, and adapting themselves to the change and progresses, would be recommended, hoped for & successful, what do we find - a Governor at war with every gentleman on the Island - accused and convicted of calumniating the whole proprietary - invoking the Home Government to use a Power which might give but which is not called for by any contumacious act on our part - supporting an infringement on the Law in the person of the Inspector General of Police and in defiance of the power of the Chief magistrate - receiving an address from a meeting declared, by the reading of the riot act, illegal - and based on Resolutions (in themselves illegal) passed after the Riot act had been read - affronted in every possible way by the Home Government and by the Assembly - I have seen five or six governments here but never was there such as Lord Sligo's

It must be bad indeed when there are not two men out of the 35 in the Assembly to say one word in defence of his rule - If you read Jamaica Papers you will see a message send down by the Governor

to the House respecting the apprenticeing of the Children made free by the Abolition, being under 6 years - We always hoped that these children living on our properties and being fed from them would have been apprenticed to their masters and grown up in industrious habits - Lord Sligo states only 7 have been apprenticed and congratulates the country on the Industry of the mothers [c.o. the] who have been enabled to provide for them (out of the Masters land be it remembered) without availing

availing themselves of the Provision [torn] the Act -

I am dear sir

Yrs &c

John Salmon Jr

addressed: J.G. Crabb Esquire

Shedfield Lodge

near Wickham

Hants

stamped: KINGSTON JU 17 1836

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[Mr Burge's Opinon June 30. 1836]

Copy Statement.

Herewith is submitted to counsel the Will of Mr Richard Boucher who departed this life in the Island of Jamaica in the month of Decr. 1832. -

Counsel are also expected to peruse the accompanying Case submitted on behalf of Mr Crabb to Mr Rennalls of the English Bar, & lately of Jamaica with his opinion thereon.

A perusal is also requested of the case and opinion of Mr Batty of the Jamaica bar on a statement on behalf of Mr Boucher's Executors in Jamaica, together with a further case & opinion of that gentleman. The statements upon which advice is requested will appear chiefly by the accompanying Cases, &c, and it is therefore deemed unserviceable to recapitulate them. -

The Executors in Jamaica having communicated with Mr Crabb the residuary devisee, that Gentleman by letter dated 22 May 1833 addressed to Mr James one of the trustees & executors writes as follows "I mentioned in my former letter that there was £30,000 3 p Ct. Consols in Mr Boucher's name at the Bank which should be transferred to your name & that of Mr Salmon, which by a power of Attorney & attested Copy of the Will I could effect". And again on the 21 of June writing to the same Gentleman Mr Crabb says "I forwarded you a power of Attorney to enable me to take our probate of my late Uncle's Will, & to act as may be most beneficial to the interest of the Estate under the direction of the Trustees."

Agreeably to the request of Mr Crabb the Trustees executed in his favour the Power of Attorney transmitted by him for the purpose as stated by Mr C of having the monies belonging to Mr Boucher's estate transferred to the names of the Trustees and Executors under the Will and accompanied it with directions to transfer the funds in question into the names of the Trustees & Executors the Power also empowered Mr Crabb to obtain administration in England as necessary to effect the transfer.

On the receipt of the Power Mr Crabb applied for, & obtained administration in England of the effects of Mr Boucher, & having so done he proceeded to administer the estate and distribute the assetts and transfer the monies in the finds as he thought proper and without the directions or authority of the Executors and Trustees and in all cases contrary to his expressed intention when asking the Trustees for their authority to enable him to administer and in all these points Mr Crabb has totally disregarded the instruction conveyed by the Executors and Trustees, and has in no instance acted as he had promised so to do under the direction of the Trustees.

The Legacy of £10,000 sterling which Mr Boucher expressly directed by his Will

should be invested in the sole name of Mr James was invested on the Authority of Mr Crabb in the names of J.G. Crabb & the said Herbert J. James. Mr Crabb also transferred the sum of £28,000 to the names of the Trustees and himself for the purpose of providing for Mrs Boucher's annuities although by the Will only Mr Salmon and Mr James were appointed Trustees.

The releases of Mrs Ballard and Miss Crabb's legacies have been received by the Trustees and Executors and are expressed to have been paid by Mr Crabb by means of other securities granted by that Gentleman the & the Executors have been released.

According to the practice in Jamaica it has been usual for Executors having assets of their Testator in England & which assets were distributed by them to their Agents (as in the case of Mr Crabb) in accordance with the terms of the Will to be allowed commission on such part of the assets as were applied in payment of the Legacies & other claims on the Testators Estate under the Jamaica Act 24 Geo 2 Ch 19 and such practice has been established in a case argued at some length before the Court of Chancery here: Acting upon the practice and decision Mr James & Mr Salmon - charged the usual commission on the monies of Mr Boucher in England at the time of his decease. This charge has been resisted by Mr Crabb the residuary Devisee who is supported in such position by Mr Rennalls, and on the other hand the Executors & Trustees have the opinion of Mr Batty in their favour as well as a decision of the late Chancellor Lord Belmore.

It has occurred to the Executors that had Mr Crabb followed their instructions in transferring the Stocks into their names, which he had previously to [torn] receipt of the power agreed to do, they would have been entitled to their commissions but that Mr Crabb has by acting in contrary manner deprived them of that emolument.

The opinion of Counsel is therefore requested on the following points, Whether under the circumstances the Executors & Trustees can or cannot lay claim to commissions under the Jamaica act. Also whether the directions given by the Trustees & Executors to transfer the monies into their own names were, or were not proper, and ought or ought not to have been complied with, and should Counsel consider the Executors under the circumstances not entitled Whether had Mr Crabb complied with their instructions and transferred the stocks into their names so as to have enabled them to have administered it, they would in such event have become entitled to commissions and if so Whether they could have claimed the same when the money was invested in their names or Whether they should wait until the appropriation to the Legatee or otherwise. Also whether being deprived by the act of their Agent Mr Crabb of such emolument they have any or what resort against him or the estate of Mr Boucher in such respects. -

Also Counsel will please state Whether they consider Mr Crabb justified in transferring the funds into his own name contrary to the instructions of the Executors and Trustees. -

Also whether he was justified in deviating from the directions in the Testator's Will in the investment of Mrs Hollis's Legacy as also in transferring to his own name as well as the Trustees the money for providing the payment of Mrs Boucher's Annuities.

And lastly under what circumstance are Trustees and Executors in Jamaica entitled to commissions on the Testators property in England the practice in the Country having hitherto allowed them on all occasions where there is no Executor or Trustee in England. -

Opinion of Mr Burge}

After the best consideration which I can bestow on the question submitted to Mr Rennalls and Mr Batty in the accompanying Cases and with a becoming deference in my own opinion when I perceive that those gentlemen for whose judgment & experience I entertain great respect differ from me in opinion on it, I think that the claim to commissions by the Executors resident in Jamaica is well founded. It should be recollected that the sums which are realized by or are under the disposition of the Executors or Trustees furnish the rate of remuneration to be paid to them not only for such of their services and responsibilities as have terminated in or have produced those sums, but also for all their other services and responsibilities in the general administration of

the Estate. I cannot think that because the personal estate is in England and it is therefore necessary for the Executors to employ an Agent there to collect and hold it subject to their disposition, that Agent can by retaining it with the concurrence of the residuary Devisee in his own hands, & even administering it in England deprive the Executors of their commissions on this personal Estate, If he can, they will be left wholly without remuneration for their administration of the Estate however onerous it may have been whenever the bulk of the Testator's personal estate is in England. In the present case Mr Crabb whom the Executors employed as their agent to collect this part of the Testator's estate was himself the residuary Devisee, and the case is stronger against him because it was a fraud on the Executors to have accepted their power if he intended to act otherwise than according to their directions and use it for the purpose of defeating their claim to commissions. With great deference to Mr Mennalls I cannot think that Mr Crabb by obtaining administration acquired any rights against the Executors inconsistent with the Power of attorney by virtue of which alone he obtained the administration. It should be observed that it is as their Attorney that he was enabled to obtain the administration, that the letters of administration are granted to him expressly in that character, that they expressly recognised and name the Executors and it is for their use and benefit that he is to administer the Estate. - It is very true that as against the Creditors and others interested in the Estate he is responsible as Administrator but he is responsible only to the extent of the assets which come to his hands and for the due administration of those assets. But the due administration of them would as between him and the Executors be the delivery of those assets to the Executors and it would be a complete answer by him to Creditors and Legatees that he had so delivered them to the Executors. It is in this limited & qualified sense only & only as between him and the creditors and Legatees and only during the interval which may elapse between the grant of the letters of Administration and the delivery of the assets to the Executors, that the person obtaining letters of Administration as the Attorney of absent Executors can be said to have the disposition of the Estate or to be responsible as administrator. But although he incurs the responsibility, yet the responsibility of Executors has not ceased. They are responsible to those interested in the estates for his acts, at all events, if they left the Estate under his disposition. I am strongly inclined to think that the concluding passage in Atkins vs. Smith 2 Alh Rep 63 notwithstanding the ambiguous terms which are used, imports the responsibility of the Executors for the acts of their Agents. See also Doyle vs. Blake 2 sch & lef 231. - I cannot concur with Mr Rennalls in the effect he gives to the circumstance of the personal Estate being in England. Its sitting for all legal purposes was Jamaica the domicile of the Testator, & it was subject to the Law of that Colony and the administration of it by the Executors there. That Administration was exercised by them in Jamaica through the intervention of Mr Crabb whom they by and act done in Jamaica had appointed their Agent. There can be no doubt that if Mr Crabb had transferred the stock to them in conformity with their directions and in the faith of his compliance with which they granted and he accepted their power, they would have been entitled to their commissions. - He ought not to be permitted to avail himself of his disregard to those directions and the consequent breach of his duty as their agent to deprive them of those commissions. Upon the whole therefore I think they are entitled to their commissions which were not those which were the subject of the decisions of Henckle & Daby and in the recent case of Denlow & Davy.

It would be advisable if Mr Crabb resists the allowance of the commissions and the Executors are resolved to enforce their claim that it should be distinctly made to appear that is is the only question between them. The decisions which have been given in this Country on the claim to commissions have induced me to consider that in cases like the present it may be desirable in any suit in which the claim is insisted on to rest not merely on the act itself but to give evidence of the usage in similar cases, for as is justly observed by Mr Batty commissions were allowed before the act 24 Geo 3 and that its object was to reduce to rate and furnish the means by which that rule might be computed.

(Signed) William Burge

Lincolns Inn June 30. 1836

Copy

Extracted from the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
November 1833

Richd. Boucher Esqre.

On the ninth day Admon (with the Will annexed) of the good and Chattels and credits of Richd. Boucher late of Marlborough Mount in the Parish of Manchester in the County of Middlesex & Island of Jamaica Esqre. deceased was granted to James George Crabb the lawful Attorney of Herbert Jarrett James, & John Salmon the younger Esqres the Executors named in the said Will being first sworn duly to administer for their use and benefit now residing in the Island of Jamaica & until they shall duly apply for and obtain probate of the said Will to be granted to them.

[signed by 3 Deputy Registrars]

[in Crabb's hand] Burges opinion copy of June 1836

191-194*

12 July 1836

Dear Sir

I have only to enclose your Second of Bill Lading by the Volusia - The St Vincent Planter has arrived and will take the remainder of the Crop - I think the shipment from the properties will be 190 casks -

On my way Home I was sorry to see but little coffee on the old trees - the blossom and fruit have been in great measure destroyed by the continued Rains - I wrote you about the purchase of another Stallion; there is a necessity for a fresh Horse - Bramshill very old - Crockery old eno if he is not to lie on our hands; and Stockwell neither liked or proof - I should be glad to know your decision & dispose of either that was offered for - If I do get £100 for Bramshill £200 for Crockery and £160 to £180 for Stockwell I woud say sell -

I am dear Sir,

Your mo obedt

John Salmon

J G Crabb Esquire

[on side in Crabb's hand] Capt Ruffell was requested to take charge of the Lists of Stock Supplies &c

addressed: Enclosing Bills of Lading P ship Volusia
To the Consignee
J G Crabb Esquire
Wickham
Hants

61-64*

15 Aug 1836

Dear Sir

Your letter 1st July is before me - I beg to be quite understood that in whatever was done by Mr James I cannot draw back from a share of the responsibility because I trusted entirely in the correctness of his opinion & acts & was as an Exor aware of the case laid before Mr Batty that we

might be guided & do right - I was also fully aware of the great confidence places by Mr Boucher in Mr James & from his experience I left everything to him beyond the charge of the properties which I entirely attend to - It wo'd be ungenerous & unjust in me to say less than this - that I had no idea of claiming one farthing that I was not entitled to (& I believe Mr James intended the same) I can assure you - & that I have not a thought of going further than yourself as to the right being done - I write this last remark because Mr James sent home the case for Mr Burge's opinion after again submitting it & Mr Freshfields letters to Mr Batty - Mr James felt hard at his accounts being objected to, & himself proceeded that he might see if further borne out in the charge of commissions - I this day have received from Mr James Mr Burges opinion, it appears quite confident as to the correctness of the charge - & differs from Mr Rennalls - Mr James declines, & so do I, any dispute in the matter as we have communicated to you, but he has this no small authority as to his not having done wrong - Mr James says "I shall be glad to have your candid opinion"

my reply is - Send Home the opinion to Mr Crabb - let Mr Rennalls see it - and Mr Crabb will do what is right - So much on this unpleasant subject which I fear has caused a feeling with you as if it had been our intention to take advantage of our situation is we could -

Respecting a school for children - Cedargrove is three miles from the nearest part of the other properties - but the children might attend if there were room eno' for them to sleep - I wrote you some months since that I had offered to build a School House and that the people agreed to work so much time for the instruction to their infants - on further talk with them they drew back and then appeared quite careless about it - I have several times spoken since that, but met a very cold attention as if they had given up the desire -

I shall shortly be up there again and I will tell them you have authorised me to do anything necessary - and hear what they have to say - I should propose if the Parents won't work, that so many hours daily be given to instruction & so many to labor on your coffee and that the Master take neighbouring children on the same terms and that if adults want to learn they working half friday shall have instruction so many hours Saturday or something on this place - I am not sure but that I might get the Bishop to appoint a Catechist authority to read prayers &c and grant a licence for the School House to be used for Divine Worship - this at first would be the most expensive plan as I suppose the outlay for such a school & House would be 5 or 600£ - but the Bishop would then send a suitable person & pay him at about £100 pr an: are you giving a little to the Land & chapel & perhaps he would assist in building - If you were to take the building on yourself & the House, I suppose it would cost 200£ to 300£ and the salary to the Master might be 40£ p an. - perhaps less - I have all along been very anxious to throw the grown apprentice on his own resources - to make him feel a want for comforts and a necessity for exertion - this will ruin the Island if not guarded against, namely, the little labor required to procure all they have hitherto had, and the small sum at which land can be bought in the interior - I have offered your people to pick coffee - to build walls - and said to their exorbitant demands get any two gentlemen you may think friendly to you to value the work and I am satisfied and will pay - but no - they often tell me "Massa isn't poor man" as if that were a matter that sho'd [torn]uce me to pay more than is right. - It is strange that [torn] will work with any other proprietor in preference to their master in their own time - they do not like him to know that they have any money or any means of procuring anything - I say to a Man I know well off, perhaps having 4 or 5 cattle, why refuse to pay some little for your child you are well off - his answer as certainly, a stout denial, that he has not a 5d -

I hope you will send a Horse for his is much wanted -

Mr Saunders lived several years at Cedargrove & Mr Boucher placed much confidence in him - So have I and found him attentive sober and of general good character - I believe him an honest wellwisher to the interest of the property - For several years (16 or 18) he has had living with him a woman whose freedom he purchased - he has 4 or 5 children (one is a sadler I allow £10 a year for coming to the property whenever required & keeping the sadlery in order) It has always been my

wish expressed that the Overseer should marry - I have employed several - he says "where can I get a wife" there are few respectable females to be met with in that class, we have no small proprietors - in my opinion it is better under these circumstances that one female be taken as Housekeeper than to permit an intercourse with them generally on a property
I did not understand that Mr James sent me the A/c to return & therefore it remained with me some weeks He had it returned a month since & also my further A/cts to 31 May last - his ill health has I fear kept them back -

I am dear Sir
Yr &c
John Salmon Jr

Containing Bills of Lading P St. Vincent Planter to London Consigned to

J.G. Crabb Esquire
Shedfield Lodge
Wickam [sic]
Hants

[in Crabb's hand]

Recd 6 Octr 1836 from Mr Salmon regarding commission Councils opinion & plan for school &c

195-196*

Spanish Town
20th August 1836

My dear Madam

It is so long since I heard from your that I almost fancy you must have gone to England, - I should have written to inquire after you before this but I have been suffering from sickness and a violent inflammation in one of my eyes from the middle of May it is only the last & present post that I have been enabled to write my own letters, affixing my signature to some on business gave me additional pain, I was prevented from reading writing or doing anything, and no situation could I think be more wretched, it has completely upset all my plans as I was preparing to quite this in June, my eldest son is I have no doubt now in America where he expected to meet me. I have not yet given up my intention of going but am almost fearful it is too late in the year, as the fall is in most parts of America very unhealthy,

Mr Crabb has not written to me for many months but sends my letters to his Attornies at Law to answer, from this & other circumstances I conclude that he is much annoyed with me for charging the commissions as I did, however, in addition to Mr Batty's Opinion, I have also taken Mr Burge's in England, which is also in our favor, I certainly regret very much the course adopted by Mr Crabb, for however we might differ on a point there was not I conceive any necessity to quarrel about it, I wrote him in the first instance that I was desirous of doing all in my power for his benefit consistent with the Trust confided to me, and I believe this is the only instance in which I have failed to give satisfaction to the parties for whom I have been concerned & it is one in which I felt more anxious to do so, I cannot however blame myself for this failure, I did what I considered to be right and proper, and I would willingly submit my conduct to the judgment of any impartial person, it has sickened me of Executorships and I shall not readily undertake another

I hope Miss Ashman continues well and that she has received intimation of the payment of her compensation

With my best wishes and sincere regard
I remain my Dear Madam

Yours faithfully
Herbert J James

Mrs Boucher
Marlbro Mount

25-26*

Spanish Town
25th August 1836

My dear Madam

I am not surprised that the departure of Mr J H James should have been mistaken for me as my intention of going to America was so generally known, but I should have hardly quitted the Country without telling your "good bye" and inquiring previously whether I could do anything for you here or elsewhere, it is Mr John Haughton James of Hanover who sailed in the Orbit, I am really at a loss what to do, I am fearful of going to a strange country in the winter months, lest I should take a dislike to it, and yet I require a change, it is not my wish that my Son should come down here, but I think it very probable that he will when he learns that I am detained here by sickness -

I am surprised that you still remain here, but dont imagine that I wish you were gone, It is very gratifying to me to learn that you are satisfied with my conduct and the representative of my much esteemed friend, and as Mr Crabb cannot substantiate any charge against me, I do not see why I should worry myself because he is displeased, the Release I had intended to keep myself, in case it should be necessary to refer to it at any time for information on any point, as you are the party granting it, it should not remain in your possession, in case of his death there would not be any difficulty in obtaining payment of your Annuity as the money is invested in Mr Salmon's & my name as well as his, all that would be required is a Power of Attorney from Mr Salmon & myself to receive the dividends

I thank you for the Check and have no doubt your statement of the account is correct I therefore enclose you the difference £9

I am much to you & to your Niece for your kind wishes and hoping that you may both enjoy a continuation of good health

I remain my Dear Madam
Yours faithfully & sincerely
Herbert J James

Mrs Boucher

£5 Check No. 4365 dated 6 March 1835

$\frac{4}{9}$ " 370 1 July 1827

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James G Crabb Esq
Dr Sir

Spa Town Jama 16 Sept 1836

The accompanying A/cs of the Exors & Trustees with the Estate of the late Richard Boucher for last year would have been transmitted at an earlier period has not Mr Salmon forgotten to bring them up to Town with him and when they were sent to me the latter end of July I was too ill to attend any business the balance appearing to be due from us has been applied in payment of Mrs Dempsters demand

I also forward herewith a copy of the Case submitted to Mr Burge in England with his Opinion

thereon that we are entitled to the Commission upon the money of our Testator in England
I am respectfully &c

29-31*

J G Crabb Esq

Lacovia⁷⁸⁹ 16 Sept. 1836

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29 July is at hand, and that of Mr Porlock of 30th with sales for Mr Burton & Marlboro that I need not notice further I presume - I wrote you fully last Packet respecting the delay with accounts - Mr James health had been bad, & still so - that those for this year may be kept back a little - I made the present accounts to [c.o.] May that they might be closed by Mr James who proposed going to America - Having received your letter when at your properties I can't refer to my letters but I thought I had some time since written you on the necessity there would be to purchase cattle & draw off the old steers to fatten or sell - the year before Mr Bouchers death he disposed of his young Planters stock - he could not keep them for want of grass - that left us without any to depend on if a heavy crop came - the other crops being small we, by care & doing a little at a time, got down the produce - but seeing a large return, unless fresh cattle had been sent to the property the coffee could not have been taken to the wharf which is about 12 miles of the worst road in the Island - at any rate the loss of steers must have been heavy - instead of any risk I sent young ones and shall have 20 odd to dispose of which will I dare say be near half the outlay -

The weather was so rainy that our crops were kept back, & beside this having a tolerable return, & so much lessened labor time we could not get on as before - it is now different with 40 & ½ hours of week to the old time when the Slave worked 10 hours a day & thro the crop had no Friday or Saturday - The Bill of Lading of Coffee per Volusia was as usual given to the Capt of the vessel - and the second forwarded to you -

The crop I think turned out about my expectations - the whole of it has been got in from the land I planted with the exception of 20 Acres - The old coffee on these mountains did nothing nor will it do anything this year - I must candidly confess to you that then I began to fall land & plant I expected this last crop to have got very near 300 Tierces from the properties - but I have been much deceived in the old fields particularly at Moreland - so much so that I have only given them a trial this year by pruning & trimming lightly in some places & more severely in others, and if no return I intend cutting off all the lower side branches with the hope they will throw up succors & in the uncultivated state do a little. I advised your sending a Horse for the Pen - I hope you will - Bramshill is very old - and so is Crockery - Stockwell I have no opinion of - we have no Droppings by him -

Your people have built a few chain of Stone wall in their own time @ 26/8 per chain - this is very well, but they want me to give more & I refuse, as it is a full value & very good return for their labor unless stones are scarce or any other good reason be found - we also threw the stones for another wall they are now pulling up @ 13/4 per chain - This morning I offered the Cedargrove people to fall 10 Acres of land, ruinate, & lop it up @ 30/- per Acre - this they agreed to - I shall then as may be offer so much more for burning off & planting in the Fall. We have no new land in Cedar Grove - this about 12 or 15 years in ruinate - the land I planted there is all the same - but to make up for this I keep the trees well cut back that the fruit may be as close as possible to the stem and by same means prevent the tree overbearing which would kill it most probably in such light soil - I intend falling at Marlboro about 20 Acres but must offer more here as it's wood land - I can't get the people to make any kind of move in the school - There is a Mico School⁷⁹⁰ about a mile off - the pay per child is 15d a week even this they grumble at - I find not one of the free children do anything nor will they allow them to come to work - the greater part, or many of those oldens, are off the property staying here & close with their friends as the parents say - I serve clothing tomorrow and shall then have a talk with them - if they are caught gratuitously should

should not there be some kind of labor or employment or are we to teach reading and allow them to lie down in the sun (as they now do all day) in the spare hours - this is a very serious consideration and which the British Government cannot too soon look into - Crime is increasing rapidly as you will see by our calendars - I have bought some sheep - I wish you would send out a Dichley Ram - I had 20 Leicesters Mr Dickinson sent & Mr Harman last shipping - I would exchange for a Cross or do anything to improve the breed - We want a Carriage breaking Harness - the old will not I find stand mending - good strong country made might be cheapest -

I am Dear sir Yours huml

John Salmon Jr

Lord Sligo has left us - much to the joy of the whole Island - he did injury to master & [c.o. slave] apprentice - the one cod get no redress & the other indulged in idleness for the Special Magistrate dared not act -

addressed: J G Crabb Esq [home address crossed out]

J Hexts Esq⁷⁹¹

Restormell

Lostwithiel

Cornwall

17-19*

Spanish Town

7th January 1837

My dear Madam

I am much obliged to you for your long & friendly letter, and kind invitation to visit you at Marlbro with my Son previous to quitting the Country which I would most gladly do if it were in my power but I find that altho' I have been so long preparing for my departure I still have much to do, which will require my constant attendance in town I regret to learn that your excursion to the Lowlands should have been productive only of temporary relief to you, it is however satisfactory to find that your Cough yields to the warmth of a mild climate, as we advance in years we require something to make up for that want of a free circulation of the blood which we enjoyed previously, a few years back I delighted in the cool bracing air of the mountains, and now it would I fear prove chilly and uncomfortable

The loss of your Man Servant must indeed put you to great inconvenience and how to replace him is a difficulty not easily got over. plantation people do not like being taken from the field to wait in the house, and to attempt in these time to instruct a boy not used to a family, in all the duties required of him would be a hopeless case I should recommend your endeavouring to hire one whose master is dead or off the country ow which description I should think there are many in your neighbourhood

I have not lately heard from Messrs Freshfields in their last letter they acknowledged the receipt of mine to Mr Crabb giving up the claim to Commission Mr Crabb since expressed a wish to Mr Salmon for our Account, in order that he might see (I presume) that we had stated it in conformity with our declaration it has since been forwarded with a Case submitted to Mr Burge in England & his Opinion that we are entitle to the charge we made for Commission, this will not I am convinced have any weight with Mr Crabb, who appears to be very much irritated at its having been made, he wrote to Mr Salmon expressing his satisfaction with his conduct & at his not having taken part with me in urging such claim to which Mr S replied that if any blame was to attach to any person on that account he must take his share of it, as he had approved of and sanctioned everything that had been done by me and would had the Commissions been allowed have taken his share of them, this is

what Mr S told me and I can shew it from his letters that [c.o.] I never took any step without his Knowledge and approbation; I however than you for mentioning what you hears, the contradicting it is of no consequence as it is not a question between me & any party in this Island, and I am borne out in the propriety of the charge by the decision of a Chancellor her and the Opinions of a Barrister here & in England

My mother wrote to me a few packets ago, she was as usual complaining as most old folks are, she always desires to be remembered to you and expresses some surprise that you do not go to England, it is true enought that I have now two Grand daughters, but there is little inducement for my undertaking to nurse them, I had trouble enough with my own in their infancy, indeed I have lived so long a solitary being and had my own way so long that I could not well conform to the habits & customs of others, I intend to follow my mother's plan and have a pouting corner to myself in some quiet out of the way place

My Son unites with me in kind regards to you & your niece &

I am my Dear Madam

Yours faithfully

Herbert J. James

Mrs Boucher

addressed: Single

Mrs Boucher

Marlbro Mount

May Hill

post

stamped: SPANISH TOWN JAN 7 1837

13-15*

My dear Mrs Boucher

On my way down I heard it stated that you intended to have a public sale of the furniture -

I explained to your that I did not wish to do any thing that would appear unnecessarily or unkindly interfering with you - that Mr Crabb's direction to me was that the furniture and plate was not to be sold - As you had disposed of some of of both & expressed yourself as intending to account to Mr Crabb if he asked you; I did not make any remark, but that I could not interfere;' & that I had not inclination to do so if consistent, or preventing me from now requesting that no such a disposal of the furniture may take place In writing as I do I feel every hope not to be [c.o.] misunderstood but I cannot allow a sale at Marlboro is is decidedly agt Mr Crabbs instruction to me & knowing that it will make me liable, I hope it will not be attempted - for I must, if so, send directions to the Overseer to prevent a delivery of any of the furniture - I believe you will take this not at intended - as impressed on me by Mr Crabbs directions and at same time that Mr Crabb in these directions to me to me does not wish to to, by me, anything unkind or disrespectful -

I am my dear Mrs Boucher

Yrs faithfully

John Salmon Jnr

7 May 1837

In the sale of yr wardrobe or other private property, if left by you, I will do for you anything I can for yr interest & remit you the amount sale

I have no hesitation in saying that it would be more according to my interpretation of Mr Crabbs wishes if there were no further delivery of any furniture and therefore I trust there will be none - I

request that nothing else be sent out of the House on again looking at Mr Crabbs letter I am more anxious that no further sale be made & therefore write Mr Saunders that I can't allow anything else to be taken away

Your not delivering anything more will therefore oblige me as it will prevent any unpleasant dispute with him - & really I am not authorised -

Yr wardrobe Piano & Books I have no control over

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlbro

9-10*

14 April 1837

Dear Mrs Boucher

Having heard something of your intention of leaving the Island this year that there may be no misconception as to Mr Crabb's wishes regarding the furniture plate &c at Marlborough I think it best to give you an extract from his letter to me of 14 Feby last

"I am sorry to find Mrs Boucher's health is so indifferent, the probable change of climate & sea Voyage may be serviceable to her. As I have wished she should receive every kindness you will oblige me by showing such to her during her stay in Jamaica - I trust she can have no intention of selling the plate - I wish her to have the use of it but not to sell it. As Trustees to the Estate you and Mr James have no doubt taken a receipt from Mrs Boucher of the Inventory of effects furniture plate &c - It would be advisable if not already done that it should be and I feel assured that Mrs Boucher would do nothing in opposition to the wishes of Mr James & yourself" -

As I believe we never received the receipt from you will you oblige me by letting me have it according to the Inventory - Mr James Cd I think apply to you for it -

I am Dear Mrs Boucher

Yours faithfully

John Salmon Jr

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough Mt

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Articles purchased of Mrs Boucher by Mr E Peart

[list not transcribed]

Dear Sir/

I have purchased the amount of £104.4.6 Curr. of Mrs Boucher for which I give you an order on Mr Green and request to save her trouble you will hand the amount to her immediately on your arrival in England

and oblige Yrs truly

Edward Peart⁷⁹²

To Captain Ruffels -

Mr Peart's best respects to Mrs Boucher sends her a copy of the order in her favor wrote to Captain Ruffels & by Mr Johnson there will be the empty bottles and jars to add - which he will do when he ascertains the number

Oatlands
May 18th 1837

I forgot to ask if you had a stretcher to sell - if so should like it

addressed: Mrs Boucher
Marlborough

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Spa Town Jama: 8th July 1837

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I beg to forward Mr Salmon's & my account with your properties for last year which I should have long since sent but a violent inflammation of my eyes prevented my attending to business.

I am respectfully &c HJJ

James G Crabb Esq
Shedfield Lodge
Hants

ENDNOTES

I began working on the James family papers in 2008 and found the Jamaican Family Search site on the Internet. Much of what I have learnt about the early history of Jamaica initially came from it and, most particularly through the author of the site, Patricia Jackson. I collaborated with her to record the James family on the site,⁷⁹³ which is now hosted by University College, London, in a project detailing British slave-ownership.⁷⁹⁴ Endnotes marked [JFS] are taken directly from the site. I have also taken full quotes from the *Legacies of British Slave-ownership* database as so much of the letter-books refers to HJJ's work as a Master in Chancery dealing with disputes over estates and slave compensation payments. These endnotes are marked [UCL]

. A most important contact for me has been Mary Mill. She has been working on her Jamaican ancestry since about 2001 and had borrowed and scanned HJJ's letter-book some years before I had begun to work on it. We made contact again in 2009. She had been to Jamaica in 2007 and was returning in the Autumn of 2009, and offered to look out for James material while doing her own research at the National Library of Jamaica and the Island Record Office. She and her husband, Christopher, copied and arranged for the scanning of a number of important materials, not least, the letters concerning the estate of Richard Boucher which have been inserted chronologically into the small letter-book which I have put as an appendix. Looking at our e-mail communications I realize how much of my knowledge of Jamaica has been prompted by her generous sharing of her own research.

In March 2010, Patricia Jackson put me in touch with Harry Christensen who, with his wife, Jacqueline E. Rhodes Blair, was researching her family in Jamaica. One branch was particularly intriguing as they were also James's. Jonathan James of the parish of St Elizabeth a free Quadroon and his family were entitled to "the same Rights and Privileges with English subjects, with certain restrictions" by Private Act of the the Jamaican Assembly in 1785. His grandson was also named William Rhodes James, was a land and slave owner in St Elizabeth, died less than a month after WRJ4 in 1842, and his will proved by his sons in London in 1844. We did try to confirm a link between the families but had found nothing conclusive by the time Harry Christensen very sadly died in December 2010. However he shared much of the material that was later transferred to the Jamaican Family Search site⁷⁹⁵ with me, and while his was in Jamaica sent me documents that he thought would be relevant to my research.

Finally I must acknowledge a debt of gratitude to Nicholas James, the direct descendant of WRJ4, who allowed us to spend a week scanning family papers at his home in Scotland. Not only did we find some relevant notes and a letter from HJJ to his brother, which have been included here, but also got a clearer picture of how the ownership of a Jamaican sugar estate affected the family at that time.

- 1 Hugh Paget [*Jamaican Historical Review* 1:3 December 1948] & Dorothy Southby [*The Daily Gleaner* 25th January 1967]
- 2 As there are many "William Rhodes James" I have found it expedient to number them.
- 3 The Library and Museum of Freemasonry.
- 4 The frontispiece portrait is of Herbert Jarrett James [private collection]
- 5 The Jarrett Kerr papers record that WRJ4 was there, as a prize poem 'On the Restoration of Peace', written by him, was published in 1801 when he would have been 15. Their uncle John Jarrett owned Freemantle Park near Southampton, and their maternal cousin, Herbert Newton Jarrett Kerr, also at Hyde Abbey, is specifically mentioned as taking holidays with him so it is possible that the James brothers did so too. [<http://www.orange-tree-valley.co.uk>]
- 6 Letter dated 24 May 1824
- 7 Letter dated 30 Augt 1827 to Hawthorn & Ogilvy
- 8 John Sims was the father of Charles James Sims, an attorney in Jamaica, who died in 1812 leaving a widow, Frances, who was godmother to Herbert's eldest son, WRJ5 in October 1817.
- 9 State Papers. First Report of the Enquiry into the Administration of Criminal and Civil Justice in the West Indies - Jamaica. Printed 29 June 1827.
- 10 Private collection
- 11 Editor's pagination as the letter-book pages were not numbered.
- 12 Honorable Charles Grant held Tydixton Park, St John
- 13 Henry N. Tuming appears to have been a slaver to Demerara. He was noted The Essequibo and Demerary Gazette. "William M'Kenzie & Co. will Expose for Sale on Wednesday the 6th of March: - 150 Prime Gold Coast Slaves, arrived in the Ship Rio Nova, Captain Henry N. Tuming, from Cape Coast. Demerary, 2d March, 1805." [<http://www.vc.id.au/edg/18050302edg.html>]
- 14 Died 22 July 1837 [British Guiana Colonists Index]
- 15 Now part of Guyana, previously British Guiana. In 1781, the American revolution induced the Dutch Republic to join with the Bourbon side against the British, a large fleet under Admiral Lord Rodney's command was sent to the West Indies, and after having made some seizures in the Caribbean Islands, a squadron was detached to take possession of the colonies of Essequibo and Demerara, which was accomplished without much difficulty. In 1782 the French took possession of the whole of the Dutch settlements, compelling Gov. Robert Kinston to surrender. The peace of Paris, which occurred in 1783, restored these territories to the Dutch. The British returned the colony to the Dutch in 1802 under the terms of the Peace of Amiens, but re-took control of it a year later. On 13 August 1814, the British combined the colonies of Demerara and Essequibo into the colony of Demerara-Essequibo. On 20 November 1815, the colony was formally ceded to Britain by the Netherlands. [Wikipedia]
- 16 William Rhodes James, was born in 1786 and HJJ in 1789.
- 17 Rachel Allen James daughter of Herbert Newton Jarrett and Ann Allen, born in 1769. She married William Rhodes James in 1785. He died ten years later within days of his son, Henry John. It is possible that they took their two elder sons with them to England as they are noted among the passenger arrivals with an infant son at Kingston in January 1793.
- 18 Return of slaves in the Parish of Trelawny in the possession of John Black as administrator of James Tuming dec. 28th June 1817 - 3 male slaves. John Black swore these all the slaves "possessed by me as administrator ..considered as most permanently settled, worked, or employed in the Parish of Trelawney.." 1820 return, death of one of the three given. Again signed by John Black.[Ancestry.co.uk]
- 19 William Mitchell Kerr (1789-1862), son of David Kerr and Sarah Newton Jarrett, older sister of Rachel Allen Jarrett the mother of Herbert Jarrett James. Their brother, Herbert Newton Jarrett (1765-1829) placed him at Orange River estate in Trelawny in 1806 to learn the business of a planter. He eventually had the management of all the Jarrett estates. [<http://www.orange-tree-valley.co.uk>]
- 20 Heirs of John Jarrett held Silver Grove in Trelawney according to Almanac. John Jarrett died in 1809 and his son, Herbert Newton, had died in 1811. Thus the estate descended to his grandson, John, who was born in 1802. In a codicil to the will of Herbert Newton Jarrett he mentioned that Silver Grove could not continue for many more years as a sugar plantation but the slaves should be removed to his other plantations and be converted into a pen. This is reflected in the slave compensation records where it was named Silver Grove Pen.
- 21 John Tait, son of John, also W.S. who died at the same address in 1817. His Mother was daughter of Peter Edgar, brother of Alexander Edgar of Auchingramont, father of Alexander below.
- 22 Alexander Edgar (buried in Edinburgh in 1820). Was the son of Alexander Edgar of Auchingramont, by his wife Margaret, daughter of James Edgar. His father (born 1698) was the brother of Peter Edgar, of Bridgelands, Peebles (father-in-law of Sir H. Raeburn, the celebrated artist).
PROB 11/1640 Will of Alexander Edgar, of Stockbridge nr Edinburgh - Marriage agreement with Ann Gordon 10.7.1797 (they were married in St James, Jamaica, on the same day). Wedderley, 221a and 117 slaves put in trust to John Mitchell Esq "for behoof of William Green Esq" for £19588.14 Cy (£13991.18.7 Sg), payable on instalments. On death of Green debt remained of £17685.12.6h Cy (£12632+ Sg) 13.11.1816 by report of James Gayleard Master of Ct of Chancery in cause of Burke & other creditors vs. Fairclough and others, "in which suit and for the recovery of which sum my Attorney Rhodes James Esq appeared for me and is taking every possible step for my interest".. "As it is likely that Wedderley lands and Negroes which belonged to William Green dec will be bought to

sale for the payment of the debts reported by James Gayleard due to me" trustees to appoint attorney (s) to attend the sale of said land and negroes & "to bid for same to the extend of my claims against the Estate of William Green if they consider them of that value in order to prevent them being sold under value or any fraudulent or collusive sale being made to my prejudice" only if they consider a fair price is not offered by the "Chancery sale" then to buy in names of trustees - Will proved 21.3.1821 [National Archives]

- 23 West India merchants, Lime Street Square, London. [*Legacies of British Slave-ownership* - website - UCL Department of History]
- 24 Possibly James Sharpe who held land a small estate in Trelawney and was dead by 1823. Slave returns show that he had sold most of his slaves before his death. [Ancestry.co.uk]
- 25 Small estate in Trelawney, noted in possession of John C. Rose in 1823 & 4, then the Heirs of Alexander Edgar in 1825 [Jamaican Family Search now UCL website]
- 26 William Fairclough of Dumfries in St James. ["6th November 1819. One great point of my Jamaica dependencies was lately decided favourably enough in the first Instance by what may be called an advantageous sale of Dumfries Estate for which Mr. Fairclough was bold enough to give £30,100 currency. This would really have gone far to make the old demand of H. F. and P. a valid debt, but unfortunately and perhaps too thro' some neglect priorities have been established so as to leave my share only about £18,000, currency, and this my attorneys lost the opportunity of remitting home at a favourable exchange and it may and very likely will be frittered almost away by loss of interest and excessive premiums on bills . . . The turn which our commercial affairs have lately been taking is of a most unpromising aspect, the Prices of Produce are so fallen as to affect the nett Proceeds nearly 80 per cent, and the consequence is, as the expences do not diminish, that the Planter gets hardly anything and the Merchant very little." Hibbert]
- 27 David Samuda was born 1776 and married Hannah Henrietta Israel Ricardo. He died in 1824. His widow died in Camberwell in 1850. Old Spanish, and Portuguese family, identified for some generations with the communal affairs of the London Jewry. In the early part of the nineteenth century David Samuda founded the firm of David Samuda & Sons, of Leman street, Goodman's Fields, London. In 1789 he was a member of the Board of Deputies. [Jewish Encyclopedia]
- 28 Hannah Samuda, widow of David.
- 29 Mrs Brown was Ann Gardner, nee Millward, widow of Thomas John Brown of St Catherines, brother in law of William Rhodes James by his first wife, Mary Kerr Brown. He died April 20 1823 "on his passage to England". She remarried Septimus Thomas Allen 14 September 1826 at Cusop, Hereford. HJJ was noted as administrator of T J Brown dec and attorney for Mrs Brown in the St Catherine Almanac of 1826. [JFS]
- 30 "In the Close, at Winchester, on Monday, the Rev.Chas.Richards, aged 79, Prebendary of Winchester Cathedral, Rector of South Wanborough, and of St.Bartholomew Hyde, in that city, and for fifty years the distinguished and much respected master of Hyde Abbey School. Early in life Mr.Richards became principal of that establishment, which under his management, attained celebrity which few private schools can boast. - Among many distinguished persons educated there, was the late Right.Hon.George Canning, who ever retained so great an affection and respect for the tutor of his early years, that, on being appointed Prime Minister, his first wish was to confer on him that otium cum dignitate, which a life so successfully devoted to the service of the youth of his country so eminently deserved. Although he did not himself live to see the arrangements which he had made for this purpose carried into effect, his successor in office, Lord Goderich, from respect to the memory of his friend, and as a public testimony to the merits of Mr.Richards, presented him to a stall in the cathedral, which shortly after lapsed to the crown. In all the charities of private life Mr R was most exemplary. In public he was a zealous and steady friend of civil and religious liberty." [Death notice *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette*, Thursday, January 31st, 1833]
- 31 Benjamin Crossley held land in St George', St James', St Mary, St Thomas in the Vale, and Portland, some as attorney. His will mentions "my much esteemed friend William Anderson Osgill" of St George. Also mentions Philip Jaquet and Thomas Spicer both of St Georges, planters, and George Mills of Kingston, Esq to act as executors in Jamaica. Brother, Luke Thomas Crossley, executor both in Jamaica and England. Will proved in London July 1822. He had three sons - John, Thomas & William Crossley - by a free woman of colour, Elizabeth Hannah. Boys birth dates given and, apart from £500 each at 24 years, they are to be send to England and "decently educated" and maintained at the expense of the estate. This case suggests that they were sent to Hyde Abbey, and the estate owes fees to Richards. [Prob. 11/1659 National Archives]
- 32 Suggests that HJJ was a pupil at the school as was his older brother. A prize poem 'On the Restoration of Peace' was written by William R. James of Hyde Abbey School, in the year 1801 when he was 15 years of age. Their maternal cousin, Herbert Newton Jarrett Kerr, elder brother of William Mitchell Kerr was certainly known to have been at the school. Their mother's stepbrother, John Jarrett, was a seriously rich man, with estates in Jamaica, Freemantle Park in Hampshire, and a mansion in Portland Place, London. Herbert Kerr spent holidays with him so it is possible that the James boys did so too. [www.orange-tree-valley.co.uk]
- 33 Robert Hawthorn, apparently born in Falmouth in 1791, a West India merchant in London. He was first in partnership with a Mr Ogilvie and later on, with his brother in law, William Shedden. Robert became a good friend of HJJ's and was the executor of his will. He was son of Alexander Hawthorn and Jane Simcocks who were married in Trelawny by the Rev. Thomas Simcocks 4th November 1786. Their first child, Elizabeth, was born the following August and baptised in November. No records of baptisms for their daughter Isabella or of Robert have been found, but they are mentioned in their father's will written in 1814 which describes him "late of Jamaica now of Gower

Street, St Giles, Middx". [PROB 11/1659] The will mentions wife Jane, daughter Eliza, wife of John Sutton Minot, daughter Susan, late wife of John Robert Mitchell, mother of John, as well as his son, Robert. Alexander Hawthorn was buried 23th February 1822 and probate of his will was taken by his son 13th July 1822. Robert married Agatha Wells Bridger Shedden 2nd November 1824. Their eldest son, Alexander, was born in 1827. [RH is wrongly noted elsewhere as son of John Hawthorn, and grandson of John Hawthorn of Oulton, co. Wigton. I suspect that John Hawthorn was brother of Alexander. John married Sarah Comrie at St Ann in 1798. Their daughter, Martha, was born 1807. She married Rev. Andrew Urquhart at Ayr, Scotland 3rd September 1836. She died at Portpartrick, Wigtownshire 19th February 1850. Urquhart then married Mary Hawthorn Minot, Robert Hawthorn's niece, daughter of his sister Elizabeth and John Sutton Minot. In 1841, Mary, her sister Jane Susan, and their cousin, John Mitchell, were living with their grandmother, Jane Hawthorn, then aged 91, in Finsbury, Middx. 'Death 26 Aug 1842 aged 92, Jane, relict of Alexander Hawthorn, esq. [born 1750] *Gents. Mag.*]

- 34 William David Longlands, born at Gravesend, Kent, 1792. Son of Alexander Longlands of Greenwich, matriculated Exeter College 20/02/1810 aged 18; BA 1814; Michel Scholar, Queens' 1815-16; Fellow Balliol 1816-22; Lincolns Inn student 1811, rector of St Gerrans Devon [sic] 1844, died 27/12/1866. Married Judith Pendville in 1822. She was born in Montego Bay, granddaughter of William Campbell who owned New Milnes, Hanover. Alexander Longlands was a merchant in Montego Bay before returning to England. He married Elizabeth Pritchard in St James' in 1778. Had children in Jamaica from 1779 to 1783, then children in London from 1787. However, no baptism for William David has been found. By his will of 1816, Alexander Longlands of Clifton, merchant, made his wife, son Alexander Francis & David Lyon of the City of London, merchant, his trustees and executors for the benefit of all his children. It appears that Alexander Francis Longlands was in Jamaica in 1817-8 as he was noted in St Andrew in the Almanac and parish register with the baptism of a daughter by a free quadroon, born in January 1817 and baptised a year later. No death has been confirmed but he was not mentioned in his mother's will of 1832.
- 35 John Gale Vidal was HJJ's brother in law, an Attorney at Law who had been in partnership with Thomas James Brown. From 1821 until his death he was Clerk to the House of Assembly. He died of cholera in 1850.
- 36 1817, 1824 John Harrison Clarke, Master in Ordinary, Court of Chancery
- 37 'Success' was a sugar estate in St James.
- 38 James William Freshfield (1774-1864) eldest son of a clockmaker of Holborn. Was initially apprenticed to a watchmaker, but became a lawyer. He was sworn in as attorney at the King's Bench on 8 June 1795 and in the Court of Common Pleas on 14 June 1795. He set up his own practice, first at Smithfield, but later joined Winter & Kaye, a well-established law firm, as a partner. After the resignation of, Charles Kaye, the firm continued as Messrs. Freshfield and Sons. Freshfield had close connections with the Clapham Sect, a group of leading Evangelicals who held influential positions in the City and the legal profession. This may have helped his career. William Wilberforce, who became a prominent abolitionist, was one of the leading members of the sect. Freshfield was an active member of the Church Missionary Society, which was dedicated to the abolition of slavery and later became one of its trustees. However, his beliefs did not prevent him from acting for slave owners in Jamaica. The firm still exists as Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, a multinational law firm, although the last family member retired in 1918. [Judy Slinn *A History of Freshfields*, (1984)]
- 39 Caleb Mumford Littlejohn held land in St Andrew and was living there in 1824 where he was both coroner and a magistrate. [JFS]
- 40 James Seton Lane and James Bourdieu held land in St Thomas in the Vale [JFS]
- 41 West Indies merchants in London
- 42 Alexander Bayley held land in St Dorothy [JFS]
- 43 West Indies merchants in London
- 44 William Murray held two estates in St James [JFS]
- 45 Richard Lee West Indies merchant in London
- 46 London merchants
- 47 Will of George Howell previously of St Catherine, Jamaica, then of Cote Park, Westbury, Gloucester "bequeath[ed] unto Herbert Jarrett James of the said Island Esquire for the use and benefit of my Goddaughter Elizabeth James daughter of the said HJJ the sum of £105 sterling". The executor of the will was Thomas Spencer of the City of London, his step-son. [Prob 11/1695 National Archive]
- 48 James Cockburn of Kingston held Belle View and Twickenham Pen in St Andrew and New Ramble in St Mary as owner in fee. He was also listed in 1828 St Mary Almanac as holding property with both Willis and T.L. Yates. [JFS]
- 49 Benjamin Aymar, son of John, also a merchant, established his merchant house in 1821 [Richard Cornelius McKay *South Street: A Maritime History of New York* p. 120-]
- 50 John Biggar was a merchant in Kingston, from Kirkcudbright, Scotland. He died in 1829 aged 42.
- 51 Presumably his wife as he refers to his mother as "mother".
- 52 North Carolina
- 53 Wentworth Bayly of Gibraltar, St George to 1826, then of Weston Hall, Ixworth, Suffolk where he died December 1831.
- 54 Bankers
- 55 Milligan Robertson & Co, Fenchurch St, London was a West India merchant firm originally established by Robert Milligan who, with George Hibbert, was one of the main drivers behind the establishment of the West India Dock. At this time the partners were Duncan Davidson Milligan, fourth son of Robert, his cousin Milligan Dalzell and

- Colin Robertson. They went bankrupt in 1828, a year after the 21-year trading monopoly of the East India Dock Company expired. [*The Collected Letters of Joanna Baillie*, Volume 2 By Joanna Baillie, Judith Bailey Slagle]
- 56 Hon. James Laing of Goshen, St Ann . He died a year later aged 62.
- 57 Isaac Higgin of Cave Valley, Arabia Felix & Tooting in St Ann. A partner in Higgin & Whitely & Co. He died in 1832 by which time he was living in Tooting, Surrey [PROB 11/1800]
- 58 This is the first reference to Mrs Weekes and concerns payment of an annuity left her by her first husband Hon. John Palmer, owner of Rose Hall and Palmyra in St James. He had been forced to mortgage these estates in 1792 and they had become subject of a dispute in the Court of Chancery. Rebecca Ann James had married Palmer in the same year. She was the daughter of Richard Haughton James and was a distant cousin of HJJ, he being the fifth generation from the first of the line in Jamaica, and she the fourth. After Palmer's death she married Dr Nathaniel Weekes from Barbados in 1800. Their second daughter, Marianne, was born in England. She married Philip Haughton James, her mother's third cousin, in 1819. He took over the management of Mrs Weeke's affairs and they were certainly living together in Sidmouth according to the 1841 census.
- 59 John Rose Palmer, great nephew of the Hon. John Palmer inherited Rose Hall and Palmyra. He married Anne Patterson in 1820. She was a third cousin of HJJ. Her mother's sister was the first wife of William Rhodes James, brother to HJJ.
- 60 William and John Jackson of Dowgate Wharf, London noted as making dividend payments from Sept. 1827. [www.thegazette.co.uk]
- 61 Martha Wray, widow of Leonard who held Richmond Vale in St David and Pen Hill in Port Royal. Martha Wray's father William Read was the mortgagee. In his will (proved 1834) William Read noted that had already given the to estates to his granddaughter, Mary, but they were subject to the payment of £5000 at 6% per annum to his daughter Elizabeth Read. It was Elizabeth who was awarded the compensation for both estates. Mary Wray continued to appear in the Almanac for Richmond Vale until 1838.
- 62 John Rose Palmer had mortgaged the receivership of Rose Hall and Palmyra to Henry Martin Ancrum of London, barrister. [Geoffrey S. Yates *Rose Hall - Death of a Legend*]
- 63 Mountagues were merchants in Bristol. Their man in Jamaica was John Palmer Mountague of St James. He made his will in June 1826 and probably died the same year. His father, Ralph Mountague jun., had died in 1824 leaving the business to his sons William Rhodes and John Palmer. William Rhodes died in an asylum in 1827. Their interests all devolved to their mother's brother, Charles Edward Bernard of Clifton, M.D. as trustee, and ultimately to their sisters. Their mother and all but one sister were dead by 1835. Susanna James Mountague lived until 1894 when her estate was valued at £20280. Probate was taken by Charles Edward Bernard's grandson, Sir Charles Edward Bernard, K.C.S.I.
- 64 The consignee of a West Indian estate is the merchant to whom the owner of the estate yearly consigns under contract the produce of the estate. The contract extending over a period of years and being secured on the land itself, the consignee has a vested interest not quite like that of an ordinary mortgagee.
- 65 T. Dobson and S. Baker, London merchants. Their partnership noted as dissolved London Gazette January 1829.
- 66 Thomas Phillpotts was from St James. Born in Gloucester, he was active in Jamaica until he sailed for England in 1828. He was a West Indian merchant in partnership with Samuel Baker in Leadenhall Street, London. His wife Mary Field was born in Jamaica and a son, also Thomas, was baptised in St James in 1824.
- 67 James Cockburn was receiver in the cause 'Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital v Willis et al.' with regard to slave compensation [UCL]
- 68 Capt. Browne Willis, Royal Artillery, baptised at St James the Great, Friern Barnet, Middlesex 25th April 1789, son of John Willis Esq., merchant.
- 69 Joseph Tyrell of Port Royal, 1824; attorney of Resource Estate, Port Royal 1822-1826. He was one of the Masters Extraordinary for the Court of Chancery in Surrey in 1839 [JFS]
- 70 John Willis and Benjamin Waterhouse. The latter's will was proved in 1804 by John Willis, one of the executors. Willis made his own will the following year in which he named David Patrick Molony of Jamaica late partner of firm of Willis Waterhouse Molony & Griffiths in Jamaica & Mr Henry Devis "my assistant in this country" shall be jointly & equally interested in the said concern for their joint & equal benefit provided they shall take such one of my sons and such one of the sons of my late partner Benjamin Waterhouse as my said wife & other execs. shall elect as partner or partners with them in the said concern and shall participate in equal shares in the said trade with Molony & Devis or survivor as long as the said concern shall continue. In 1810, because Molony was by then living in England, he revoked his appointment as executor and trustee but it left until 1815 for Robert Smart of Kingston, Jamaica, to be appointed in his place. On 2nd March 1825 the will was proved, and administration granted to Browne Willis his son. He then become involved in numerous cases in Chancery one of which concerns this letter: Jamaica St Thomas-in-the-East, Surrey 72 (Williamsfield) 13th Jun 1836 | 126 Enslaved | £2565 15S 3D Parliamentary Papers p. 299.
- William Pratt & others versus Browne Willis & others.
- T71/867: claim by James Cockburn receiver. Counterclaims include the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital 'Creditors on the Estate of John Willis and Benjamin Waterhouse for Masters Report in 'The Comms of Greenwich Hospital vs Willis and others'.
- T71/1593 pp. 130-131: Browne Willis was 'a Captain in HM Artillery, at Woolwich' in letter dated 5/03/1836 to Pickering, Smith & Thompson.

- T71/1593 p 132: letter to Capt Browne Willis, RA woolwich re this claim, warning him of the intention by Cockburn to go to Court in Jamaica and advising him to get an order in London from the Court of Chancery.
- T71/1200: counterclaim from Samuel Harman late of Jermyn St. but now of Boulogne-sur-mer and Lavinia his wife.
- Joseph Sturge and Thomas Harvey, *The West Indies in 1837* (London, Hamilton, Adams, & Co., 1838) p. 296:
 Williamsfield is 'a fine sugar estate, under the attorneyship of James Cockburn, a gentleman who bears a high character for humanity and respect to the legal rights of the apprentices.' P. lxvii: 'Their attorney, who lives in Kingston, is good to them, but the overseer compeles them to watch... without any allowance.'
- Lavinia Harman Unsuccessful claimant
- William Pratt & Browne Willis Claimants in List E or Chancery cases [UCL]
- 71 Mr Maurice was probably his sons (William and Herbert's) school master. They are noted as boarding 1825-6. Possibly at Belvedere, Bath. William was born in 1817 and Herbert in 1818. [Private papers]
- 72 David Kerr, died at Montrose January 1829
- 73 Sod Hall in Hanover owned by Hon. Samuel Jackson according to the Almanac for 1827 [JFS]
- 74 Thomas Legal Yates was a merchant in Kingston . When he left Jamaica for England, James Cockburn acted at his attorney.
- 75 Robert Smart was attorney for 'Resource', a coffee estate in Port Royal with the Hon. John Shand in 1816. David Patrick Molony had been receiver for the same estate in 1811. He was dead by 1813 but according to his will had previously had been concerned with Smart in the firms of Molony Smart & Co and Molony & Smart. Greenwich Hospital also had a claim on the estate so it was subject of a complex case in Chancery
- 76 Anna Maria was the widow of John Gardner Millward. He died in 1822. She was the daughter of Edward Aldred and Anna Maria Broadbelt. Her daughter Ann Gardner was the widow of Thomas James Brown referred to above.
- 77 London Merchants. Henry and William Davidson and Aeneas Barkly
- 78 Thetford Hall Pen, St Dorothy, and Fuller's Rest, St John were both estates that James Cockburn and Browne Willis had conflicting interests in.
- 79 Caleb Tonge was noted in 1811 as holding Cardiff [JFS]
- 80 These pictures are in separate private collections. On the back of HJJ's portrait there is a remnant of a sticker which indicates a repair.
 No. 28[torn]
 High Holbo[torn]
 Old Frames new gilt and Glasses new silvered.
 PICTURES CLEAN'D, LIN'D AND REPAIRED.
- The most likely place that this was done was Robert Cribb & Son at 288 High Holborn which was in business from 1785-1829. [<http://www.npg.org.uk/research/conservation/directory-of-british-framemakers/c.php>]
- 81 Possibly William Allen, a Master in Ordinary in the Court of Chancery from 1808-1824, when he headed the list. Owner of Orange Cove, Hanover from 1815 but from 1825 noted as dead and the estate listed "heirs of" until 1840. [JFS]
- 82 Sir Michael Benignus Clare, Knt. M.D., physician to the gaol and surgeon of the workhouse in St Catherine. HJJ had been granted a power of attorney by him to collect money owed to him.
- 83 Eliza Gardner Johnson was noted as owning slaves in St Catherine from 1817 until 1827 by which point she was dead. [JFS]
- 84 William Dutton Turner, M.D. who was the second surgeon at the workhouse with Sir Michael Benignus Clare noted in 1824. He is noted as Clare's attorney in 1829.
- 85 Isaac Deleon Thomson appears to be linked with Mount Prospect and was holding it in 1831 so HJJ may be referring to him.
- 86 Samuel Barrett Hylton, attorney at law in St Catherine. [JFS]
- 87 George Hibbert, West India merchant, slave and plantation owner. Senior partner in G.W.S Hibbert & Co.
- 88 Ralph Mountague was noted as a merchant in St James in 1774 but became a West Indies merchant in Bristol. He was executor of John Palmer's estates in St James which is how he came to be liable for payment of Mrs Weekes' annuity. He died 10th June 1827 at Park Row, Bristol which was also the site of the family firm. His sons, Ralph Jun and Edward predeceased him, so did the two sons of Ralph jun and Edward's son, Edward, all of whom had joined the firm.
- 89 John, elder son of John Palmer, was of Paragon Buildings, Bath, when he made his will in 1818. He referred to his estate in Trelawny called Acton but did not mention his father. He left the bulk of his property to the children of Ralph Mountague Jun. Montague and his father were also made trustees of his estate. John Palmer died the same year but there is a note on the will dated 27th July 1827 to say that the will was left unadministered by Ralph Mountague sen. and that Mary, daughter of Ralph jun., (a residuary legatee with her siblings), had taken the administration. [prob 11/1609 National Archives]
- 90 Elizabeth Vaughan was a cousin of John and James Palmer
- 91 Mary Partridge James daughter of Richard Haughton James and Mary Partridge Knowles, younger sister of Mrs Weekes. She was living with Philip Haughton James and family in 1851 and died in Sidmouth in 1856. She never married.
- 92 Richard James was younger brother of Mrs Weekes. He was buried in the Livingston burial ground at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in 1823.

- 93 James, younger son of John Palmer died in 1806. His will made in 1797 described him as of the Hotwells near Bristol Esq. He was unmarried but notes three mulatto children, two sons in Bristol and a daughter in Jamaica. He left £4000 in trust to be administered by Ralph Montague sen. and jun. To his brother John he left the remainder and made him his executor. He made no reference to his father's estate.
- 94 Edward James was a younger brother of Mrs Weekes. He left a will proved in London in 1832 where he was described as being late of Trelawny and now of Brentwood, Essex. [PROB 11/1795]
- 95 William Heath was listed as a barrister and a Member of the House of Assembly for St James in 1824. He had estates in St James, one of which was Spring Mount which had been owned by Benjamin Heath in 1788 but no other link has been found. He was in partnership with William Henry Knott for a time. Apart from a substantial sum received in Slave Compensation he last appeared as proprietor of Spring Mount and the other estates he held in St James in the 1840 Almanac. Knott was holding them all in 1845. The link to Ralph Mountague's estate in Jamaica is referred to in a letter, dated 22/12/1835, from C.E. Bernard and W.E. Bernard, stating that William Heath and William Henry Knott are 'administrators' of R. Mountague, but, under the laws of Jamaica, agents of an executor living in Great Britain are obliged to administer. William Heath and William Henry Knott are agents of W.R. Bernard, sole executor. [UCL]
- 96 Of Stenton, East Lothian, Scotland, and of Roehampton (St James) and Minard (St Ann) estates in Jamaica. John Baillie's second wife was Elizabeth Jarrett Kerr, daughter of Dr David Kerr and sister of William Mitchell Kerr. John Baillie died in 1832, at sea. He left a will but appears to have been heavily in debt to the house of Stirling, Gordon. His wife predeceased him.
- 97 Robert Allwood had estates in Westmoreland and Hanover. He was HJJ's wife's uncle. His sister, Elizabeth Wade Allwood married John James Vidal in 1791.
- 98 James Greig of 23 Threadneedle St., London.
- 99 WRJ4's account book:
[margin] Sherry shipped to Jamaica
16 June 1827 - Heatley Gilman & Co
"We have shipped your Butt of Sherry on board the Columbine cased & marked as under, - The cask was painted at the Heads. & the Bung, after filling up, leaded over ,
Original mark HGC at the Bung
Bond number ..7. on the Head & Bonders name Heatly
Branded on the head} Contents 115 Impr. gallons
Domecq }
with the Royal Arms of Spain
Case with 4 Truss} Hoops Extra
2 Iron}
Butt Head} marked Herbert J James Esq
& Case do.} Spanish Town
Jamaica" [Private papers]
- 100 In 1803 he had put himself apprentice to John Sims Citizen and Ironmonger of London. His father was dead, his mother in Jamaica, so he signed the indenture himself. John Sims was father of Charles James Sims who was an attorney in Jamaica from 1793, having been an attorney's clerk in London from 1787. He was a witness of HJJ's father's will and his wife, Frances, was a godmother to HJJ's son William Rhodes James in 1817. HJJ was noted attorney for their daughter, Frances Cockburn Sims, in 1826 & 7 for Farm Pen in St Andrews. Charles James Sims died in 1812 and his wife was dead by 1818.
- 101 John Haughton James owned Burnt Ground and Haughton Hall in Hanover.
- 102 William Miller was an attorney and had an interest in many estates. He was Custos for Trelawny before finally leaving Jamaica. He made his will in London in 1837 by which he left the bulk of his estate to his brother, George, and his sisters children. He appears to have been unmarried. Robert Hawthorn was one of his executors. [PROB 11/1876 National Archives]
- 103 Henry Burke, barrister, Recorder for Kingston and Member of the House of Assembly for Portland in 1824 [JFS]
- 104 His two elder sons, William Rhodes and Herbert were probably the children at Hyde Abbey School. Sadly the only surviving pupils' fees account book in the Hampshire Records Office is for 1824-26, but there is a mention in HJJ's brother's notebook that the ages of these two in 1826 was 9 (August) and 8 (November) and by the former, "Rhodes" as he was always known, "1827 February, to Hyde Abbey". [Private papers]
- 105 John Gardner Millward and William George Harrison were attorneys and the firm Millward and Harrison appears once in the 1820 Almanac for St Catherine's. John Gardner Millward died in 1822 and William George Harrison in 1827. Both William Heath and James Taws were executors of Harrison's will.
- 106 Mount Pleasant in St Catherine had 142 slaves in 1816 but the number had fallen to 115 in 1827.
- 107 Dr Dawson was renting a house in Spanish Town owned by Mrs Allen for which HJJ was noted in the St Catherine Almanac as her attorney. [JFS]
- 108 Isaac Deleon Thompson.
- 109 W. Webb addressed in subsequent letters of Angel Court, Throgmorton St. Dead by Oct 1831.
- 110 Possibly Edward Biggs, attorney and Deputy Judge Advocate from 1822. Solicitors for the parishes of Manchester and St Mary in 1824 Messrs. Bernard and Biggs. [JFS]

- 111Possibly Joseph Waldron who had a little holding in St Catherine between 1825 and 1840. [JFS]
- 112Elizabeth Alexander had a small number of slaves in St Catherine from 1817 to 1833 according to the Almanacs [JFS]
- 113Dr James Lee died 1821
- 114Hon. William Burge, the Attorney General in 1824. In 1832 he was Government agent on the island in London. He held Mulberry Garden in St Catherine and Warwick in Manchester in the right of his wife. He died in 1849.
- 115William Bullock of St Catherine. In 1824 he held two public offices as Island Storekeeper and Public Messenger. He was also Secretary of the Island and Notary Public according to the Almanac.
- 116William Hewitt of St Catherine held an estate called Cumberland in Clarendon. He was dead by 8th March 1833 and administration of his goods etc. in England granted in May. [PROB11/1815]
- 117Charles Gordon attested to having been with James Seton Lane when he made his will in 1823 on 10th August 1828.
- 118Palmer must have died before 16th November when HJJ replied to the letter from William Miller about the receivership.
- 119Charles Campbell of Florence Hall, Trelawny
- 120 Edward Knowles held Spring, Trelawny but was dead by 1817. His estate was in the hands of the heirs of William Mitchell by 1832 by which time Charles Campbell was also dead.
- 121James Daly owned land in Manchester and St Elizabeth and was receiver for a number of other estates. He was living in Lambeth, Surrey, when he made his will in 1837 [PROB 11/2052]
- 122NOT FOUND
- 123Edward Saa of St Catherine, was born 1789, and died January 1828. He was noted as "brown" in the burial register.
- 124John Millward son of John Gardner Millward, born in 1785.
- 125Margaret Graham, eldest daughter of Col. Colin Dundas Graham and married Michael Benignus Clare in 1817 at Twickenham Park, the house of Francis Graham. After his death she married Lt. Col. Sir Hugh Halkett.
- 126NOT FOUND
- 127Mount Pleasant estate in St Catherine
- 128Possibly Edward Reeve of St Catherine who was recorded as having 11 slaves in the 1827 Almanac. [JFS]
- 129Francis Rigby Brodbelt Stallard Penoyre of Batheaston, Somerset by his will proved 23rd May 1827 left to his brother-in-law John Millward Esq of Jamaica the yearly sum of £50 during his life current money of Jamaica. Frances Millward, John's sister, married the then Francis Rigby Brodbelt M.D. in 1803 at the cathedral in Spanish Town. Brodbelt was heir to Thomas Stallard Penoyre and took his name after 1823. Eliza Lee Brodbelt, James Lee Brodbelt and Thomas Lee Brodbelt were the 'reputed children' of Francis by Jemima Johnson Lee, at free mulatto. She herself was the daughter of Dr James Lee by Eliza Gardner Johnson. In his will of 1821, James Lee described Eliza as "my faithful. a free black woman" leaving her £3,300 Currency, household goods, and all his slaves. She and Jemima were to share a pen in St Catherine and "my mountain" in the same called Rodens for their lives. Also mentioned were Sarah Lee Clare and Jemima Lee Clare "reputed children of Michael Benognus [sic] Clare" £1,000 Currency each. He left the residue of his estate to Francis Rigby Brodbelt of Bath Easton Villa and his reputed children. His executors were Thomas Stallard Penoyre, Francis Rigby Brodbelt, John Gardner Millward (to whom he left his house in Spanish Town) and Alexander Bayley. Francis (perhaps not surprisingly) erected a monument to James Lee in Spanish Town. Both James and Thomas graduated as Doctors of Medicine from Edinburgh University in 1824. Thomas returned to Jamaica and is noted later in this letter-book. [PROB 11/1726 & 1664 National Archives]
- 130James Taws of St Catherine. Clerk to the Vestry and the workhouse 1824 Almanac. [JFS]
- 131Colin Mackenzie of Mount Gerald, Ross Shire, North Britain, and of Spanish Town. Had interests in estates but his will of 1835 (proved in London in 1841) shows little money made from them. [PROB11/1939 National Archives]
- 132William Duncan, attorney. St Catherine Almanac 1826-1833. Died in England in 1834. He married Harriet daughter of William Ramsey Esq. 18th March 1824 at St Catherine's Cathedral.
- 133Edward Bigg manumitted a slave, Thomas Colgan, 7th September 1824 for 5/-. [JFS]
- 134Isaac Deleon Thomson, merchant, witnessed a codicil to Dr James Lee's will made on board ship on the way to Bristol 19th May 1821. [PROB 11/1664 National Archive]
- 135Possibly Geoghegan - see below.
- 136Henry John Ross, Esq., Solicitor for the Crown in 1824. Held 'Retreat Pen' in St Andrew. Noted in the Edinburgh Advertiser Sept. 23rd 1828 as His Majesty's Attorney General for the Island of Jamaica.
- 137William Sheriff Tonge of St Catherine, barrister. 1830 Ross, Tongue, and Hughes - Duke St., Kingston [JFS]
- 138London merchants
- 139Dandy fever: An acute mosquito- borne viral illness of sudden onset that usually follows a benign course with headache, fever, prostration, severe joint and muscle pain, swollen glands (lymphadenopathy) and rash. The presence (the "dengue triad") of fever, rash, and headache (and other pains) is particularly characteristic. Better known as dengue, the disease is endemic throughout the tropics and subtropics. It goes by other names including breakbone fever. Victims of dengue often have contortions due to the intense joint and muscle pain. Hence, the name "breakbone fever." Slaves in the West Indies who contracted dengue were said to have "dandy fever" because of their postures and gait.
- 140Thomas Reynolds Bartrum a West India merchant in London.
- 141William McRobbie held Smallwood Pen in St Catherine but was dead by 1825.

- [St Catherine 547 (Smallwood) 1st Feb 1836 | 80 Enslaved | £1602 17S 5D
T71/852: awarded to James Forsyth, Kingston, as executor of Wm McRobbie.] [UCL]
- 142James Forsyth of Kingston was executor for William McRobbie and had interests in a number of other estates. He wrote his will in 1835 (proved in London in 1840). [PROB11/1929]
- 143George Ogilvy of Trelawny. Involved with William Miller in managing estates there.
- 144George William Hamilton, merchant. Receiver of Langley from 1831 until 1833 [1832 Return of slaves in St Mary in possession of George William Hamilton as receiver appointed by an order of the King in Council in a certain cause intitled "Marshall & ux et al vs Ogilvie"]
- 145In St Thomas in the Vale
- 146John Randall Ellard, of Hanover, a Commissioner of the Supreme court 1817 & 1824 when also Harbour Master at Lucea and at Green Island. Not listed as an awardee of of slave compensation. [JFS]
- 147Thomas Joseph Gray owned Easthams, St James. The award for slave compensation went to a judgment creditor for 80 slaves and to Katherine Gray as owner in fee for 14. [UCL]
- 148James Lawrence Hilton owned Scarbrough in St Ann and was awardee of compensation for the slaves in 1836 [UCL]
- 149Isaac Deleon Thomson owned Mount Prospect in St Catherine although he still held it in 1833
- 150William Rodon Rennalls, Judge of the Court of Admiralty of Jamaica. He died in London in 1863.
- 151David Finlayson (1770-1834) Member of house of Assembly for Westmorland 1797-1831, Speaker 1821-1830, died Spanish Town 7 March 1834.
- 152John Racker Webb (1760-1830) had estates in St Elizabeth and Manchester. He made a will by which he left Mary Wint, a free quadroon, styled "Gentlewoman" and his "friend", the mother of his three children, his executrix. She renounced the execution. [JFS]
- 153Probably concerns the estate of Robert Bogle of Gilmorehill, a West India merchant who died in 1821. He left a will which was in dispute and not resolved until 1838. [The Scottish Jurist]
- 154Nancy Graham, born at Spanish Town, daughter of Francis Graham of Tulloch, St Thomas in the Vale and a Miss Jackson. In Sir M.B. Clare's will she is noted as living in his house in Cromerty, Scotland, and that until she shall receive or be paid the legacy of five thousand pounds left her by her father's will she should receive an annuity or yearly sum of fifty pounds. On 25 October 1833 Miss Nancy Graham married her father's widow's brother – Lieutenant Alexander Gordon Graham. On her death certificate Nancy Graham, widow of Captain Alexander Gordon Graham, was noted as daughter of Francis Graham, West India Sugar Planter.
[<http://inchbrakie.tripod.com/inchbrakie/id39.html>]
- 155Colin Graham was a half brother of Nancy Graham. He died aged 35 in St Catherine in 1834.
- 156Possibly William Fraser Clement of St Catherine. Clerk to the Highways in 1824, received £700 as Serjeant at Arms in 1835. There is only one reference to him holding a little land in St Catherine in the 1825 Almanac. [JFS]
- 157John Hanson held Hanson's Pen in St Catherine. Elizabeth Williams Hanson was the widow of John Hanson, had with her husband borrowed £1500 from Brodbelts in 1829 to allow him to keep producing while he paid off other debts, largely also owed to the Brodbelts. [UCL]
- 158NOT FOUND
- 159Ann Moore St Catherine Almanac 1818 & 1820 [JFS]
- 160James Wintle of Rocky Ridge, St Catherine Almanac 1811-1826 [JFS]
- 161Elizabeth Archer St Catherine Almanac 1818 to 1831 [JFS]
- 162Isaac Deleon Thomson
- 163George Scott Coward St Catherine Almanac 1828 to 1831. Awarded degree as Dr of Medicine from Edinburgh 1822. [JFS]
- 164See 19 March [1832] for explanation of who he was.
- 165Samuel Pereira Mendes St Dorothy Almanac 1816 to 1827 for Retreat Pen. Also St Catherine Almanac from 1825. [JFS]
- 166James Shedden appeared first in Trelawny as executor of J. G. Taylor in the 1823 Almanac, and continued to appear as executor and then trustee until 1831. [JFS]
- 167John Robert Mitchell of Florida, Trelawny in 1828 and Rock in the same when he was awarded slave compensation where he was described as of Scotland. Brother-in-law of Robert Hawthorn. He married his sister Susan Hawthorn according to the will of Alexander Hawthorn. [PROB 11/1659 National Archives]
- 168James Peter Warburton held land in St James and was awarded slave compensation in 1836
- 169Peter Warburton held Venture in Trelawny. The estate does not appear after 1827 Almanac. [JFS]
- 170Jonathan Samuda (1807-1882), son of David and Hannah
- 171Refers to letter of 8th May to James Shedden
- 172Rowland Williams St Catherine & St Elizabeth Almanacs 1826 to 1828 [JFS]
- 173William Rodon of Arcedeckne Pen, St Catherine (if the link with M.B. Clare debtors to St Catherine is correct).
- 174Will made 12th October 1827 entered 9th May 1828 for Eliza Jackson City of Kingston spinster by which she leaves to her "beloved daughter Nancy Graham" at present in Scotland, money arising from the sale of some named slaves and to be here residuary legatee. Her executors were named as Samuel Laing of Kingston Gent. and John Dickson of same, mariner. Peter and William Laing and Eliza Reid witnessed the making of the will..[LOS 198 fol. 155]

- 175 Letter-book clearly gives "R Laing" as executor, contrary to the will. A Robert Laing's monumental inscription in Kingston gives his death as 18th January 1842. Samuel Laing is awarded compensation for 3 slaves in Kingston.
- 176 Augustus Eliott Fuller, merchant at 4 Church Court, Clements Lane, City of London. He was the son and later partner of Rose Fuller whose will was probated in 1821.
- 177 Thomas Usher held Cedar Valley in St Catherine, merchant in Kingston. [JFS]
- 178 George Howel held Healthful Hill in St Catherine but was dead by this date. [JFS]
- 179 William Jackson St Dorothy and St John Almanacs 1828 with interests in a number of estates. In his will he appointed HJJ as one of his trustees. Will made August 1839 and proved November 1840 [PROB 11/1936 National Archives]
- 180 William George Nunes, a public official who was Secretary to the Governor of Jamaica in 1834.
- 181 Major-General Sir John Keane (1781-1844) 2nd son of Sir John Keane, 1st Baronet. An Irish soldier in the British Army. Commander of the forces in Jamaica. Acting Governor of Jamaica 1827 until 1829.
- 182 Samuel Laing was the executor according to the will.
- 183 Elizabeth A. Valentine St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 184 Eleanor Valentine St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 185 Francis Ferrara of Milton, St Dorothy Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 186 Firm of Lynch Myers Hylton & Barnett, attorneys. [JFS]
- 187 Probably the putative children of Francis Rigby Brodbelt Stallard Penoyre.
- 188 Henry Allen Hull was son of William whose estate Chester, St Ann, was clearly an unresolved issue as his death was recorded in the Almanac from 1812 until 1838. [JFS]
- 189 John Thomas Pinnock St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 190 Felix McCullough noted at his marriage in 1831 of St Catherine
- 191 William Rowe held land in St Elizabeth and Manchester 1828 Almanacs [JFS]
- 192 Possibly George Omeally reputed son of John Omeally Esq. of St John in the Vale and Anne David a free mulatto woman who by Act of the Jamaican Assembly was given restricted rights of of English subject in 1794. His sister Bridget is noted later. [JFS]
- 193 Possibly widow of John Russell Williams, Russell Hall, St Ann. He was a reputed son of John Williams of St Ann, who by Act of the Jamaican Assembly was given restricted rights of of English subject in 1777. He was dead by 1817. [JFS]
- 194 Rev. Lewis Bowerbank was Rector of St Catherine from 1823 until 1843.
- 195 Elizabeth Martha Coakley St Catherine Almanac from 1820 and held two houses there in 1840. She had a son by Thomas Witter Jackson in 1807, also named Thomas Witter Jackson, a quadroon. At the time of the birth, Thomas Witter Jackson was Attorney General of Jamaica. He died in Jamaica in 1821. [JFS]
- 196 Mary Aldred Eberall St Catherine Almanac 1829. Quadroon daughter of Edward Eberall and Sarah Jane Aldred, a free mulatto. Mary baptised in St Catherine in 1785. [JFS]
- 197 Mary N. Eberall St Catherine Almanac 1831, also as executrix of S. Lyon. [JFS]
- 198 Philip Redwood St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 199 Richard Reid Hanover Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 200 William T Wilmot, Grove, St Ann 1928 [JFS]
- 201 George Scott Coward
- 202 James Seton Lane of Cool Shade, St Thomas in the Vale, made a will leaving noting an unexpired lease of Salt Pond Hut Pen in St Catherine which he held with John Alves, now dead. All his estate with slaves to be sold for benefit of wife and children. [PROB 11/1755 National Archives]
- 203 John Black was administrator for James Tuming (noted as such in slave return for 1817 in Trelawney).
- 204 From WRJ4's account book:
22 dec 1828 Robt. Hawthorn's Letter
"d..large batch of small bills remitted by your Brother become due next month when I purpose adding £1000 or £1200 to his stock - if you wish any alteration made pray inform me - To avoid expenses of postage, power of attorney &c &c the bill to Tuming was invested in our joint names to be disposed of as your Brother the admor. may direct.
Lre 4 Nov 1828. I have recd a letter from Mess. Stirling Gordon & Co. this morning inclosing a bank draft at 20 days for £349.17.8 with a statement of the interest allowed which I will forward to your Brother". [Private collection]
- 205 Eliza Sinclair and three children Nancy, Thomas and Daniel, and Elizabeth Williams and her daughter Rebecca Durrant were slaves to be sold according to Eliza Jackson's will for the benefit of Nancy Graham.
- 206 Possibly Robert Page St Thomas in the Vale Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 207 Thomas Burrell Smith of Smithfield, St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 208 Richard Boucher of Marlborough Mount, Manchester. HJJ named his youngest son, born in 1822, Richard Boucher James who was left £1,000 by the Will of Richard Boucher.
- 209 Edmund Francis Green, West India Merchant, 147 Leadenhall St., London.
- 210 Fray and Watson St James Almanac from 1831 [JFS]
- 211 Possibly Rebecca Williams St Ann Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 212 George William Hamilton, Wallens Pen, St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 213 Possibly George St. John Ricketts, St John Almanac 1828 [JFS]

- 214Possibly Thomas Pitter, Sherwood Forest, Manchester Almanac 1828
- 215Possibly Esther L. Martins St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 216Simon Taylor, merchant..
- 217Robert Cargill, a Solicitor for the City of Kingston 1824. He married Charlotte, daughter of William Ramsey Esq. on 25th March 1824 at St Catherine's Cathedral.
- 218Possibly John Thomas Bell, Fairfield, St John Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 219Possibly James Dalhouse, Rose Hill, St Andrew Almanac 1828-1832 [JFS]
- 220Samuel Clarke, executor of A. Moore, St Catherine Almanac 1823. He was noted St Catherine Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 221John Henry Deffell, a London merchant who also held a number of Jamaican estates in 1828 according to the Almanacs.
- 222Probably Dr Thomas Lee Brodbelt.
- 223William Myers, attorney, of Spanish Town.
- 224James R. Bernal St Catherine & St John Almanacs 1828 [JFS]
- 225John Le Ray de la Clartais, Red Hill, St John Almanac 1828 [JFS]
- 226NOT FOUND
- 227Samuel Dare St Catherine Almanac 1828, later of New York.
- 228The *European Magazine* was published in London between 1782 and 1826.
- 229Dr Thomas Lee Brodbelt
- 230John B. Garel, Union, St Catherine Almanac 1829. [JFS]
- 231Milborough Smith St Elizabeth Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 232Alexander Bell, Fair Prospect, St John Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 233Mary E. Hocker St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 234Hon. John Mais, St Andrew, St George and Port Royal Almanacs 1829 [JFS]
- 235Possibly Thomas Smith, Smithfield, St Ann Almanac 1828, dead 1829 [JFS]
- 236Mrs Millward's daughter now wife of Septimus Thomas Allen. HJJ St Catherine Almanac from 1828 for himself and for Mrs T.S. Allen. [JFS]
- 237John Bloxam Elin was in Kingston, Jamaica in the 1820s in a merchant firm, Steel, Elin & Co. which was dissolved in 1830 and then established Elin, Scott & Co. His two sons were born during that period in Jamaica. In 1832 Elin's slaves on Wakefield estate St Ann were registered by Alex Reid Scott as attorney of JB Elin. By 1835 Elin had returned to London but the Kingston firm continued to operate with Scott remaining in Jamaica.
- 238Jane Kilby Duany St John Almanac from 1817 & St Catherine Almanac from 1820. Noted in both Almanacs in 1831 and received Slave Compensation for both in 1836. [JFS]
- 239Dr James Lee
- 240Possibly Elsey French, Golden Vale, St George Almanac 1825-1832 [JFS]
- 241Mary W. Duff St Catherine Almanac 1824 & 1831 [JFS]
- 242Rebecca Soares St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 243Possibly Ann Forrest St Catherine Almanac 1821 [JFS]
- 244William Bealy of Bath, M.D. was one of the executors of the will of Francis Rigby Brodbelt Stallard Penoyre.
- 245Possibly Richard Charlton, clerk in Spanish Town. Son baptised in the Cathedral 1829
- 246Venus A. Hurst, Mount Pleasant, St Ann Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 247Elizabeth U. Swarbreck St Catherine & Elizabeth Swarbrick, Upton Hill, St John Almanacs 1829 [JFS]
- 248John Williams junior St Ann Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 249William Langley, attorney, Goat Walk, St Catherine Almanac 1828 and no later reference to him. [JFS]
- 250The keeper or owner of a wharf
- 251Edward Owen, Hopetown & Kingsland, Manchester Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 252John Millward Esq. white, of Spanish Town, buried 7th April 1829, aged 43yrs, by Rev. C. Dallas
- 253Sarah Cole born 1778 quattron daughter of Elsey James Cole, both manumised. In 1794 the trustees of the will of Richard Welch released to "Elsey James Cole and Sarah Cole of St Catherine, Jamaica, women of colour....a house and land in St. Jago de la Vega". Sarah Cole continued to hold land there and was awarded slave compensation.
- 254Nancy Martin, "a free person of colour" left "6 perches of land adj her house" by the will of Francis Rigby Brodbelt Stallard Penoyre in 1827.
- 255Septimus Thomas Allen, born 1789 in Kent. Was a lawyer at Cliffords Inn and later a wine merchant. At death worth under £300.
- 256Houghton son of William Rhodes James and his first wife, Mary Kerr Brown. Born in Jamaica in 1811, he was at Twyford School and then Winchester. From this time on he lived in Jamaica and died at Old Harbour, St Catherine in 1856.
- 257John Apthorp Vaughan born in Massachusetts in 1795, son of Charles Edgar Vaughan who was born in Jamaica but died in Maine. Nephew of William Vaughan and was employed by him in London for a while from 1815 until taking charge of the family estate in Jamaica. He returned to Maine where he was ordained in 1833. Noted in his uncle's will made 1841 to be Rev. JAV of New York. [PROB 11/2115 National Archives]
- 258William Vaughan, merchant of Fenchurch St formerly of Mincing Lane according to his will proved 1850. He was the son of Samuel Frier Vaughan, also a London merchant and absentee owner of estates in Jamaica. [as above]
- 259Rachel or Rebecca Vaz. Both St Catherine Almanac 1831. Rebecca received slave compensation. [JFS]

- 260 Esther Burke St Thomas in the East Almanac 1829. [JFS]
- 261 Daniel Saa, Brett's Pen, St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 262 Mary McDermott as guardian St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 263 Elizabeth Brammer, Russell Pen, St Thomas in the Vale Almanac 1829 [in text EB] [JFS]
- 264 John March, Hog Hole, St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 265 Asher Levy St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 266 Joseph S. Geoghegan St Catherine Almanac 1829 [JFS]
- 267 The Cockpit were buildings at Whitehall used by Court of Appeal [O.D.]
- 268 James Gayleard a Master in Ordinary of the Court of Chancery in Jamaica [JFS]
- 269 William Aldred - 1823 slave return - noted beside him "conveyed [c.o. by the name of William Brodbelt] to Mrs Brodbelt & Mrs Brown" [T71/3 National Archives]
- 270 Bathsheba - 1817 slave return - owner John Gardner Millward - Sambo Creole age 25 [T71/1 National Archives]
- 271 Constantia - 1817 slave return - owner John Gardner Millward - Negro Creole aged 37. Her children are Mary - Negro Creole aged 15 and Nelly - Negro Creole aged 5.
- 272 Anna - 1829 slave return belonging to Mrs A Allen (HJJ agent for her) - notes George her son, Sambo Creole aged 14mths. [T71/7 National Archives]
- 273 John Lunan was printer to the Honourable Council.
- 274 John Blair was noted at trustee with Hilton of Hanson's Penn, St Catherine, in the slave compensation awards. There was an unsuccessful counterclaim by Hanson's widow for £400 currency annuity in lieu of dower. [UCL]
- 275 Elizabeth Ecuyer, widow, died in Spanish Town 1833.
- 276 Charles Lawrence a Liverpool merchant, was the grandson of James Lawrence and Mary James, daughter of Col. Richard James and Mary Partridge, and so a distant relative of HJJ.
- 277 Sir William Curtis apparently died 18th Jan 1829 but the name of the bank with which he was associated was 'Sir William Curtis, Robarts & Curtis' from 1818 until 1834 when it became 'Robarts, Curtis & Co'.
- 278 David Finlayson jun. son of Mary Vidal, father unknown. She was a quadroon daughter of John Vidal by Sarah Diston, a free mulatto. John Vidal had married Mary Wade in 1762. Mary was born in February 1763 and his legitimate son, John James Vidal, was born the following September. Thus she was his half-sister. Mary made a will in 1822 as "Gentlewoman" mentioning sons David and William Finlayson whom she made her residuary legatees. They both made claims for slave compensation, some of which they had inherited from their mother. They also made wills which, like their mother's, were proved in London. One of Mary's executors was "David Finlayson the elder" to whom she left the house that he lived in in Savannah la Mar, for life. He might have been the father of her two sons but another possible parent was a David Finlayson who was Deputy Provost Marshal and keeper of the Cornwall Gaol between 1779 and 1787. He died in Edinburgh in 1799, described "late Savannah la Mare, Westmorland, Jamaica, Member of the House of Assembly for Westmorland....".
- 279 John C. Marshall of St James Almanac 1822-33. Awarded slave compensation. [JFS]
- 280 Herbert Newton Jarrett born 1797. He inherited Orange Valley, Trelawney from his father and returned to Jamaica later to run the estate until finally leaving in 1835. He died near Winchester in 1879.
- 281 Mary James, widow of Montague, died in New York in 1793.
- 282 William Myers, attorney of Spanish Town.
- 283 Herbert Newton Jarrett died at Orange Valley, Trelawny. Before his return to Jamaica he had been living at his estate, Great Bromley, Essex. It would appear that he had gone to Jamaica because of his worries over the profitability of his estate there. His will was proved 13th March 1830. His son Herbert, William Rhodes James and William Mitchell Kerr were named as trustees and executors.
- 284 Possibly William Stevenson
- 285 Kitty noted in the Slave Return signed by HJJ as agent for Mrs Allen in 1829. Kitty was mother of Fanny, aged 26 months. [T71/7 National Archives]
- 286 George son of Anna aged 14 months. [as above]
- 287 Hector alias Hector Thomas and Collingwood, alias Thomas Collingwood returned in 1823 by Wm John Harrison as Attorney of Thomas James Brown since deceased. Noted 1826 in return of slaves in possession of HJJ as attorney to Mrs Ann Gardner-Brown as maternal guardian of Ann Frances Brown and Thomas James Brown. [T71/6 National Archives]
- 288 Francis R. B. S. Penoyre left "To Emily Thomas all that remaining portion of the said piece of land [left to Nancy Martin] forever." He also left her an annuity of £25. [PROB 11/1726 National Archives]
- 289 Francis R. B. S. Penoyre left "To Nancy Martin, free person of colour, 6 perches of land adj her house being parcel of a piece of land mentioned & comprized in a certain conveyance from one Anthony Nammy to my late father bearing date 1 April 1784 recorded in the Secretaries Office 16 May 1791 liber 388 folio 59 situate in the town of Saint Jago de la Vega which said piece of land is lying near the road leading to the penn formerly belonging to Mr Cross containing 1a1r30p more or less to hold to the said NM her heirs and assigns forever but in the event of her death in my lifetime I devise the same land unto her two daughters Eliza & Maria Brodbelt forever" [as above]
- 290 Charles Scott of St Thomas in the East. Made a will in 1842 which showed him to have no legitimate children but a number of reputed children. The bulk of his estate went to relatives in Scotland although his "reputed" daughter Ann, married Richard Greaves Marshall whom he made his executor. [PROB 11/1989 National Archives]
SCOTT, Charles Esq. aged 73 years, on the 7th August, at his residence near Morant Bay, Jamaica. - Mr Scott

- resided 45 years in the island, universally beloved and esteemed. While true candour, pure integrity, innate modesty, and unbounded benevolence are estimable, his memory must be dear to all who knew him. [Vol. 1, No.4, page 520 Fisher's Colonial Magazine and Commercial Maritime Journal, 1842]
- 291 George William Hamilton, merchant, son of John Hamilton of Northpark, merchant of Glasgow, and Helen Bogle. Married to Martha Bryce ('free Mustee'). He died in 1858.
- 292 William Tharp younger son of Thomas Partridge Tharp, grandson of John Tharp later of Chippenham Park, Cambridgeshire.
- 293 Herbert Jarrett James was born in 19th November 1818 and died 2nd October 1833. He appears to have been at Hyde Abbey school with his elder brother.
- 294 Members of the Sutton family were granted parcels of land Portland by letters patent from 1736 to 1747.
- 295 Estate in Portland
- 296 Mrs Elizabeth Hodgins Cargill, daughter of Milborough Hodgins and Richard Cargill
- 297 John Sutton Minot Esq of Portland married Miss Elizabeth Hawthorn daughter of Alexander Hawthorn of Trelawny, (elder sister of Robert Hawthorn) at Unity Valley, St Ann, 3rd October 1807. He owned Passley Garden in Portland. He died 8th January 1830. [Benjamin M'Mahon in his '*Jamaica Plantership*' p78-9 noted that in 1830 he became overseer at Passley Garden estate, which was in Chancery & John Sutton Minot, an attorney-at-law in Kingston, was the receiver & a legatee of the estate. M'Mahon noted it was badly run, Minot very poor and died intestate.]
- 298 Titchfield Peninsula at Port Antonio, Portland.
- 299 Robert Cargill, solicitor in Kingston, younger brother of John who married Ann Grant Farmer in 1806. John Cargill's eldest son was a barrister, Jasper Farmer Cargill.
- 300 William Green of Dromilly, Trelawny, made his will in 1812 in which he noted "having purchased from from Alexander Edgar 117 negroes & 221a of land for £17,000 cy to be paid by five instalments in bills at twelve months sight £2588 14s making together £19,588 14s cy the title to those negroes I have taken in my own name the 3rd bond for £42,000 assigned in trust to John Wallace & Thos Gordon until the said Alexander Edgar can relieve me of his wife's marriage settlement of £300 cy per annum after his having done so the amount of the third instalment is to be paid him but until such release can be obtained I cannot be called upon for payment of this third bond so assigned having made this purchase for the accommodation of John Rose Esq upon my being refunded the amount paid & interest upon the same terms & conditions as my engagement with Alexander Edgar..." His widow had to take a copy of the will to London for probate the following year because "there are considerable amounts of money due to the estate from divers merchants here which cannot be received for want of a personal representative of the deceased made under the authority of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury". Philip John Miles, merchant of Bristol, was one of the trustees of both Green's estate and John Stogdon's. [PROB 11/1550 National Archives]
- 301 John Stogdon's will was proved in 1800 but clearly his estate was still saddled with debts as William Green directed in his will that Miles should be given reasonable time for payment "...as I would not wish the Estate of Stogdon to be injured & which Mr Miles might probably do in the event of my pushing him tho' my money laid out upon those properties has made his debt doubly secure.." Miles was the mortgagee of Stogdon's estate and was a claimant for slave compensation which was ultimately awarded to a counterclaimant. [PROB 11/1337 National Archives]
- 302 By the will of Thomas James Brown, her late son in law, proved in November 1823, "...in consideration of his fidelity manumize and make free my servant Thomas formerly called Toby but christened at his request by my own name.." [PROB 11/1677 National Archives]
- 303 Mrs Penoyre was Frances, the elder daughter of Mrs Millward. She married 25th July 1803. 1861 living at "The Moor" Clifford (Hay on Wye) with a widowed daughter, Anne M. N. Penoyre. From the will one of the conditions of the daughter's inheritance was that her husband take the name Penoyre.
- 304 A tropical southeast Asian tree (*Citrus maxima*) closely related to the grapefruit and having very large round fruit with thick rinds and coarse-grained pulp.
- 305 Sarah Cole
- 306 This must refer to Elizabeth Minot. Her husband John Sutton Minot died in January 1830 and was buried at Portland, Jamaica. There is no reference to her burial there although her death could only have been a few months later.
- 307 Miss Mary Hawthorn Minot born 1810 and Jane Susan Minot born 1814, daughter of John Sutton Minot and Elizabeth Hawthorn.
- 308 The Falmouth Water Company was established in 1799 using water from the Martha Brae river to supply the town of Falmouth, Trelawny, and visiting ships.
- 309 His sister Susan was mentioned in his father's will proved in 1822 as "deceased daughter Susan late wife of John Robert Mitchell of the Rock Trelawny.." and mother of John Mitchell.
- 310 George Minot died 8th November 1831 in Jamaica "formerly a Representative in the Assembly for the parish of Portland" [The Gentleman's Magazine (London, England), Volume 149]
- 311 NOTHING FOUND
- 312 Could be a reference to a satirical paper *Paul Pry's Weekly Bulletin* published in Rochester, New York, in 1829, later named simply *Paul Pry* and published in Washington. It was named after a theatrical farce of the same name written by the English playwright John Poole in 1825, a success in both London and New York. [http://etd.library.vanderbilt.edu/available/etd-08132012-133201/unrestricted/Halverson.pdf]
- 313 Hopewell Tyler had a small holding in Trelawny.

- 314 William, son of William James Stevenson (who died April 1830, late Receiver-General of Jamaica) and Mary Lawrence James. Born 1804, married three times, Governor of Mauritius 1857-63. He was listed as a barrister in 1839
- 315 Sassafras nuts were used in a similar way to cocoa beans as a warm drink whereas the chips were in medicine as they had analgesic and antiseptic properties.
- 316 Robert Mein of Retreat, Portland.
- 317 Possibly the will of Edward Earl of Seafield, Trelawny. He appeared in the Almanac until 1822 when he was noted as deceased. "Heirs of Edward Earl" were listed until 1833 and Archibald and Edward Earl received the slave award for adjoining parcels and so does Elizabeth for another in Trelawny on the same day.
- 318 Herbert Newton Jarrett, their mother's brother, who died 8 Dec 1829 at Orange Valley
- 319 Herbert Newton Jarrett, their grandfather, died 1790.
- 320 Hacton Pen, Trelawney, was noted in Herbert Newton Jarrett's will as being purchased from Thomas Reid by his father and containing 437 acres. This WRJ4 should have known as he had proved the will with Herbert Newton Jarrett, the son, 13th March 1830.
- 321 Orange Valley, Trelawney
- 322 William Dawes Quarrell, attorney
- 323 Haughton, born December 1811, eldest son of WRJ by his first wife. He arrived in Jamaica 7th May 1829. He was articulated to Duncan & Dare.
- 324 James Gayleard, a Master in Chancery
- 325 William Duncan, attorney.
- 326 Arthur Foulkes held land in Clarendon but had mortgaged it in 1826 to Philip & George Protheroe, merchants in Bristol. They had transferred the mortgage later the same year to Stephen Cave, also a merchant, who was awarded the slave compensation in 1836.
- 327 Elizabeth Martha Coakley held houses in St Catherine and Arthur Foulkes appears in the Almanac there in 1832 and 1833.
- 328 Rowland Williams, attorney.
- 329 Larchin Lynch of St Catherine's bachelor, white married Ann Elizabeth Speight of St Catherine's, spinster of colour by Licence 17th January 1831 at Port Royal, on the same day as their son, Frederick Weston Lynch, was baptised. This child was at least the fourth. A son, Arthur Gordon Lynch, was baptised 16th January 1822 at St Catherine's when his mother was described at a "free mustee". Larchin Lynch was a Master in Chancery.
- 330 Dr Bealy of Bath
- 331 Eliza had been at the Misses Fourniers' school at 3 Upper Crescent, Bath, in 1825-6 and a bill for her education was noted in WRJ4's rough account book [Private collection]
- 332 Sir William Anglin Scarlett, Chief Justice of Jamaica from 1821. He married Mary, daughter of Joseph Williams of Luana, St. Elizabeth, in 1809.
- 333 Robert William Scarlett died at Worthing 22nd October 1832 aged 22.
- 334 James William Scarlett, born 1812 and at this time was at Trinity College, Oxford. He was admitted at the Inner Temple in 1834 and called to the Bar in 1838.
- 335 Sir Willoughby Cotton. Commander of the forces in Jamaica 1829-1934.
- 336 Haughton Tower, Hanover WRJ4's estate which he inherited by the will of Haughton James, a distant cousin.
- 337 John Plummer and William Wilson West India merchants on London. The firm, Plummer & Wilson, was declared bankrupt in December 1830.
- 338 Sarah Ann Lindsay noted in 1831 Portland Almanac with 6 slaves and in 1833 with 5. She died in 1834 leaving a ring and brooch to her nieces, Mary and Jane Minot, daughters of John Sutton Minot and Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Hawthorn.
- 339 Elizabeth Hodgins Cargill was buried 26th March 1831 aged 79 at St Marylebone.
- 340 On an equal footing
- 341 Philip John Miles merchant of Bristol made a counterclaim in Chancery for the Slaves on Clifton Estate in Trelawny that had been owned by John Stogdon. In 1838 compensation was awarded to Alexander Reid Scott.
- 342 George Atkinson and James Hozier, Kingston Merchants
- 343 Possibly William Stevenson whose father died the year before
- 344 Walter George Stewart
- 345 Daughter of William Hewitt
- 346 Alexander Gordon Fyfe. In 1839 a Stipendiary Magistrate in St Mary.
- 347 John Haughton James jun (1799-1887)
- 348 Patrick Waugh landowner in St Ann and Trelawny
- 349 John Edward Wilson Panton, barrister
- 350 Fitzherbert Batty, barrister
- 351 Maurice Jones held Boston Estate in Portland and received slave compensation for it.
- 352 Mr Thomas Rennalls was the workhouse supervisor in St Catherine when Sir Michael Benignus Clare was surgeon there in 1824. He may be the same Thomas Rennalls of Mount Florence, St Thomas in the Vale noted in the Almanac for 1831
- 353 Philip Pinnock of St Catherine, noted in Almanac for 1831 & 1833

- 354 Thomas James Bernard, St Catherine Almanac 1831
- 355 Walter George Stewart, St Catherine Almanac 1831
- 356 Booksellers in Pall Mall
- 357 Robert Lenox [sic] of 59 Broadway, New York, was a wealthy Scottish merchant of New York. His son, James, was born in 1800 and inherited a fortune from his father in 1839. He became a bibliophile and his library became part of the New York Public Library in 1895.
- 358 Annual crops cultivated by a tenant which are treated as the tenant's property rather than the landowner's. If a tenant loses possession of the land, he or she is still entitled to finish raising the crops and to harvest them.
- 359 Arthur Robert Jones, noted Portland Almanac 1831
- 360 Robert Hawthorn went into partnership with his brother in law, William Shedden.
- 361 Solomon Mendes Da Silva, St John Almanac 1829, St Thomas in the Vale 1831, St Catherine 1833
- 362 Bridget O'Meally was daughter of Anne David a free mulatto woman of St Thomas in the Vale reputed daughter of John O'Meally Esq of the same were given free rights by Act of Parliament in 1794. Noted in St Thomas in the Vale Almanac in 1831 with 51 slaves.
- 363 John Clarkson noted St Catherine Almanac 1829
- 364 Anthony James noted St Catherine Almanac 1831
- 365 Edward Trueman Guy St Catherine Almanac 1831. He was a sponsor at the christening of HJJ's son Richard Boucher James in 1823. Noted as an attorney in 1824.
- 366 Andrew Dunn, Logie Green, Clarendon Almanac 1831
- 367 Shaddocks
- 368 William Stamford Grignon was the attorney of J.J. Deffell on Salt Spring, St James [UCL]
- 369 Peter Francis Garrigues of Bonnett, St Thomas in the Vale Almanac 1831
- 370 William Falconer of Berry Hill, St Thomas in the Vale Almanac 1831
- 371 Sir William Anglin Scarlett, Chief Justice of Jamaica, died at Grove Pen, Manchester, 9th October 1831. His successor was Sir Joshua Rowe who was sworn in 11th June 1832.
- 372 Hugo James, Attorney General of Jamaica, made his will 16th September 1831 "preparatory to my embarking on a voyage for my health". Noted as dead in a letter 2nd January 1832. His will was proved 3rd March 1832.
- 373 William Hewitt
- 374 William Stanford Grignon attorney
- 375 Richard Quarell attorney
- 376 Possibly Elizabeth Jackson Vidal who held Pleasant Hill in St Mary. She was daughter of Stephen Vidal and Sarah White, sister of Harriet and Frances Ann.
- 377 Gardiner Greene Howland (1787-1851) and brother Samuel Shaw Howland (1790-1853) merchants, 54 & 55 South, New York..
- 378 John Bloxam Elin and Alex Reid Scott
- 379 Benjamin Caractacus Patey and James Jackson Sewell of Kingston
- 380 Wellwood Hyslop, Member of the Assembly for Port Royal, merchant in Kingston. He died in 1845 and was noted in the *Wigtown Free Press* 17th April 1845 "We have to record the death of Wellwood Hyslop Esq. Merchant, in Kingston, Jamaica, and many years member of the Assembly for the parish of Port Royal. He expired suddenly on the afternoon of 16th. of February last. Mr. Hyslop was a native of Dumfries. Many years ago he went abroad, and for the last 40 years had been a merchant in Kingston. His integrity of character was universally admired, and his sudden death will be severely felt, not only by his afflicted widow but a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The London Times of the 26th. ult. in noticing the bereavement, says "Mr. Hyslop's name is associated with that of Simon Bolivar, the Liberator of Columbia. He escaped death in Carthagenia in 1815, to which bloody General Morilla had condemned him for his financial services to Bolivar, but was spared to exert himself for long in advancing the interests of Jamaica, where his death is much and deservedly regretted."
- 381 Anthony Jones held Slipe Pen in St Andrew until 1826 when he was noted in the Almanac as deceased.
- 382 Pierre Albert, noted St Andrew Almanac from 1817 but also received slave compensation for three claims in Kingston as well as two in St Andrew.
- 383 Robert Cargill's father in law, William Ramsey, had been Registrar of the Court of Chancery at his death in 1824, about six weeks after the marriage, so the position might have in some way been "gifted" to his son in law.
- 384 A small craft used in the West Indies to take off sugar, rum, etc., to the merchant ship.
- 385 John White Cater later manager of the Colonial Bank and Kingston Bank for Savings.
- 386 Commander of the forces in Jamaica 1829-1834.
- 387 William Hewitt made his will in 1831 leaving everything to his three daughters. with no mention of a son. His sons in law, Thomas James Bernard and Walter George Stewart both of St Catherine, were the executors. The will was proved in March 1833 and his estate in England administered by George Taylor on their behalf. [PROB 11/1815]
- 388 George Lowman Tuckett
- 389 Edward Panton noted St Catherine Almanac 1832 [may be John Edward Wilson Panton]
- 390 James Lawson noted Westmoreland Almanac 1831 & 1833
- 391 William M. Walcott noted Hanover Almanac 1831
- 392 Margaret Garland noted St Catherine Almanac 1833
- 393 Dorothy Little widow of Rev. Simon Little, Rector of Hanover who died in 1802.

- 394Joseph Gore Curtis listed St Catherine Almanac 1840
- 395Joseph Curtis was listed as an attorney 1782 & 1784
- 396Possibly Mary Rhodes Brown mother of Thomas James Brown, daughter Ann Gardner's previous husband. Mary's daughter Ann Robina married William Augustus Dickson of Hanover in 1822. Mary was living at Davis Cove with them in 1823. She registered 27 slaves in 1832 at Chelsea, Hanover, an estate linked to Dickson as his residence in that year. She was awarded slave compensation in 1835. She was still a Chelsea in 1840.
- 397Owen Pape Holmes, Solicitor.
- 398Georgina Archbould wife of John Gale Vidal died 15th May and was buried the following day in at St Catherine's Cathedral, Spanish Town.
- 399Robert Cargill
- 400Walter George Stewart a son in law of William Hewitt.
- 401John Roberts of Lucky Valley, St Thomas in the Vale, was dead by 1831 according to the Almanac.
- 402James Augustus Breary of Ben Lomond, noted St Thomas in the Vale Almanac 1832
- 403Garel above
- 404Francis Graham (1883-1820) of Tulloch Castle, St Thomas in the Vale
- 405Johanna Ellis noted St Catherine Almanac 1831 as owner, guardian to Mr J. Rowe and executrix of Charles Rowe.
- 406William Bullock noted St Catherine Almanac 1831, dead in same 1833
- 407Georgina Dunston Vidal born 1826, Elizabeth, 1828, Dunstan, 1830 and Francis Robert, 31st March 1832, His eldest son, John James was born in 1820 may have been in England already . He was registered at Blundell's School 30th January 1833. Alternatively, the new-born son may have been left in Jamaica. All these children survived childhood. In the 1841 census, the girls were at school in Exeter, incidentally with Mary Lister who later married HJJ's eldest son WRJ6. Dunstan and Robert were both pupils with Abraham Cawston, a schoolmaster in New Street, Great Torrington, Devon.
- 408Joseph Swartz Massett, Angel Court, Throgmorton St., City of London, stock broker.
- 409Isaac Deleon Thompson was husband of Jemima Johnson Lee, reputed daughter of Dr James Lee, mother of the three Brodbelt children of Francis Rigby Brodbelt Stallard Penoyre. He was on board the Eliza 19th May 1821 when James Lee made a codicil revoking the gift of his house in Spanish Town and leaving it instead to his reputed daughter Jemima. Thompson was a witness, described as of Jamaica, merchant.
- 410Phillis Pope noted St Catherine Almanac 1831
- 411Ebenezer Taylor noted St Thomas in the East Almanac 1827
- 412George Atkinson, a receiver in St Andrew, St Catherine, St Mary and Westmorland Almanacs 1831
- 413James McDonald noted St Elizabeth Almanac 1832
- 414Sir Joshua Rowe took his seat as Chief Justice of Jamaica 4th June 1832.
- 415Sir Molyneux Hyde Nepean was the Clerk of the Court and Clerk of the Crown of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica from 19th June 1832.
- 416Possibly William Stevenson
- 417Possibly William Fraser Clement who received £700 as Serjeant at Arms in 1835.
- 418Alexander Bayley made his will 12th July 1832describing himself of St Dorothy but at present in St Catherine "in a bed of sickness".
- 419James McCatty noted Manchester Almanac 1832
- 420Edmund Francis Green, Leadenhall St., London, merchant
- 421According to the report of buildings destroyed in the Slave uprising of 1831 in St James the trash house at Palmyra was destroyed. [*Jamaica, as it was, as it is, and as it may be* [Bernard Martin Senior] 1835]
- 422Rev Thomas Frere Bowerbank was the older brother of Rev Lewis Bowerbank. He was Vicar of Chiswick, London from 1811. He died in 1856.
- 423Amelia Harrison 'Milly', Negro, aged 20, Creole, daughter of Eliza Harrison, was listed in 1817 as belonging to John Sutton Minot of Passley Garden. Eliza Harrison had four daughters listed ranging from 24 to 6, and one son aged 3. She was 48 and also Creole. She was daughter of Nancy aged 75, also Creole.
- 424William McKay was awarded Slave Compensation in Kingston in 1836 [Slave Returns]
- 425John Baillie was the proprietor of Roehampton in St James where the residence, works and Negro houses were all destroyed in the 1831 uprising. Spring Garden's proprietor was noted as William Kerr and had suffered similar destruction. John Baillie died at sea 24th June 1832. His eldest son was also named John Baillie but as the St James Almanac lists the heirs of J. Baillie as owners in 1845 and the son John died in New Zealand in 1880 HJJ's reference must be to his father. Furthermore, by codicil to his will dated 1st May 1832, Baillie notes a huge debt owing to Stirling Gordon & Co. and included Charles Stirling and William Leckie Ewing among his executors and effectively lost any right in Roehampton unless the debt was cleared. William Mitchell Kerr was awarded the Slave compensation for Roehampton as executor.
- 426An accountant noted at this address in the Scottish Post Office Directory 1832.
- 427There are two contenders: George Smith of Trelawney had 7 slaves noted in the 1831 Almanac, George Smith of Port Royal had 1 slave. Both received slave compensation
- 428Andrew Jackson defeated Henry Clay in the presidential election which was held between November 2nd and December 5th 1832. The Second Bank of the United States based in Philadelphia, received its charter in 1816. The renewal of its charter was a central concern of Henry Clay and his Republican supporters which Jackson opposed.

He vetoed the renewal of the charter and had dismantled the bank by the time the charter had expired in 1836.
429WRJ4's account book:

1832

[margin] Shipment of Sovereigns to Jamaica

Invoice of Sovereigns shipped by A.E. Fuller to H.J. James

a Box 3/8 - 2000 Sovereigns 2000£ £2000.3.8

Entry Bills Lading Dock dues &c 10.4

Freight & premage 15.15 16.5.4

2016.9.-

Premm. on £2058 insured at & from London

to Jamaica @ 25/- 25.14.6

Comm. 1/2 P Cent £10.5 Duty 105/ 15.10.10 41.5.4

10 Sept. 1832

£2057.14.4 [Private collection]

430Richard Boucher held four estates in Manchester and lived in Marlborough House on Marlborough estate, a Georgian residence he built in 1795. He had no children. HJJ & John Salmon jun. were appointed trustees and executors to all his estate in Jamaica. His heir was his nephew James George Crabb to whom administration of the will was granted in London 9th November 1833 as attorney of HJJ and John Salmon jun. the executors.

431Probably error for George Beadnell, banker of 2 Lombard Street, London

432Constantine Henry Phipps, Earl of Mulgrave, Governor of Jamaica 1832-34.

433Charles Beaumont Phipps

434William Jackson made HJJ then of Great Britain one of the trustees of his real and personal estate in his will made 21st August 1839. It was proved in London 19th November 1840 by which time HJJ was dead. [PROB 11/1936]

435William Jackson, former Chief Justice of Jamaica, by his will of 1802 left Blue Hole in St Dorothy to nephew William Jackson with residue of land in trust for daughter Elizabeth, later wife of Nathaniel Bogle French, and the legitimate heirs of her body. In her will of 1829 she mentioned having only one child, Anna William. Her estate she left in trust to J.H. Deffell and George Augustus Shawe for the benefit of her daughter. Her father's will described her as "my reputed daughter by Bridget Shean deceased" born in Saint Dorothy's..29th December 1789 "now at Mrs Youngs Boarding School at Kensington". In his will he named his nephew heir if his daughter died without legitimate heirs. [PROB 11/1414 & PROB 11/1759]

436Robert Thomas Downer of Camrose, St James Almanac 1833.

437Sir Michael Benignus Clare died 19th September 1832 at Cromarty House, Cromarty, N.B. His will was proved 17th December 1832 by his widow. [PROB 11/1808]

438Alexander Bayley made Alexander MacWilliam of Clarendon an executor of his will with his wife, eldest son, Rev. William Henry Ricketts Bayley (who proved the will in London 11th December 1832), and John Longmore. [PROB 11/1808]

439Grandson of Ralph Montague sen. He had been a partner in the Bristol firm but had died in 1825.

440William Edgar, eldest son of Gardiner Greene Howland and Louisa Edgar. He was born in 1813 and died in 1885.

441Sir Edward Burtenshaw Sugden, lawyer, judge and previously a Conservative politician. He was early known as an expert on property law.

442George Shaw noted St George Almanac 1832

443William Miller jun. also of Trelawney, but not a relative of the receiver, William Miller.

444Possibly Sophia Elizabeth Panton, wife of Rev. Richard Panton, held land in St Thomas in the East. She was daughter of David Morrieson (of the H.E.I.C.S.), of Edinburgh. They married in 1824.

445David Lewis Junior was probably the son of David Lewis (1766-1840) who was a prominent merchant and marine insurance underwriter in Philadelphia.

446See above 1 Nov 1831

447Possibly William Edgar (1813-1885) son of Gardner Greene Howland and wife Louisa Edgar

448Private chartered British land development company, incorporated in 1826, to aid the colonization of Upper Canada.

449Bradberry Patent Spectacle Maker, 332 Oxford Street London

450William Gordon married Louisa Cole, widow. She was the daughter of Thomas Simcocks. She was born in 1777 and baptised in Port Royal. Her mother, Henrietta Lukey, was of Port Royal at her marriage in 1773, her father was of St James, planter. However, he was later known as Reverend Thomas Simcocks, variously as rector of St George and Port Royal, chaplain to the militia regiment of both, and a member of the Ecclesiastical Court. He was registered as a slave owner in Port Royal in 1817 with 21 male and 24 female slaves. His widow was listed in 1826. Louisa Cole was also registered in Port Royal in 1817 so presumably was a widow by then. Robert Hawthorne's mother was Jane Simcocks, and although no firm link has been found this may be the family link that is mentioned. However, Hawthorne's mother died in 1842 aged 92 meaning that she could not be a sister of Louisa but possibly an aunt.

451Possibly the children of Rev. William Godfrey Pollard Burton. He married Eliza Ledwich in 1816 but she died in 1823. He then married Elizabeth Rodon Lord in 1826. He was registered as a slave owner in St Thomas in the Vale in 1817. One of his slaves was named Thomas Simcocks.

452Henrietta widow of Rev. Thomas Simcocks. Noted from slave compensation papers that Catherine Gordon, widow, was devisee and executrix of Mrs Simcocks will and got £140 compensation for seven slaves on Dunaa Pen, St Andrew's (claim 508), and £115 for four slaves owned by Henrietta Simcocks at Port Royal (claim 197). This she

shared with William Gordon. She put in a counter claim to the claim of Henrietta Simcocks, Spanish Town, St Catherine's, for 19 slaves, Aug. 31, 1835. William Gordon, like Catherine, was also an executor of Henrietta Simcocks's will (claim 65).

453 Robert Fairweather of Industry, St Mary.

454 Charles Buttar, Esq., 15, Angel Court, Throgmorton Street, London

455 Letters concerning the will are all in the smaller letter-book and have been added as an appendix.

456 Mrs Gordon

457 Joseph Stone Williams noted Westmoreland Almanac 1833. owner of a number of properties.

458 William Finlay, died 5th December 1834 in Madiera. [http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/finlay_william_6E.html]

459 Phoenix Bank of Hartford, Connecticut was founded in 1814 [<https://archive.org/details/firstcenturyofph00burp>]

460 The Camden and Amboy Rail Road and Transportation Company was chartered on February 4, 1830. As railroads were a relatively new invention, rails and locomotives were bought from England. Construction began December 4, 1830 at Bordentown on the Delaware River; construction efforts were largely carried out by horse-drawn carriages. The John Bull arrived at Bordentown on September 4, 1831 and was first tested November 12. The first section, from Stewarts Point Wharf near Bordentown north to Hightstown, was opened to the public on October 1, 1832, being operated by horse at first. Service between Philadelphia and New York City was provided by steamboats, and a stagecoach trip was used between Hightstown and South Amboy. The trip cost \$3 and ran in 9.5 hours, 12 hours faster than other routes. The rest of the line to South Amboy opened December 17, allowing for the elimination of the stagecoach transfer, but the Delaware soon froze on December 27, requiring stagecoach operation south of Bordentown. Freight service began January 24, 1833. Regular locomotive operation by the John Bull began September 9 of that year. In Fall 1833 the line was extended south to Delanco, and the full line to Camden was completed December 19, 1834. [Wikipedia]

461 The Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road was chartered April 4, 1833 to build a line between Philadelphia and Reading along the Schuylkill River. The part from Reading to Norristown opened July 16, 1838, the full line December 9, 1839. Its Philadelphia terminus was at the state-owned Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad (P&C) on the west side of the Schuylkill River, from which it ran east on the P&C over the Columbia Bridge and onto the city-owned City Railroad to a depot at the southeast corner of Broad and Cherry Streets. [Wikipedia]

462 Harriet Duncan widow of William. Their son, William, was baptised the 15th April 1829 at St Catherine's Cathedral.

463 James Hodge Byles son of John Byles and Margaret Hodge was born, probably in Henley, in 1774. He was listed as an attorney in Jamaica from 1796 until 1817 though the last reference indicates that he had left Jamaica. From 1795 until 1813 there are nine children conceived out of wedlock but christened with the surname Byles. He married Judith Isabella Duncan at Old Church, St Pancras, London 18th March 1813. He was then of Shiplake, Oxford, Esq. One of the witnesses was William Duncan. He lived at Bowden Hall from about 1821 until his death in 1837. The house was built by a retired London grocer in 1770 and known as Creed's Place. Byles renamed it. There is no reference to Jamaica or of Jamaican offspring in his will. [PROB 11/1882]

464 1811

465 John Williams Byles and Nathaniel Byles were awarded slave compensation. John Williams was son of Catherine Powell Williams, a free Mulatto, born 1804 and baptised 1806 at St Catherine. There are two mentions in the same register of a Nathaniel Byles christened in 1809 and 1810, the age of the latter given as 3 years, but no name of mother for either. It may be that they both have the same mother. In 1833 both are listed together in the St Catherine Almanac holding 8 slaves. In the Slave return for St Catherine 1832 John William Byles and Nathaniel Byles are named as owners and as natural guardians of Benjamin Lyon an infant under the age of 21 years. The 9 slaves listed were 'by conveyance from Williams Cath P. to Byles Jn W. & al'.

This was St Catherine 243 23rd Nov 1835 | 9 Enslaved | £138 18S 4D[UCL]

Catherine P. Williams was noted in the St Catherine Almanac from 1825-1832. Benjamin Lyon born 1795, buried St Catherine in 1827, noted as brown. A Benjamin Lyon, who might be their son, was born c1824 and noted as a chaise maker in Spanish Town in 1850. Both Byles appear in the index to the St Catherine register as marrying in 1833.

Sadly the actual register is lost.

466 Robert Cargill was married to Harriet Duncan's sister, Charlotte Ramsey in March 1824.

467 Mount Moreland in St Catherine according to the 1833 Almanac.

468 John William Byles

469 Edwin Williams - New York State Annual Register

470 Charles Gordon of Tamarind Grove, St Catherine

471 St Catherine's burials - Apr. 1834 - William Myers Esq, attorney at law, aged 42, of Spanish Town - noted - "after the performance of the Burial service the body was removed into the Parish of Kingston - Lewis Bowerbank"

472 Alexander Wells Aikman, solicitor.

473 William Brooks King Registrar of the Court of Admiralty in Jamaica also owned Union Hill in St Andrew. By 1838 he was listed as a bank stockholder in the Journal of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada., late residing in Hamilton. William Brooks King was born in Jamaica c1787. He was first married to Sarah Jane Dolmage who died in 1816. By her he had a daughter. He then married Christian Campbell, who was born St Andrew in 1791. Their son, William Brooks, was baptised in Portland in 1823. He died in Ontario in 1887. His parents returned to England and were living in Teignmouth, Devon, in 1851, where both died in 1864.

- 474 Stephen Weston Goss son of James Goss, surgeon of Dawlish.
- 475 Possibly George Marcus of St Catherine
- 476 Slave compensation was given on two claims Jamaica St Catherine 420. One was for Harriet Duncan for 19 slaves (£171.1.6 paid 28th November 1836). The other was Amelia James, widow of Hugo James, late Attorney-General of Jamaica. She and Samuel Dare, who had been trustee for her and her children, were involved in a suit in Chancery for an adjoining claim Jamaica St Catherine 421 [UCL]
- 477 Richard, son of Richard Dunavan Panton of Jamaica. Born 1803, admitted to Peterhouse, Cambridge in 1823 having matriculated at Oxford in 1820. Curate of the parish of St David's and Assistant Curate of St Thomas-in-the-East
- 478 Accountant
- 479 James Whitehorne, listed as attorney in Jamaica Almanac 1817, also as an ensign in the Mulatto Company, 2nd Battalion, Kingston Regiment. Still listed as attorney in 1851 Almanac but "off the Island".
- 480 Noted in the Almanac for St Ann in 1833 as owners of Alexandria and for Trelawney, for Windsor Castle. Isaac Higgin died in 1832 leaving several estates in St Ann and mentioned his partner (and brother in law) as George Whitely in his will. [PROB 11/1800]
- 481 Edward Jeffries and Henry Esdaile sons of William Esdaile Esq. Banker of Lombard Street, City of London. Edward Jeffries Esdaile of Cothelstone House, Somerset, was named sole executor of his father's will although he renounced the administration. Probate Date: 13 Oct 1837 [PROB 11/1885]
- 482 Sophia Scarlett Ashman.
- 483 Elizabeth James married Stephen Weston Goss 27th August 1834 at St Gregory, Dawlish, Devon.
- 484 On March 5, 1831, the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company was founded as a means of securing capital for the construction of a canal--banks during that era could only receive a charter from the Louisiana State Legislature if they agreed to fund specific improvements. Maunsel White and Beverly Chew, the founders of the new bank, agreed to build a canal that would allow waterborne commerce from the Gulf of Mexico to reach New Orleans' port facilities. The six-year construction and financing of the New Basin Canal became a monumental task. Because slave labor from the plantations was too costly, Irishmen escaping from the potato famine were hired to do most of the digging. Each receiving just \$20 per month plus an allotment of liquor, they built the canal using shovels and wheelbarrows. Over 8,000 died from disease and sunstroke before it was completed in 1838. Although the total cost of the canal was a whopping \$1.2 million, the bank earned \$405,563 during its first year of operation from tolls paid by the shippers that used the waterway. After establishing itself in the New Orleans financial community, it flourished during the middle and late 1800s. It opened branches in four neighboring communities in 1839 and became a leading financial institution in burgeoning southern Louisiana.
(<http://www.fundinguniverse.com/company-histories/First-Commerce-Corporation-Company-History.html>)
- 485 Herbert Newton Jarrett of Orange Valley, Trelawny and his cousin, William Mitchell Kerr of Spring Garden, St James.
- 486 John March recorded as a magistrate in St Catherine in 1817 & 1824. Had claims for slave compensation on a number of estates. [JFS]
- 487 Will of Louisa Gordon heretofore Cole of Saint Catherine, Island of Jamaica 4 September 1835 [PROB 11/1851]
- 488 Eliza Ann daughter of Edmund Jackson and Catherine Haughton James. Catherine was elder sister of John Haughton James, the father of P.H. James. Eliza was apparently unmarried when her mother made her will in February 1834 but was certainly married to Edward Tyler Coleman in 1837 when he attempted make a claim against her mother under slave compensation litigation. Coleman had himself been registered as bankrupt in 1836. [PROB 11/1965 Catherine H. Jackson]
- 489 Alexander James Brymer of Portland
- 490 Previously Lindsay
- 491 Rev. Miles Cooper Bolton of St George one of the executors of the will of the Rev. Anthony Bunting Chaplain to the Garrison at Port Antonio Jamaica. [PROB 11/1805]
- 492 Jane Elizabeth Bunting, widow of the Rev. Anthony Bunting, held land and slaves in Portland as a result of his will which was proved in London 5th September 1832
- 493 Charlotte Cargill sister of Harriet Duncan. They were both married in 1824.
- 494 William Henry Aspinwall (1807-1875) son of John (1774-1847) and Susan Howland (1779-1852) sister of Gardner and Samuel Howland, became a partner in the firm. It specialized in the Pacific Ocean trade, especially the importing of goods from China. It is best known for taking a pioneering role in the financing of clipper ships, especially the American-built Rainbow and Sea Witch. Howland & Aspinwall imported high-status goods such as porcelain, silk, and tea from China, and sold them to Americans of means. Import duties paid by firms such as Howland & Aspinwall played a significant role in the financing of the American federal budget during the 1840s. In 1848, as a result of the United States's acquisition of California, partners G.S. Howland, S.S. Howland, and William Henry Aspinwall turned their attention from the China trade to California traffic. Improvements in the marine steam engine had begun to make clipper ships and other fast sailing ships obsolete. With other New York businessmen, the Howland and Aspinwall interests formed the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Part of the Aspinwall family fortune was eventually bequeathed, through grandmother Mary Aspinwall Roosevelt, to Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States. [Wikipedia]
- 495 Simon George Little, son of Dorothy.
- 496 George Wright, held land in St David and St Thomas in the East

497 Thomas Rossiter held Retreat in St Thomas in the Vale. He was living in Tiverton, Devon. [UCL]

498 James Steel Lawson was step-brother of Caroline Pope, second wife of HJJ's brother William Rhodes James. Her mother, Ann Jarrett Steel was the daughter of Dr Thomas Steel of Steelfield, Trelawny, and Ann Jarrett. She had married Dr James Lawson after the death of her first husband, Dr Richard Pope. She died in 1846 but her son was noted as owner of Steelfield in the Trelawny Almanac for 1838. He died there in 1839.

499 First reference to use of steamships rather than sail.

500 Possibly Charlotte Cargill, wife of Robert, sister of Harriet Duncan.

501 Howe Peter Browne, 2nd Marquess of Sligo (1788-1845). Governor of Jamaica between 1834 and 1836.

502 James Tomlinson Allwood attorney, son of Robert born 1809

503 William Miller indicated as his father died in March 1837, but there is no evidence in his will, made 13th February and proved 1st April 1837, that he was ever married. Certainly no son William is mentioned and his brother George was residuary legatee. William Miller jun held Retreat, Trelawny for which he received compensation in 1836 and the compensation was collected in London by William Miller so there does appear to be some link.

504 John Haughton James died in Hanover and was buried at Haughton Court, formerly Unity Estate on 29th June.

505 William Morrice was a West India merchant, awardee of the compensation for several estates in Jamaica in various capacities, most notably trustee.

506 Jamaica Manchester 107 (May Day)
4th Apr 1836 | 66 Enslaved | £1299 14S 6D

T71/915 p. 126: claim from James McCatty, of Manchester, as executor of John Thompson (deceased). Counterclaim inter alios from Herbert Jarrett James, 'for his taxed bill as Master in Chancery', withdrawn conditionally on Messrs Hawthorne & Shedden receiving £900 from a Mr Morrice (the agent of the claimant). Counterclaim also from George Robb, Archibald Graham Laing & Jane (his wife, formerly Jane Robb, a spinster), and Elizabeth Robb, all of Scotland, by J.G. Vidal, as administrator of John Robb, late of Scotland, a gentleman.
Awardee as executor: James McCatty [UCL]

507 John Thomson of Manchester held estates of Mayday and Woodside at the time of his death c1822. Richard Boucher was his executor

508 In the 'Sums of Money Awarded for Slavery Compensation' (1837-38 (215) Accounts of slave compensation claims), claim 227 under Portland notes 128 slaves and compensation of £2340.19.2 payable to Mary Hawthorn Minot and Jane Susan Minot. Date of award 30 Nov. 1835 [UCL]

509 Samuel Pereira Mendes was awarded this amount for 77 slaves St Catherine 621 (Mount Pleasant) on 18th April 1836 [UCL]

510 Anna Maria Millward was awarded £99 4s for 4 slaves 15th February 1836 [UCL]

511 Ann Gardner Allen was awarded £143 17s 1d for 9 slaves 15th February 1836 and Frances Brown & Thomas James Brown, owners-in-fee, 'infants by their guardian Ann Gardner Allen' received £61 18s 4d on the same date for 2 slaves [UCL]

512 Probably Nathan Windey of 24 Park Street, Bristol in 1835, who died in February 1840 aged 73. He had been Officer of Customs in Bristol.

513 Mary Rhodes Brown, Haughton James's grandmother, was living with her only surviving child, Robina Ann wife of William Augustus Dickson of Hanover.

514 Accounts of slave compensation claims -
St John 261 Herbert Jarrett James for 17 slaves £418.8.10 23rd Nov 1835
St Catherine 642 Herbert J James for 2 slaves £58.6.3 15 Feb 1836; 642B for 1 slave £4.6.8 13 Jan 1836; 643 for 5 slaves £100.6.11 15 Feb 1836 [UCL]

515 The fire broke out in the business district of New York on 16th December 1835. The result was that 674 buildings were destroyed, including the magnificent Merchants' Exchange. Many of the buildings had been insured but 23 out of 26 of the city's fire insurance companies were put out of business. The total cost of the disaster was estimated to be more than \$20 million.

516 William Rhodes James born 16th August 1817.

517 A memorial plaque in Spanish Town Cathedral read: "Sacred to the memory of SUSANNA wife of ROBERT ALLWOOD Esqr of this Island who departed this life January 24th 1836 aged 62 years." [JFS]

518 Possibly a servant mentioned in the will of Thomas James Brown made in 1819 which directed that Thomas formerly called Toby but christened "by my own name" should be manumitted and have "permission to reside in house on my estate or pen" and allowed an annual supply of provisions. [PROB 11/1677]

519 The compensation award of £2340 18s 2d was dated 30th November 1835 and collected by Robert Hawthorn.

520 Rebecca Ann Weekes is listed as a claimant in List E or Chancery cases as an annuitant in the compensation claims' lists but there is no note of her ever receiving anything.

521 The compensation award for four properties in Manchester were dated 4th April 1836 and for one in St Elizabeth 11th April. In all Crabb received £8385.

522 Jamaica St John 261 23rd Nov 1835 | 17 Enslaved | £418 8S 10D [UCL]

523 Jamaica Manchester 70 (Glasgow) 4th Apr 1836 | 27 Enslaved | £709 2S 3D

Claim Notes
Parliamentary Papers p. 293.
T71/915 p. 132: claim from James McCatty, of Manchester, as executor of John Thomson (the mortgagee).

- T71/860: note, dated 29/12/1835, stating: 'Withdrawal of the first counterclaim by Herbert Jarrett James conditionally on Messrs Hawthorne and Shedden receiving £900 from a Mr Morrice he agent of the claimant'.
- T71/1606: letter, dated 18/02/1836, from R. Hawthorn, asking for confirmation of the withdrawal of Herbert Jarrett James's counterclaims, which had not yet been done.
- Jamaica Manchester 107 (May Day) 4th Apr 1836 | 66 Enslaved | £1299 14S 6D
- T71/915 p. 126: claim from James McCatty, of Manchester, as executor of John Thompson (deceased). Counterclaim inter alios from Herbert Jarrett James, 'for his taxed bill as Master in Chancery', withdrawn conditionally on Messrs Hawthorne & Shedden receiving £900 from a Mr Morrice (the agent of the claimant). Counterclaim also from George Robb, Archibald Graham Laing & Jane (his wife, formerly Jane Robb, a spinster), and Elizabeth Robb, all of Scotland, by J.G. Vidal, as administrator of John Robb, late of Scotland, a gentleman.
- Jamaica Manchester 429 (Woodside) 4th Apr 1836 | 45 Enslaved | £988 7S 10D
- T71/73 pp. 417-19: enslaved persons registered in 1832 by James McCatty for John Thompson's estate. [UCL]
- 524Kingston merchants
- 525Noted Pigot's Directory 1837: Tory, Holt & Co. India Buildings, Water Street, Liverpool
- 526In February 1836, the bank became a private corporation under Pennsylvania commonwealth law. A shortage of hard currency ensued, causing the Panic of 1837 and lasting approximately seven years. The Bank suspended payment in 1839 and was liquidated in 1841.[Wikipedia]
- 527An early version of the Chamber of Commerce which was housed in "Harty's Tavern" in Harbour Street, Kingston. It served as a meeting place for merchants, sea captains and planters. The "Rooms" also served as an unofficial forwarding agent for letters. Letters handed in here received one or other of the "Commercial Rooms" handstamps and were passed to the to the next sea captain bound for the destination of the letter. [Stephen Hopwood *Three Hundred Years of Postal Service in Jamaica*. Jamaica Journal Vol. 5 2-3. Digital Library of the Caribbean]
- 528James Gayleard was Godfather to HJJ's eldest son in 1817. He was possibly son of James and Mary, baptised at St. Martin in the Fields, Westminster 20th April 1777. His father was a hatter at 82, New Bond Street according to Kent's Directory for the Year 1794. His brother, John, was born in 1782 but not baptised until 1802 at St George's, Hanover Square with two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth. He married Maria Pittard at the same place in 1807. He appears to have joined his father in business as in the 1861 census he was described as a retired hatter. His son John, born in 1809 became a doctor and was described in the 1851 census as a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons. He is most likely to be the nephew referred to. James Gayleard does not appear to have married although he may have been the father of James Clarke Gayleard, marked Br.I.F [Brown Infant Free] 6 weeks old in the St Catherine register baptised 30ths October 1810. James Gayleard, a Free brown man, married Eliza Dubuisson May 3rd 1832 in St. Catherine. In 1839 he was listed as a Manager of the Spanish Town Bank for Savings in the Almanac. They had a number of children and two sons, James and Christopher, are noted as students, born in Spanish Town, Jamaica, in the house of the Head Master of the High School in Bishop Stortford, Herts in the 1851 census. Christopher also became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons after training at Guy's Hospital. He returned to Jamaica where he became a respected member of the Medical Council of Jamaica. He died in Kingston in 1896.
- 529Sarah Cole had an interest as owner in 208 (Spanish Town) St Catherine 23rd Nov 1835 for 45 slaves £837 which was collected by Thomas Lee Brodbelt. Two further claims are dated in 1837 so presumably were paid later.
- 530John Houghton James
- 531Samuel Jackson of Catherine Hall and Amity, St James, and Sod Hall and Spring Estate, Hanover, made his will in London in February 1837 and it was proved in March. One of his trustees/executors was Samuel Rennalls of St Catherine who may have been his son-in-law. [PROB 11/1874]
- 532Thomas Farquhar Hill was born in Jamaica. Listed among Attornies at Law in 1824, a partner in Kingston Jamaica with Robert Davies and John Nicol. Moved to London in the 1830's as 'island law agent' or 'West India law agent'. He married in 1834 and his first son was born in 1836.
- 533Harriet Louisa Crabb (1796-1848) married Vice-Admiral Aiskew Paffard Hollis (1742-1844) in Southampton in 1826.
- 534William Rhodes James (WRJ6)
- 535John Welsh, removed from the state of Delaware to Philadelphia in 1786, and soon became a prominent merchant in that city. He trained his three sons, Samuel, William, and John, to mercantile life, and gradually surrendered to them his business. John was the youngest, received a good preparatory education, including a classical course, but began the mercantile business, in which he was remarkably successful, at a very early age. He formed a partnership with his brothers, Samuel and William, and for more than half a century the firm of S. & W. Welsh, and later S. & J. Welsh, was among the leading commission houses in Philadelphia, and familiarly known all over the country. [Wikipedia]
- 536Wright, Shelton & Co were described as the leading English merchants in Havana, Cuba [Travels in the West: Cuba: With Notices of Porto Rico, and the Slave Trade David Turnbull]
- 537WRJ6 arrived in New York on an American-built ship, *Ocmulgee*, on 18th August. This ship was apparently built in New York in 1835 and was later used as a whaler.
- 538Robert Fairweather, planter of St Mary. Yet another who had no legitimate family, but left his six quadroon children by his housekeeper, Catherine Allen, the residue of his estate by his will written in 1827. He also left small pecuniary sums to his relatives in Scotland. His eldest son, John Fairweather, as one of the residuary legatees,

proved the will in London in 1844. [PROB11/1994]

539John Cadman, 200 Strand, dealer in sticks and umbrellas

540Both HJJ and WRJ6 were for a time at school in Winchester so may be a hint that there needs to be some point of contact between them when they meet after so many years apart.

541Jamaica St Catherine 132
23rd Jan 1837 | 21 Enslaved | £359 7S 8D
Award split: £143 11s 9d to [Sarah] Cole on 23/01/1837; £142 4s 5d plus interest on the whole to Malcolm on 12/6/1837; £73 11s 6d to Saa on 23/10/1837. [UCL]

542Edmund Russell inherited two male Negro slaves by the will of Elizabeth of Elizabeth Russell according to the Return of Slaves in 1826.
Slave Compensation lists: Jamaica St Catherine 271; 23rd Nov 1835 | 2 Enslaved | £51 10S 7D [UCL]

543Planters Hall in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was built to house Vicksburg's first bank in the early 1830s. The bank was closed in 1838.

544William Holder, attorney.

545Trelawny

546William Girod was attorney at law, of Solicitors, Messrs. Barnett, Girod, and Walker 1839 and previously of Lynch, Barnett & Girod.

547Jamaica St Mary 20 (Charlottenberg) 27th Jul 1836 | 76 Enslaved | £1396 8S 4D

T71/856: awarded to Anthony Davis, receiver 'Atkinson v Rogers executor et al'. Counterclaim by Stewart & Westmorland as mortgage and judgement creditor.
Awardee (Receiver): Anthony Davis [UCL]

[1818-1824 owned by Hungerford Spooner, in 1825 by his trustee, and 1826-1829 by George Quinlan although from 1828 it is clear that he was dead as described as 'estate of' in the Almanac. 1831-1833 George Atkinson was receiver but he was receiver with Thomas P. Rogers of 'Wentworth', also in St Mary.]

548Nathaniel Clayton, 3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn died 1832 leaving his chambers to his son, Nathaniel, who was already in occupation.

549Brooke & Cutler, Colonial Law Agents, 16 Furnival Inn

550Early in 1837 there was a dispute between Great Britain and the Colombian state of New Granada as a result of the imprisonment of the British vice-consul, Mr Russell, who had been involved in a brawl in Panama. Under pressure from the British he was released and compensated. [Andrew Graham-Yooll *Imperial Skirmishes: War and Gunboat Diplomacy in Latin America*]

551Merchants - 31 Broad, New York

552Probably refers to his two natural sons, John William Byles and Nathaniel Byles

553Jamaica St Ann 111A & B (Blackheath)
11th Jul 1836 | 25 Enslaved | £526 7S 0D

111A: to Byles and wife (Elfrida Duncan whom he had married in 1829) £263 3s 6d on 11/07/1836.

111B: to Mitchell, Byles and Foreman (Byles as guardian with Wm Foreman of Patrick Duncan) £263 3s 6d on 18/07/1836. [UCL]
[Elfrida (baptised St Catherine 1814) and Patrick (baptised the same place 1819) were children of William Duncan (noted St Ann Almanac 1816 William Duncan (free person) Blackheath 21/18). He was dead by the 1824 Almanac, and in 1826 Blackheath was held by Willam Foreman.]

554Solicitors, Messrs. Lynch, Barnett, and Girod, 82, Duke-street

555Possibly Robert Catanach of Cocoa Place in St George noted in the Almanac from 1812 until 1833 when described as "estate of". This suit still appeared in the Schedule of Chancery Deposits in Jamaica on 10th September 1883.
The date of last Proceeding was 22nd June 1857 and the Amount in Credit was ££139 1s 8d. [*The London Gazette*, October 19th 1883]

556Jamaica Westmoreland 258 (Belle Isle) No Date | 109 Enslaved | £2175 9S 7D
Parliamentary Papers p. 304.

T71/871: claim by John Campbell, as receiver for the entailed estates of Anthony Gilbert Storer (deceased).

T71/1209: counterclaim by Ann Katherine Storer, as an annuitant under the will of A. Storer, [Anthony Morris] dated 25th January 1797, for £3800, 'subject to the application of produce probably net proceeds £1900'. [This must have been a claim made under the will of her husband as she was not referred to in the will and did not marry into the family until 1806] John Campbell Awardee [UCL]
[Thomas Storer was noted in the Quit Rent books for 1754 as holding the following acres of land in Jamaica - St. Catherine 75, St. Andrew 355, Westmoreland 1558, St. Elizabeth 63, Total 2051. He bequeathed all his lands in Jamaica to his son Anthony Morris Storer in 1793. Six years later Anthony Morris Storer left his estate in tail to his nephew Anthony Gilbert Storer. A John Campbell of New Hope, Westmorland, was husband of Helen Storer, daughter of Thomas, but he returned to England in 1790 and died in 1801 so was clearly not the receiver mentioned as Awardee. Anthony Gilbert Storer married Ann Katherine Hill in Jamaica in 1806. He died at Nassau, New Providence, in 1818, leaving his wife as one of the trustees and executors of his will.]

557Jamaica Westmoreland 271 (Frome) No Date | 40 Enslaved | £802 18S 7D
Parliamentary Papers p. 304.

T71/871: claim from John Campbell, of Westmoreland, as receiver. The Frome estate belonged to A.G. Storer. John

- Campbell Awardee [UCL]
 558Jamaica St Mary 119 (Rock River) No Date | 92 Enslaved | £1673 10S 8D
 Parliamentary Papers p. 288.
 T71/856: awarded to James Forsyth, Receiver.
 T71/1592: letter to C. Martyn, Galway, on process re claim on Rock River St Mary and Chancery.
 T71/1606: letter dated 18/06/1838 from Reid Irving asking if any payment has been made on this estate and Knockpatrick, 'which belong to heirs of J. Kellikelly.' [John French Killikelly held these according to the St Mary Almanac 1812. He apparently died c1811. He was son of Garret K. who died c1790 when the family lands at Raheen-Kilkelly near Ardahan, Galway, were sold to pay his debts. Thomas Addison was noted in the Slave Returns for 1820 & 1823 as Receiver, and in 1829 & 1832, James Forsyth & Thos P. Rogers are the Receivers]
 T71/1606: indignant letter from C. Martyn, Galway, dated 26/06/1835: 'the barefaced attempt of Mr Martyn [?]to DEPRIVE US OF ALL'. There was no 1824 case of Molony v Catenach: there was in 1814, and it was determined in 1819 that in favour of Molony above £5000. 1833 Parties forwarded a power of attorney to Forsyth, but after nine months silence, replaced Forsyth with Stephen Hannaford; Hannaford also delayed, 'I am of opinion that he is in collusion with Mr Forsyth'. Petition from C.Martyn and 12 others dated 02/04/1834 about the children and grandchild of late Mrs Molony and Mrs Egan 'who died in Ireland possessed of land and slaves in Jamaica', advancing evidence of 'peculation and plunder'; 'your Petitioners are all poor and unable to prosecute such enquiry'. C. Martyn was the husband of Catherine Molony. Heavy correspondence from Martyn. [UCL]
 [A Catherine Molony was the widow of James alias Diego Molony of Lisbon and Portalegre, Portugal, and administrator of his estate by his will proved in 1818. This James was possibly the brother and executor of David Patrick Molony in 1813 [PROB 11/1600 & PROB 11/1644]
 559Philip Vaughan was a partner in Holden, Vining & Co, sugar refiners in Bristol. He received compensation totalling approximately £4616 10s for two estates in St James and one in Trelawny where he had interests. [UCL]
 560Daughter Elizabeth, now wife of Stephen Weston Goss. George Howell, previously a Master in Chancery in Jamaica, made his will in 1818 and it was proved in 1825. At the time of the making of the will he was living in England, at Cote Park Westbury upon Trym, Gloucestershire. The relevant part of his will reads: "I give and bequeath unto Herbert Jarrot James of the said Island Esquire for the use and benefit of my Goddaughter Elizabeth James daughter of the said Herbert Jarrot James the sum of One hundred and five pounds sterling". [PROB 11/1695]
 561Jonathan Thompson, son of Hon. Jonathan Thompson, a distinguished merchant in New York City, under the firm name of Gardiner & Thompson, being in partnership with Dr. Nathaniel Gardiner. They were in the West India importing business, which they carried on very extensively, but being unfortunate, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Thompson continued it under his own name. His son, Jonathan, was born February 1, 1814. He entered the counting-house of S. S. & G. G. Howland, and was there associated with Moses Taylor, Wm. H. Aspinwall, and other young men who afterwards attained eminence in mercantile life. Learning the business thoroughly, he began for himself, and during the remainder of his life continued in the West India importing trade. [Frederick Diodati-Thompson *The Family of Thompson, of the County of Suffolk, New York*]
 562Mrs Millward had already been dead for six months when this letter was written. She died in Lewisham on 24th December 1836. Her will was proved by her son in law, Septimus Thomas Allen, in January 1837.
 563Jamaica St Andrew 84 No Date | 11 Enslaved | £297 1S 1D Mary McFarlane - Awardee [UCL]
 564Jamaica St James 166 (Industry Estate) No Date | 93 Enslaved | £1822 0S 3D
 George Gordon - Awardee (Receiver) [UCL]
 565Jamaica Westmoreland 217 7th Dec 1835 | 3 Enslaved | £65 13S 11D Ann Ford Awardee [UCL]
 566Jamaica Westmoreland 348 21st Dec 1835 | 4 Enslaved | £71 17S 2D Alfred Woodley Awardee [UCL]
 567Jamaica St Mary 119 (Rock River) No Date | 92 Enslaved | £1673 10S 8D
 C. Martyn Claimants in List E or Chancery cases James Forsyth Awardee [UCL]
 568Longmore & L'Hoste merchants in Kingston
 569Prior to the building of the NYP&B, travellers between New York City and Boston had to pass around Point Judith, Rhode Island and its rough waters to reach the Boston and Providence Rail Road in Providence. The New York and Stonington Railroad was chartered in Connecticut in May 1832 and the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad in Rhode Island in June of that year to fix the problem. On July 1, 1833 they consolidated to form a new New York, Providence and Boston Railroad. Ground was broken at Stonington, Connecticut on August 14, 1833. On November 17, 1837 the line opened between Stonington and a pier at South Providence, about 1 mile downriver from the city center. At Stonington docks connected to steamboats to New York City through Long Island Sound, and later to the Long Island Rail Road at Greenport, New York, opened July 29, 1844. At Providence, a short car float across the Providence River led to the docks of the Boston and Providence Rail Road at India Point in Providence where travelers could continue on to Boston. [Wikipedia]
 570Jamaica St James 166 (Industry Estate) No Date | 93 Enslaved | £1822 0S 3D
 Parliamentary Papers p. 307.
 T71/873: claim from George Gordon, of St James, as receiver in cause of 'Gray v Hindes'
 T71/1592 p. 192 and p. 202: letters, dated 11/08/1835 and 14/08/1835, to Wm. Mercer, 24 Addington Place, Ramsgate, re. St James claim nos. 166 & 172 in Chancery (presumably in Jamaica). Ibid p. 350: letter, dated 19/11/1835, stating: 'I am directed to acquaint you that it is impossible from the nature of the business of the office to keep up a

correspondence with Parties as to their individual claims'. Has sent a copy of the rules 'as you state that you are unacquainted with the Rules and Orders of the Commission'.

[Wm. Mercer received compensation under St James claim no. 172.] [UCL]

[John Gray was listed in the St James Almanac for 1811 at Industry. In 1816 the heirs of John Gray were listed and remains thus until 1845] [JFS]

571Possibly James Williamson of St Andrew who held Whitfield Pen according to the Almanac [JFS]

572Possibly William Stamp who was awarded compensation for St Andrew 132 [UCL]

573Edward Claver Smith attorney

574Will of Joseph Adolphus, Practitioner in Physic and Surgery of Kingston, Jamaica. Will proved 22 June 1846 PROB 11/2036

575Jamaica Clarendon 269 (Hampton Court) 31st Oct 1836 | 36 Enslaved | £720 6S 6D
Award split: £538 11s 11d to Williams & Land (judgement creditors); £181 14s 7d to Garrigues & Burrell (the latter two as executors of Wm McCartney).

William McCartney Beneficiary deceased (Owner-in-fee)
Awardees: Thomas Land, Henry Lord Garrigues, Rowland Williams and George Burrell
Jamaica St Catherine 492 23rd Oct 1837 | 6 Enslaved | £126 17S 4D
T71/852: award split. £37 6s 11d to Rowland Williams and Thomas Land on 23/10/1837; £89 10s 5d to Thomas James Bernard on 29/10/1838.

Jamaica Clarendon 437 26th Mar 1838 | 3 Enslaved | £79 16S 8D
Award split: £49 16s 7d to Pommells and £23 3s 7d to Lawrence, both dated 26/03/1838; £6 16s 6d to Williams and Land, dated 04/11/1837.

T71/1187: counterclaim from Williams and Lawrence, co-partners Spanishtown.
Awardees: Sarah Pommells, Henry Lawrence, Thomas Land and Rowland Williams [UCL]

576John White Cater of Kingston, Jamaica. He was later of Lyston Hall, co. Essex, then of West Lodge, East Barnet, co. Herts, a prominent banker who became Chairman of the London and Brazilian Bank.

577Charles Armstrong, West India merchant, son of John and Margaret Armstrong, partner with his brother William Armstrong in Armstrong & Bazalgette (q.v.), awardee for enslaved persons on estates in Westmoreland as creditor of Anthony Gilbert Storer

578William Shilleto of Mackfield and Stayner's Hall, Westmoreland. Will proved 1838 PROB 11/1903

579Jamaica Trelawney 538 (Carrickfoyle Estate) 16th Feb 1838 | 87 Enslaved | £1805 16S 3D
T71/874: claim by James McLachlan, as receiver in cause, Lawrence vs Reid. Counterclaims from Edward Jeffries Esdaile and Henry Esdaile, under mortgages for £150,000 sterling, dated 16 & 17/02/1795 and 23/05/1823. [UCL]

580Jamaica Hanover 474 No Date | 123 Enslaved | £2200 12S 9D Frederick Burt Zincke Awardee [UCL]
Zincke was a doctor and noted in the Hanover census of 1823 as living at Endeavour with his wife and children and wife's mother and two of her sisters. [JFS]

581John Allwood of Hanover

582William Carey was described as one of "two gentlemen of the old school planters, and are now attorneys for York and Gale's Valley estates".Both estates were in Trelawny. [*Jamaica Plantership* Benjamin M'Mahon pub. 1839 p. 157]

583William Ramsay a Master in Ordinary in the Court of Chancery

584Probably William Williams v Thomas McNeel. They were both of Westmoreland and were involved in contested claims for 644 and 645 for slave compensation. [UCL]

585This case probably concerns Peru estate in Trelawny. It was by indenture 20th July 1796 deeded to James Scarlett eldest son of James Scarlett, later of Halstead, Essex. The indenture was conditional on the payment of sums of money to younger children. [noted in will of James Scarlett senior PROB 11/1471/339] However, James junior predeceased his father (he died in 1798 leaving a widow, Elizabeth Virgo Scarlett, and two daughters). The Slave Compensation for a third of the slaves at Peru was uncontested and awarded to his daughters while two thirds was awarded to Thomas Simpson, an executor and trustee of his father's will, and Ann Willis.

Jamaica Trelawney 406 (Peru Estate) 25th Jan 1836 | 53 Enslaved | £1074 1S 4D
Parliamentary Papers p. 77.

T71/874: claim from Sir Phineas Riall, of England, in right of his wife, for enslaved persons 'hired upon Peru Estate'. Mary James Scarlett, of England, was the heiress of Elizabeth Virgo Scarlett. Uncontested.

Awardees: Elizabeth Virgo Riall (née Scarlett), Mary James Scarlett and Lieutenant General Sir Phineas Riall [m. 18 Dec. 1819 Elizabeth Scarlett in Borgue, Scotland]

Jamaica Trelawney 405 (Peru (sp?)) 4th Apr 1836 | 106 Enslaved | £2027 6S 10D
Parliamentary Papers p. 308.

Thomas Simpson & others versus Ann Willis & others.
T71/874: claim by Wm. Miller, receiver in Scarlett versus Willis. Counterclaim from The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital, as creditors in the report in a cause for £60,000.

Jamaica Almanac (1833): Peru estate registered to the heirs of James Scarlett; shows 550 enslaved persons.

Awardees: Thomas Simpson and Ann Willis [UCL]

586Richard Henry Zouch Heming of St Ann, son of Samuel Scudamore Heming and Mary Charlotte Long. He died in St Ann in 1867 aged 67.

Jamaica St Ann 792 29th Feb 1836 | 3 Enslaved | £88 11S 8D

Richard H.Z. Heming Awardee

Jamaica St Ann 752 (Seville) 27th Jul 1838 | 168 Enslaved | £3381 13S 4D

T71/857: claim by Richard Heming, receiver in Heming administrator vs Rutherford & others. The case was a conflict between the Heming family and Rutherford and Jegon of London, who counterclaimed as 'proprietors in fee, having foreclosed the equity of redemption of Samuel Scudamore Heming order dated 14/01/1834 Court of exchequer England'. Samuel Scudamore Heming had married Mary Charlotte Long, grand-daughter of Samuel Long.

Richard Heming Awardee (Receiver) [UCL]

587William Lambie and Bryan West Orr had interests in estates in Portland and both were dead by this time. (William Lambie died 29th August 1832 at Quebec Estate, Jamaica)

[Jamaica Portland 3 6th Nov 1837 | 14 Enslaved | £213 2S 7D

Parliamentary Papers p. 300.

T71/1201: claim from Henry Lord Garrigues and Edward Bond, as executors of Wm. Lambie (deceased).

Henry Lord Garrigues Awardee & Edward Bond Awardee

Jamaica Portland 2 (Castle Comfort Estate) 10th May 1839 | 190 Enslaved | £3319 1S 6D

Not listed in Parliamentary Papers.

T71/868: claim from R. Heming, as receiver.] [UCL]

588Duncan Robertson of Gilnock Hall, St Elizabeth.

589Andrew White v: Duncan Robertson. Andrew White by his will proved 23rd October 1820 tied a bequest to his daughter Eliza Sarah Vose to the manumission of Mary Morrice alias Mary Cartwright & her children Lavinia Cartwright (born in Liverpool) and Henry White, Jane White, William White, Catherine White, John White and James Dunlevy White. [PROB 11/1636] Manumission was effected 19th January 1822 by James Vose and wife confirming a former deed 15th December 1812 by Andrew White and his wife. From 1823 Mary Cartwright held Comfort Hall slaves and cattle according to the Manchester Almanac. [JFS]

Jamaica Manchester 269 (Oxford and Evergreen) No Date | 72 Enslaved | £1367 10S 3D

Parliamentary Papers p. 294.

T71/860: Duncan Robertson claimed as receiver in the Court of Chancery in White vs Robertson.

Duncan Robertson of Gilnock Hall, St Elizabeth Awardee

Jamaica Manchester 270 (Comfort Hall) 12th Sep 1836 | 33 Enslaved | £692 5S 9D

Parliamentary Papers p. 24.

T71/915 p. 36: claim from Mary Cartwright, of Manchester, as owner and guardian of the Whites.

T71/860: note stating that the children had come of age.

T71/73 p. 464: enslaved persons registered by Mary Cartwright, as owner and natural guardian

Mary Cartwright Awardee (Guardian)

Henry White, Catherine White, John White and William White all Awardees [UCL]

590Joseph Stone Williams late owner of Anglesey Pen, Carawina and Cairn Curren plantations in Westmoreland. In a codicil to his will dated 11th January 1836 he bequeathed 'to Ann Katherine Storer Widow £30 guineas as the one half of the commissions which I engaged to pay her on the crop of the estates of the late Anthony Gilbert Storer for 1831' [PROB 11/1867]

591William Stanford Grignon of Montego Bay, attorney.

592Jamaica Portland 245 (Darley) 9th Feb 1838 | 70 Enslaved | £1149 3S 6D

T71/1201: counterclaim from Herbert Jarrett James (one of the Masters of Chancery of Jamaica), as guardian of rights in 'Atkins by attorney v Roper et al'. [UCL]

593Jamaica Westmoreland 681 (Retirement) 16th May 1836 | 31 Enslaved | £613 18S 1D

Parliamentary Papers p. 304.

T71/871: claim from Charles O'Connor, of Westmoreland, as guardian to Reid's.

Charles O'Connor Awardee & Charles Lawrence Awardee

Westmorland Almanac 1824 to 1831 Revd. John Reid held Retirement. Charles Lawrence was son of Richard James Lawrence of Fairfield in St James [St James 52 (Fairfield Estate)]. His father died in 1830 and Charles was awarded the slave compensation with his two brothers James and Frederick Augustus. [UCL]

594This was an extremely complex part of Chancery cases both in England and Jamaica concerning Langley Estate and Boyle Park Penn in St Mary. The problem stemmed from an over-prescriptive will of George Ogilvie the owner, proved in London in 1790. [PROB 11/1205]

Jamaica St Mary 252 (Langley Estate) 4th Apr 1836 | 144 Enslaved | £2628 16S 8D

Parliamentary Papers p. 288.

Rev. William Marshall v James Wedderburne & others.

Marshall & Wedderburne both Claimants in List E or Chancery cases [UCL]

595Jamaica St Ann 594 (Farm) No Date | 118 Enslaved | £2462 15S 1D

Parliamentary Papers p. 291.

T71/857: awarded to John Wallace, receiver in the suit of Fergusson v Wallace. [UCL]

[St Ann Almanac 1811 John Wallace held Farm, 1817 noted as Estate of John Wallace; 1824 to 1833 Wallace and Foster held it.] [JFS]

596Andrew Graham Dignum, attorney.

597Mary Macfarlane

598Old suit - concerns Sugar Estate in St George called Hart Hill (see below)

599Ann Margaret Eleanor Swaby and sister Caroline Atkinson Swaby noted as being in dispute with James Swaby as trustee of their grandfather, Joseph James Swaby sen over the slave compensation for Manchester 116 (Swaby's Hope) (where they were Awardees), Manchester 152 (Waltham) (where they were unsuccessful) and St Elizabeth 104 (Montpelier Pen) (where they were Awardees). James Swaby was son of John Swaby and Frances King. John Swaby was son of Joseph James Swaby sen by Ruth Burton. [UCL]

600Hon. Curtis Philip Berry, receiver, Spur-Tree, Manchester Almanac for 1838 but noted as deceased for the same in 1840. A manager for Kingston Bank for Savings in 1839

601Samuel Carson - Compensation was made in his name as Receiver in Swaby v Swaby for Manchester no. 165. Jamaica Manchester 165 (part) (Spur Tree) 388 Enslaved | £191 3S 10D

T71/860: claim by Samuel Carson, as receiver in Swaby versus Swaby. The compensation shown in the details of the award is almost certainly that of John Allan (see below). A further £8078 12s 1d was paid into the Court of Chancery, in Morrice and others versus Oxley and others, dated 27/04/1840.

T71/1606: letter, dated 22/08/1836, from Henry Pinckard, 78 Gt. Russell Buildings, re. this claim, stating that a part is to be paid to John Allan for 10 apprentices.

The £8078 12s 1d compensation held over for the Chancery suit of Morrice v Oxley was the subject of a settlement in December 1841 by which the proceeds of the consols was distributed among the legatees of the will of John Swaby (1758-1825) (q.v.), principally his daughter Marie Antoinette Moyle (q.v.) with the balance divided among other grandchildren, Treasury Solicitor's Papers re Morrice v Oxley: TS 11/679/2156; Report dated 29 July 1841 of Chancery Master John Edmund Dowdswell in Morrice v Oxley (C 38/1791); Report of Chancery Master J.W. Farrar dated 22 December 1841 (C 38/1791) and Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (CO 441/4/7). [UCL]

602Jamaica St Thomas-in-the-East, Surrey 223 18th Apr 1836 | 8 Enslaved | £139 2S 4D

T71/1200: shows service of notice on Thomas Whittle in Jamaica on 01/06/1835.
[Shows that his claim was contested but nothing to say by whom]
Thomas Whittle Awardee [UCL]
[Noted in St Thomas in the East, Plaintain Garden Division, from 1822 until 1833 but no longer listed in 1838]

603Dr Charles McGlashan, of Kingston, [Mack Glashan] and George Barnett were awarded slave compensation as executors of Donald Macfarlane - Jamaica Kingston 2247 28th Mar 1836 | 7 Enslaved | £155 16S 1D. [UCL]
He was listed in the City and Parish of Kingston in 1824: Collector of the City and Parish Transient Tax, Donald Macfarlane, Esq. [JFS]

604Samuel Jackson Dallas of Kingston

605Jasper Hall Livingston held Clonmell, St Mary according to the Almanac for 1816 but it was held by George Bainbridge in 1820. Bainbridge of 45 Broad Street, City of London, made his will in 1822 in which he mention holding land in Jamaica. However his copartner, John Bainbridge jun, had run up huge debts and the lease of the Broad Street premises was in the hands of Messrs Dorien & Co bankers Finch Lane, Cornhill. The will was proved in 1827 and Bainbridge's death is reflected in the Almanac till 1833. Jasper Hall Livingston was his attorney according to the slave returns from 1820 until 1826. The slave compensation papers show that the estate was split: Jamaica St Mary 154 (part) (Clonmell Pen) 4th Dec 1837 | 74 Enslaved | £1300 4S 9D
Parliamentary Papers p. 288.
Thomas Dorrien & others v George Livingston & others.
T71/856: original claim by Jasper Hall Livingston, committee of Geo. Livingston a lunatic, annuitant under the will of George Bainbridge. [There is no mention of this in the will]
Thomas Dorrien Awardee

Jamaica St Mary 154 (part) No Date | 74 Enslaved | £242 18S 3D
George Livingston Awardee Jasper Hall Livingston Awardee [UCL]

606Solicitors, Messrs. Hill, Davies, and Macneal, 83, Duke street, Kingston

607Possibly Frances Wynter Langley 64 & Mary Ann Langley 31 free Negroes christened 29th October 1818 at St Catherine

608John Powell Rennalls was a physician who held Golf Mountain according to the St Catherine Almanac from 1811. He made a will in 1808 which was processed in Jamaica in 1814 but proved in London in 1822 by James Hodge Byles, one of his executors. [PROB 11/1653]

609John Elliot & Ann Speight both free persons of colour of St Catherine married by licence 8th June 1825. Ann Speight daughter of Elizabeth Archer free mulatto born 1st Dec 1797, christened 24 Jan 1798. John Elliott held Retirement Pen St Catherine, from 1829 although he first appeared in the Almanac in 1827. Elizabeth Archer noted in the same Almanac from 1817 to 1831.

Jamaica St Catherine 712 6th Nov 1837 | 2 Enslaved | £60 2S 3D
John Elliott Awardee [UCL]

610 Richard and Diana Dracott were slaves belonging to Ann Rocke in Westmoreland in the 1817 return. They had no surname but were creole Negroes aged 3 and 1. In 1820 they were noted, (with surname Drackett), as having been gifted to Jane Caroline James by Mrs Ann Rocke, and held by HJJ in the right of his wife.

611 284 Broadway

612 This Line of Packets sail punctually from New York and Portsmouth on the 1st, 10th, and 20th, and from London on the 7th, 17th, and 27th of every month throughout the year, viz. [includes]
Ship Toronto, Griswold, master, sails from New York, April 10, August 10, December 10. From London, May 27, September 27, January 27.

The price of cabin passage is now fixed at \$140, outward, for each adult, which includes wines and liquors. Agents in New-York J. Griswold, 70 South-street; Grinnell, Minturn Co., 134 Front-street.

[Williams, Edwin. *New-York As It Is Containing a General Description of the City of New-York; List of Officers, Public Institutions, and Other Useful Information*. (1837) p.170]

613 Possibly Dr Francis Eloi Berger who was elected to College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York in 1813. He died in Paris in 1866.

614 Thomas Jefferson in his Notes on the State of Virginia, originally written in 1781 and 1782, stated, "There are several Medicinal springs, some of which are indubitably efficacious, while others seem to owe their reputation as much to fancy, and change of air and regimen, as to their real virtues. None of them having undergone a chemical analysis in skilful hands, nor been so far the subject of observations as to have produced a reduction into classes of the disorders which they relieve, it is in my power to give little more than an enumeration of them." {Jefferson, Notes} In 1825 he wrote Fanny Wright "We have taken too little pains to ascertain the properties of our different mineral waters, the cases in which they are respectively remedial, the proper process in their use, and other circumstances necessary to give us their full value. [Jefferson, *Writings*, 343-44]

Not surprisingly Jefferson was ahead of his time. In 1835, ten years after Jefferson's letter to Wright, William Barton Rogers (1804-82) was appointed the geologist for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He headed the state's geological survey from 1835 to 1841. He analyzed ten of the eleven springs Dr. Burke wrote about in his 1846 volume, missing only Fauquier White Sulphur Springs, and including a number that Burke omitted.
[<http://exhibits.hsl.virginia.edu/springs/chemistry>]

615 Captain Robert Harper Griswold commanded the 'Toronto' from 1835 until 1844. [Letters from his wife to him from after their marriage in 1840 are at the Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, Connecticut, USA
<http://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/about/>]

616 An indication that they did not intend to live together. His wife was not in London to meet him.

617 A lodging house where HJJ's mother was living.

618 The great coaching-inn of Aldersgate Street, in the old time, was the "Bull and Mouth." The original name of this inn was "Boulogne Mouth," in allusion to the town and harbour of Boulogne, besieged by Henry VIII. But the "gne," being generally pronounced by the Londoners "on," it gradually became "an," and it only required the small addition of "d" to make "and" of it. The first part being before this made a "bull" of, it was ultimately converted into the "Bull and Mouth." The "Queen's Hotel," St. Martins-le-Grand, rebuilt in 1830, now occupies the site of the old "Bull and Mouth." On the front there is a statuette of a bull, above which are the bust of Edward VI., and the arms of Christ's Hospital, to which the ground belongs. The old inn stood in Bull and Mouth Street, and the south side in Angel Street still retains the name of the old inn, but is merely a luggage depot of Chaplin and Home.
[www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=45092]

619 HJJ's mother obviously met him in London and he then travelled back with her to Clifton.

620 The Regulator (4 inside 11 outside) Departs London, St.Martins-le-Grand 6.30am
Departs Bath 7.00am
Hounslow - Slough - Maidenhead - Reading - Newbury - Hungerford - Marlborough - Calne - Chippenham - Bath – Bristol
122 miles - Journey time 13 hours. [*Stage Coaches* 1836]

621 The butt (from the medieval French and Italian botte) or pipe is an old English unit of wine casks, holding two hogsheads (approx. 475 to 480 litres). [Wikipedia]

622 Clear that at this point he intended to return to Jamaica and take up his Mastership in Chancery.

623 John Robert Brown, Clerk of the Peace in Westmorland

624 Jamaica Trelawney 405 (Peru (sp?)) 4th Apr 1836 | 106 Enslaved | £2027 6S 10D
Parliamentary Papers p. 308.
Thomas Simpson & others versus Ann Willis & others.
T71/874: claim by Wm. Miller, receiver in Scarlett versus Willis. Counterclaim from The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital, as creditors in the report in a cause for £60,000.
Jamaica Almanac (1833): Peru estate registered to the heirs of James Scarlett; shows 550 enslaved persons.
Awardees: Thomas Simpson and Ann Willis [UCL]

625 Tattingstone Hall, Suffolk, was the home of William Rhodes James, brother of HJJ

626 Robert Davies and Walter Finlayson. attorneys

627 Thomas Land and Charles Dewdney attorneys

628 NOTHING FOUND

629 James Forbes Colthirst held Norwich, Portland from 1822 until 1833 according to the Almanac. [JFS]

- 630 George Atkinson was awarded the slave compensation for Portland 231, Norwich, as receiver. There were three claimants in List E or Chancery Cases who made claims as assignees. [UCL]
- 631 Roger Swire was listed at the owner of Norwich, Portland, in the Almanac for 1838 [JFS]
- 632 William Garrigue, son of Henry Lord Garrigue, was born in 1816 and died in 1851. He was Clerk to the Clergy Fund for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Established Church. The accounts show that in December 1837 Mrs D. Little was receiving £50 for six months. [JFS]
- 633 Alex Reid Scott
- 634 William Rodon Rennalls, barrister, Bencher of the Middle Temple, died in London in 1863 aged 73. Judge of the Court of Admiralty in Jamaica.
- 635 Exeter Hall in the Strand, London, was the venue for meetings of the Anti-Slavery Society founded in 1823
- 636 James Grant of Westmorland was brother-in-law and executor, with Andrew Colville of Great Britain, of the will of Joseph Stone Williams. [PROB 11/1867]
- 637 David Fonseca, Crier of the Court of Quarter Sessions
- 638 The name Mahoe is derived from a Carib word. The 'blue' refers to blue-green streaks in the polished wood, giving it a distinctive appearance. It is the national tree of Jamaica
- 639 Jasper Hall Livingston was the youngest surviving son of Philip Philip Livingston of New York. Born in 1780 he died on August 9, 1835, in Nimba, Liberia. His brother George was the second son and was born in 1771.
- 640 Traders in Philadelphia
- 641 HJJ appears to be living with his daughter, and his sons are possibly there too, but nothing is said about his wife.
- 642 William Finlayson of St Catherine made his will 3rd October 1836 and it was proved in London 31st October 1837. He was brother of David and son of Mary Vidal, daughter of John Vidal and Sarah Diston, a free mulatto who lived with him until his marriage. His son John was HJJ's father in law. The Finlayson brothers were also natural children. [PROB 11/1885]
- 643 William Manning of Manning's Field, Manchester noted 1829-1840 Almanac. Marshal in the Manchester Militia, 1839. [JFS]
- Jamaica Manchester 449 11th Jan 1836 | 11 Enslaved | £227 6S 2D
Awardee: William Manning [UCL]
- 644 Jamaica Portland 244 (Darley) 8th Nov 1839 | 28 Enslaved | £429 9S 9D
Not listed in Parliamentary Papers.
- T71/868: claim by Henry Roper, as executor of Thomas Roper senior (deceased).
- T71/1607: J. B. Elin forwarded a petition from Alex Roper on these claims, dated 28/04/1837; letter also from Thos. Roper, of Kingston, dated 15/02/1837. [UCL]
- 645 Consol (originally short for consolidated annuities, but can now be taken to mean consolidated stock) is a form of British government bond (gilt), dating originally from the 18th century. The first consols were originally issued in 1751. Consols are one of the rare examples of an actual perpetuity: although they may be redeemed by the British government, this is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future. [Wikipedia]
- 646 Possibly Cinchona, common name quina, is a genus of about 25 recognized species in the family Rubiaceae, native to the tropical Andes forests of western South America. A few species are reportedly naturalized in Central America, Jamaica, French Polynesia, Sulawesi, Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, and São Tomé & Príncipe off the coast of tropical Africa. A few species are used as medicinal plants, known as sources for quinine and other compounds. [Wikipedia]
- 647 Edward Nathaniel Bancroft, M.D. Deputy Inspector-General of Army Hospitals, Died in Kingston 18th September 1842. He received slave compensation for his estates in Kingston and St Catherine.
- 648 Muffineer - a shaker for sprinkling sugar, spices, etc.
- 649 Vicar of Colebrooke, Devon, from 1831 until his death in 1848. Second son of Arthur Grueber of Belfast. St Edmund Hall matric. 1826 aged 29, B.A. 1830. However, in 1841 census he is not living in the Vicarage at Colebrooke. Instead John W. Karslake aged 25, Clerk, is there with his wife and three female servants. John Wollaston Karslake, entered Magdalene College, Cambridge in 1831, was ordained in 1836, and was curate of Colebrook until 1841. Arthur Grueber, aged 44, Clerk, foreign, appears to be lodging in the house of a tailor in Colebrooke. He married Sarah Eaton in East Teignmouth in 1828. She was living in Leamington Priors in 1851, aged 44, a widow, schoolmistress, with a daughter, also named Sarah, aged 15, who was born in Crediton.
- 650 Bank
- 651 Possibly John Coates, husband of Mary. Lived in Montego Bay and had land in St James.
- 652 Stephen Weston Goss was born at Dawlish on 5th January 1838.
- 653 Charles Wix, oilman, 22 Leadenhall Street [Kent Directory 1823]
- 654 See "Marshall vs Ogilvie"
- 655 Henry Lord Garrigues and Edward Bond executors of will of William Lambie. They were awardees 6th November 1837 for Portland 3. [UCL]
- 656 Robert Cargill, Registrar and Clerk of the Patents in the Court of Chancery.
- 657 Inscription in the Cathedral at Spanish Town: 225. 'Sacred to the memory of COLIN MACKENZIE, Esquire, of Mount Gerald, Ross Shire, North Britain, and of Spanish Town in this Island, who departed this life on the 1st December 1837 aged 35 years. The honourable conduct the kind disposition and the amiable manners which distinguished this gentleman through life endeared him to many friends in this Island who have erected this

- monument to his memory as a testimony of their regard and esteem.' [JFS]
- 658 Probably alluding to the work of Dr William Burke which was published as *The Mineral Springs of Western Virginia* in 1846
- 659 Erysipelas (also known as "Ignis sacer", "Holy fire", and "St Anthony's fire") is an acute streptococcus bacterial infection of the dermis, resulting in inflammation. Patients typically develop symptoms including high fevers, shaking, chills, fatigue, headaches, vomiting, and general illness within 48 hours of the initial infection. The erythematous skin lesion enlarges rapidly and has a sharply demarcated raised edge. It appears as a red, swollen, warm, hardened and painful rash, similar in consistency to an orange peel.
- 660 This looks like a query about a job for himself.
- 661 This suggests that his wife was now living with him.
- 662 Agatha Wells Shedden died 9th February at Whippingham in the Isle of Wight.
- 663 Jamaica St Mary 252 (Langley Estate) 4th Apr 1836 | 144 Enslaved | £2628 16S 8D
Claimants in List E or Chancery cases: Rev. William Marshall v James Wedderburne [UCL]
- 664 Founded 1809 as Goodhue and Swett; operated a line of transatlantic packets and served as agents for the Canton firm of Russell and Co.
- 665 Cork sealed with a hard wax made from rosin (resin).
- 666 Large glass container more commonly referred to as a demijohn in relation to wines and spirits.
- 667 Large wooden cask containing some 80 gallons.
- 668 A recipe for Shrub: To one part of lemon-juice, three of good orange are allowed, and, to every pint of juice, a pound and a half of very finely-pounded loaf sugar; these being well mixed, it is put into a cask, and one quart of the best rum added to each pint of the juice; the whole to be shaken three times a-day for a fortnight, or longer, if the cask be large. It is then allowed to stand to fine for a month, or till it be sufficiently clear to bottle. The dregs may be made into excellent milk punch, by pouring warm, but not boiling, milk on them, allowing three parts of milk to one of dregs; after being well mixed, it is fit for use. [<http://chestofbooks.com/food/recipes/Cook/Shrubs.html>]
- 669 None has been found.
- 670 William Hewitt's land in Clarendon. Hewitt died in 1831. Hewitt was assistant Clerk when Bullock was Clerk to His Majesty's Council in 1824.
- 671 Jamaica St George 338 (Hart Hill Estate) 2nd May 1836 | 126 Enslaved | £2391 11S 3D
Parliamentary Papers p. 301.
Wm. Pratt & others versus Browne Willis & others.
William Pratt Claimants in List E or Chancery cases
Browne Willis Awardee [UCL]
- [William Pratt - London merchant, partner with Horatio Clagett. His appearance in a dozen claims in Jamaica appears linked to litigation arising from Greenwich Hospital's ownership of estates.]
- 672 James Cockburn
- 673 His cousin, William Rhodes James [WRJ7], was at Edinburgh studying medicine at the time which may have been why this was mooted.
- 674 Camphor originally, a gum resembling ordinary camphor, obtained from a tree (*Dryobalanops aromatica* formerly *Dryobalanops camphora*) growing in Sumatra and Borneo.
- 675 John Barnard, was a banker, husband of Mary Ann, daughter of Herbert Newton Jarrett and Maria Berners, HJJ's cousin. Barnard, Dimsdales & Barnard, 50 Cornhill, London.
- 676 George Fife Angas (1 May 1789 – 15 May 1879) was a businessman, Member of Parliament and played a significant part in the formation of South Australia.....He became interested in a proposed settlement in South Australia and formed the South Australian Company. His own views on systematic colonisation dealt with the exclusion of convicts, concentration of settlers, sending out (preferably religious) intelligent people with capital, the emigration of young couples of good character, free trade, free government, and freedom of religion [Wikipedia]
- 677 The South Australian Company was an organisation formed on 9 October 1835 to develop the new settlement in South Australia. Its purpose was to build a new colony in South Australia. The South Australian Company ended business in its own right on 17 March 1949 when its management was transferred to Elders Trustee. The founding shareholders were George Fife Angas, Thomas Smith and Henry Kingscote, who were soon accompanied by some 300 additional shareholders. Among these were John Rundle, Charles Hindley, Raikes Currie, John Pirie and Henry Waymouth, whose names adorn Adelaide's city streets. In January 1836 four ships sailed from England, on behalf of the Company. They developed a settlement at Kingscote on Kangaroo Island, in July 1836, but when farming proved unviable, they transferred their settlement to the mainland. The Company provided basic infrastructure for the new colony, as well as sold or leased land to immigrants who came to settle. In its early years, the Company was managed by Samuel Stephens (1836 to 1837), David McLaren (1837 to 1841) and William Giles (1841 to 1861). [Wikipedia]
- 678 Henry Manning was a manufacturer of prefabricated houses for the colonies.
- 679 Henry Capper *South Australia: Containing Hints to Emigrants, Proceedings of the South Australian Company &c.* 1838
- 680 George Smith *Essay on the Construction of Cottages* suited for the Dwellings of the Labouring Classes, for which the premium was voted by the Highland Society of Scotland. Illustrated by Working Plans of single and combined cottages on different scales of accommodation and cost. Also with specifications, details and estimates. Glasgow.

Blackie & Son. 1834

- 681 Anthony Davis, Receiver of Langley, St Mary from 1838 [Anthony Davis was recorded in the Slave Returns in St Catherine (1817 & 1820) and in St Andrew in 1832, William Dawes Quarrell Esq, his attorney. Quarrell was also his attorney in Hanover, on Saxham Estate, for which Davis was owner and survivor of Benjamin Capon deceased. Anthony Davis signed the 1817 St Catherine return & that for 1820.] [JFS]
- 682 Richard Vining Perry Ogilvie noted in the 1817 Slave Returns for Langley Estate as "agent for the proprietors" and in 1826 the slaves were "in the possession of Richard Vining Perry Ogilvie and Jasper Hall Livingston as receivers [c.o. appointed by the Court of Chancery]". Ogilvie alone was sworn.
- 683 George William Hamilton, Receiver of Langley from 1831 until 1833 [1832 Return of slaves in St Mary in possession of George William Hamilton as receiver appointed by an order of the King in Council in a certain cause intitled "Marshall & ux et al vs Ogilvie"]
- 684 James Derbyshire held land in St John from 1828 and St Catherine from 1829 and received slave compensation in both places. In 1840 noted as attorney for Anthony Davis in St Catherine.
- 685 Possibly John & William Mulholland, merchants of Liverpool. Noted as bankrupt 22nd September 1837. They could also be the same John and William who held York Lodge in St Andrews in 1833 with 4 slaves, but were not listed in the slave compensation records. A woman named Margaret Davis was awarded for two slaves at St Andrew 36. Could this be the woman referred to and could this be the previous York Lodge?
- 686 No link to Jamaica found.
- 687 Governor of Jamaica
- 688 James Morrison (1789 - 1857) was a British millionaire businessman and Member of Parliament. The son of a Hampshire innkeeper, Morrison married into a London drapery business and quickly made it one of the most profitable in the World. He later established the US trading company, Morrison, Cryder & Co. He invested heavily in foreign railways and also in art. His art collection included works by Constable, Cuyp, Jan Steen, Murillo, Poussin, Rembrandt and Rubens. In 1854, he bought the Isle of Islay for nearly half a million pounds. He lived at the Pavilion at Fonthill in Wiltshire before purchasing Basildon Park in Berkshire. He also entered politics and was MP for St Ives (1830), Ipswich (1832) and the Inverness Burghs (1840 - 1847). [Wikipedia]
- 689 Jamaica Manchester 401 (Ramble) No Date | 94 Enslaved | £1616 18S 2D
- T71/860: claim from Thomas Wheatle, as receiver.
- T71/1606: letter, dated 05/02/1835, from John Sandbach to Viscount Sandon, stating that John Sandbach's family are legatees under the will of John Walker Esq., of Ramble Place. They cannot get information on the state of compensation etc., and request help: 'Having been a canvasser for your lordship at the most recent election, and a member of your subcommittee at Edge Hill, will I hope induce your lordship to excuse my being thus troublesome'. Counterclaim also from Joseph Brooks Yates, of Liverpool, as assignee of certain judgements versus John Walker. Awardee: Thomas Wheatle [UCL]
- 690 Colonel Robert Torrens, F.R.S., the distinguished economist, was one of the founders of South Australia. [Wikipedia]
- 691 17th June 1838.
- 692 Jamaica Portland 2 (Castle Comfort Estate) 10th May 1839 | 190 Enslaved | £3319 1S 6D
Not listed in Parliamentary Papers.
- T71/868: claim from R. Heming, as receiver.
[Jamaica Almanac (1826 & 1833): Castle Comfort estate registered to Bryan West Orr (resident in the 1820s).]
- T71/1201: counterclaims from e.g. James Simpson, of Springfield Lodge.
Richard Fleming Awardee [UCL]
- 693 Jamaica Portland 15 (Cambridge Estate) 25th Jan 1839 | 152 Enslaved | £2737 5S 6D
Not listed in Parliamentary Papers.
- T71/868: claim by H.L. Garrigues and Edward Bond, as executors of Wm. Lambie (deceased), the late receiver of the Court of Chancery.
[Jamaica Almanac (1833): Cambridge estate registered to 'Young & Sims', together with Golden Vale estate. Portland claim no. 43 shows Golden Vale estate owned by William and Jacob Sims, of London, as mortgagees.]
No Awardee [UCL]
- 694 John Gale Vidal
- 695 Jamaica Westmoreland 24 12th Oct 1835 | 9 Enslaved | £143 7S 1D
Awardee: Frances Boddington [UCL]
- 696 John Duff, attorney . 1839 Clerk to Commissioners of Correspondence, John Duff, esq.
- 697 John Selfe, late of Knighton, in the parish of Broadchalke, in the county of Wilts, Farmer, died 17th January 1875. He married in 1827.
- 698 John Morphett. ...On 20 March 1836, Morphett sailed for South Australia in the Cygnet, which arrived at Kangaroo Island on 11 September 1836. On 5 November 1836, the Cygnet arrived at Holdfast Bay. Next day, with Lieutenant Field and George Strickland Kingston, he "discovered" the River Torrens. With others on the Cygnet, he also identified the mouth of the Port River, identified the suitability of Port Adelaide, and visited Port Lincoln with Light. At the crucial meeting on 10 February 1837, he played a decisive role in confirming the choice of Adelaide for a settlement. On 15 August 1838 he married Elizabeth Hurtle Fisher, the eldest daughter of James Hurtle Fisher (later Sir James), whom he had first met at the meetings of the South Australian Literary Association in London. They

were married at Trinity Church, South Australia's first Anglican Church. [NB John Vidal James, third son of HJJ, married her sister, Frances Lucy Fisher, in 1851]. As a land agent for the South Australian Company, he secured valuable land for his family and clients; he was energetic, enthusiastic sensible and lucky, and profited greatly from a multitude of land transactions. A Secondary Towns Association was formed in England in 1838, and Morphett became the local Colonial Representative for that Association. In this capacity he often engaged the services of John Hill in exploring for survey sites, while also exploring himself. In May 1839 he paid £4,000 for a Special Survey of 4,000 acres (1,600 ha) of land along the Hutt River, and in November 1839 he bought 8,000 acres on the River Murray which became the Wood's Point Estate. During November 1841, as one of the trustees for Lt. Col. George Gawler, Morphett selected land in sections 1553 and 1554 to the south of the Barossa South Survey...[Wikipedia]

699Possibly Joseph Brown

700Probably Edward Bartholomew Thomas was an attorney and a commissioner for taking affidavits in Kingston [JFS]

701Giles Edward Strangways (1819-1906) and his brother Thomas Bewes, (1809-1859) both born in Shapwick, Somerset, were passengers on HMS *Buffalo* which arrived in South Australia in December 1836 under Captain John Hindmarsh, the first Governor. Also on board was James Hurtle Fisher and his family. In 1838 Giles had accompanied Charles Sturt, herding cattle overland from Sydney to Adelaide. [Wikipedia]

702Rajahstan departed London July 26th, 1838, arrived in Adelaide November 16th 1838

703Robert Allwood, was born 24th September 1803 in Jamaica, son of Robert Allwood and Susanna Tomlinson. He was educated at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1825. He took holy orders, and was ordained deacon in 1826 by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and priest in 1827 by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. He was a minor canon of Bristol Cathedral from 1826 to 1839, and curate of Clifton from 1829 to 1839. He emigrated to New South Wales, arriving in Sydney on Dec. 8th 1839. From 1840 to 1884 he was incumbent of St. James's, Sydney, and was appointed canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral in 1852. Canon Allwood was Chancellor of the diocese of Sydney from 1876 to 1884, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney in 1869. He died on October 27th, 1891.

704Rev. Francis Vidal (1805-1884) and his brother, George (1815-1898), brothers of HJJ's wife. They sailed on the Earl Grey from Plymouth 29th October 1839 and arrived in Sydney 25th February 1840.

705Presumably stipendiary magistrates

706A cupboard (almarie)

707Thomas Shuldham O'Halloran (1797-1870) was born on 25 October 1797 at Berhampore, India, the second son of Major-General Sir Joseph O'Halloran, G.C.B., and his wife Lady Frances, a niece of the earl of Uxbridge. He entered the Royal Military College in 1808 and at 16 he sailed for India as an ensign in the 17th Regiment. He was promoted lieutenant in that regiment in 1817 and captain in the 99th Regiment in 1827. He returned to England after twenty years army service in India in 1834. Soon after his return he transferred to the Coldstream Guards where he was on half-pay until he joined the 97th Regiment in May 1837. Next year he sold his commission and sailed with his wife and two sons for South Australia in the *Rajahstan*. The family landed at Holdfast Bay in November 1838. O'Halloran had already bought a land order for four sections; these were taken at a place later known as O'Halloran Hill, where he moved with his family and started to build Lizard Lodge, named after a feature in his family arms. Five months after landing he entertained the governor and dined senior officials in his substantial new home. In 1839 he was gazetted major-commandant of the short-lived voluntary militia and in June 1840 Governor George Gawler appointed him as the first commissioner of police. Instructed to reorganize the force, he weeded out inefficient police, enlisted recruits, enforced strict discipline, and created two divisions, one mounted and one foot, each under the command of an inspector. He led several police expeditions against warlike Aborigines. The most important was against a Murray tribe which had murdered twenty-four survivors of the wreck of the *Maria*; two of the offenders were convicted by a drumhead court martial ordered by Governor Gawler and hanged in the presence of their tribe. O'Halloran was first married at Dawlish, Devonshire, on 1 August 1821 to Anne, daughter of James Goss [sister of Stephen Weston Goss, husband of HJJ's daughter Elizabeth]; she died at Calcutta in 1823, leaving two children. On 10 July 1834 at Newry, County Down, he married Jane, eldest daughter of James Waring, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. [<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/ohalloran-thomas-shuldham-2523>]

708William Scott (1795-1866) and his family had arrived in South Australia on the *Canton* from Liverpool in April 1838

709The will of Barbara Boucher of Southampton, widow, was proved in London 5th July 1838 by James George Boucher and Aiskew Passard Hollis. [PROB 11/1897]

710A small craft used in the West Indies to take off sugar, rum etc. to or from sea-going ships

711John William May Esq., 123, Fenchurch Street, Consul-General for Holland [Ellis's *British Tariff*]

712Peter Thompson was, with Henry Manning, a noted manufacturer of prefabricated houses to be shipped to the colonies.[<http://www.mileslewis.net/lectures/10-australian-building/15-prefabrication.pdf>]

713Cottam and Hallen, iron founders, mechanists and agricultural implement makers, Winsley Court, Oxford Street

714Dr Neil Arnott. MD. FRS

..It appears that the Arnott stove was first manufactured following the publishing of his 1838 book "Warming and Ventilating", and although it states that the stove was Patented this was not the case. Letters to The Times newspaper called the absence of a Patent "a serious misfortune to the public".

The fact that Arnott did not patent the invention of his stove allowed other people to copy the design principle, and many different firms then manufactured the Arnott Stove making variations to his original design which

subsequently led to problems with the stoves performance, reliability and safety. [From a long and interesting article with a delightful account by a 'country gentleman' of an explosion caused by one in December 1839
http://www.hevac-heritage.org/victorian_engineers/arnott/arnott.htm]

715 William Heath owned Spring Mount and Friendship in St James, Jamaica

716 William Mitchell Kerr had returned to Scotland, married Eleanor Aynsworth in December 1837, and his son William James Kerr was born 7th September 1838 at Brechin, Angus.

717 Aberdeen Steam Wharf, St Katherine Docks, London

718 Jamaica Portland 2 (Castle Comfort Estate) 10th May 1839 | 190 Enslaved | £3319 1S 6D
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719 South Australian record published [London, England] : Henry Capper : John Gliddon, 1837-1840
 Vol. 1, no. 1 (Nov. 8th, 1837) - v. 1, no. 29 (Dec. 15th, 1839)

720 Jamaican National Archives IB/11/23/10

721 HJJ made a will in Jamaica 30th June 1836 to which he added a codicil 4th January 1840 which was witnessed, among others, by "George Little Atty at Law Bristol"

722 William Leader Maberly (1798–1885) spent most of his life as a British army officer and Whig politician. In 1836, Maberly was appointed as joint secretary to the General Post Office, where he strongly opposed the introduction of the penny post, a plan championed by Rowland Hill to charge a fixed price for postage [Wikipedia]

723 John Chisholm overseer and attorney of Haughton Tower died in the autumn of 1840.

724 The *Anna Robertson* left London 27th May 1839 and arrived at Port Adelaide 23rd September. It had 111 passengers

725 Jamaica St Ann 607 (Cave River Plantation) 8th Nov 1838 | 70 Enslaved | £1493 8S 2D
 T71/857: awarded to Robert Fairweather, receiver. [UCL]

726 William Wright of the firm Elin, Scott & Co

727 A right to keep possession of property belonging to another person until a debt owed by that person is discharged.

728 Jamaica St Ann 149 (Grierfield) 24th Apr 1837 | 35 Enslaved | £815 4S 4D
 Award split: £192 14s 4d to Fergus; £582 2s 8d to Mitchel; £40 7s 4d to Hamilton.

T71/857: Rebecca Fergus, St Ann, judgement creditor; Hector Mitchel, Kingston, executor of John Biggin [or Biggar? See Kingston claim no. 1725 etc]; George William Hamilton, St Catherine, trustee of Robt Grier Hamilton
 Grierfield was in the hands of J.G. Vidal in 1845 [UCL]

729 George Miller and George Fife Angas ran a mercantile business together under the name of George Fife Angas & Co.

730 The *Prince Regent* left London on June 6th 1839 and arrived at Port Adelaide on 25th September. It had 199 passengers and there were 23 deaths on the voyages.

731 John Brealey born Dawlish, Devon 7th February 1816, married Mary Ann Back, at Dawlish, April 1839. Arrived at Port Adelaide on the *Prince Regent* 25th September 1839 having left London on 6th June. John was listed in the manifest as a farmer, carpenter and wheelwright. Their son, Francis Thomas, was born on the voyage. John died in Adelaide 13th October 1889. Mary was also born at Dawlish, 27th July 1819, and died at Hyde Park, South Australia, 9th August 1892

732 21st June

733 The *Dumfries* - 468 ton, a 3 mast ship built in 1837 in Douglas, Isle of Man, and measured 115'4"x 26'1"x 18'3"
 Registered in Liverpool.

734 22nd June

735 John Duff, attorney, married Margaret, daughter of Samuel Jackson Dallas, attorney and Member of the House of Assembly for Port Royal.

736 John James, son of John Gale Vidal writing to HJJ's wife

737 Possibly Robert Cargill and his sister-in-law, Harriet Duncan. The two daughters may have been Robert's as his wife appears to have died in 1835 and there is only evidence that Harriet Duncan had a son.

738 Could this be Joseph, the man who was in the coach with HJJ and his son when they left Spanish Town [Noted in WRJ6 journal p. 32]

739 A ship of that name, listed under Australian shipping, arrived in London 5th February 1840. It had come from Honduras. It may be that J. Brown was dropped at Jamaica on the way.

740 22nd June

741 The captain of the *Dumfries* was Richard Thompson. From the context it looks likely that he is being referred to rather than Peter Thompson the prefabricated house builder.

742 See Diary account

743 The timber from Scots pine is also called red deal or yellow deal

744 The North American. : (Philadelphia, Pa.) 1839-1839, a daily paper, "Impartial but neutral." Succeeded by The North American and daily advertiser. : (Philadelphia [Pa.]) 1840-1845

745 Green & yellow Muscheto muslins being sold in Sydney in 1836 (presumably for mosquito nets).
 Entomologists' nets noted in 1742 Benjamin Wilkes published directions for collectors who contained probably the first ever description of the clap-net, "Provide a Net made of Muscheto Gause, and in shape like a Bat-fowling Net." (<http://www.amentsoc.org/publications/bulletin/articles/discovery-of-a-clap-net.html>)

746 Imperial stout, also known as "Russian imperial stout" or "imperial Russian stout," is a strong dark beer or stout in

the style that was brewed in the 18th century by Thrale's brewery in London, England for export to the court of Catherine II of Russia. In 1781 the brewery changed hands and the beer became known as Barclay Perkins Imperial Brown Stout. [Wikipedia]

747Pages 218-219 blank

748Robert Vidal, HJJ's brother in law.

749George Vidal was HJJ's youngest brother in law. He left in 1840 for New South Wales where he was ordained.

750*American Railroad Journal* was published from 1832 until at least 1912

751Arthur Robert Jones rented Passley Garden, Portland, from Robert Hawthorn's wards

75224th October

753Not Found

754A species of bank notes payable at a distant period, and not on demand.

755The Kennet and Avon Canal, 57 miles long and completed in 1810, connects the River Thames at Reading with the River Avon at Bath. With this canal, barges transporting goods went from Bristol to London, via the River Avon, the Kennet and Avon Canal and the River Thames. After the railways were built in the mid 1800s, the canal was no longer used.

756Error for Horstman

757The *Orleana* arrived at Port Adelaide 10th June 1840 having left London on the 29th February 1840

758By the Will of 30th June 1836 and a codicil thereto of Jan 4 1840 Herbert Jarrett James after bequeathing annuities of 200 to his Mother Rachel Allen James and £250 to his wife Jane Caroline James respectively gave a life interest in one fourth of his residuary estate to each of his four Children (of whom Richard Boucher James was one) with remainder to the children of each child. The said HJJ died on Ap 3 1840 and the said will & codicil were proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury on May 8 1840.

The gross value of the estate of HJJ deceased was £32,820 £25039 of which consisted in American Securities and therefore was not liable to Probate duties.

The estate was administered under the direction of the Court. On realization provision was made for the annuities of £200 and £250 resp. and the balance was invested, the investments divided into 4 equal parts and transferred into Court to form separate accounts, and on the lesser of the two annuities the capital set free was divided into 4 equal parts and one of such parts paid into each of the said 4 accounts -

The share of RBJ and his children is now represented by £2940.18.2 Bank Stock the value of which on the 4th Sep 1908 (date of death of R Boucher James) @ 269 per £100 was £7911.0.16

The proportion of the foreign securities to the prev Estate of HJJ deceased being taken as 25093/32820 (sic) the proportion of the above sum of £7,911.0.10 attributing to foreign securities is £6035.9.0 [Note made by Jane Caroline, daughter of Richard Boucher James, after the death of her father. She had the letter-book and gave it with other family papers to her nephew, Samuel Lister James, and he gave everything he had to Violet, widow of the twelfth William Rhodes James, when he left England for Canada. Alan Macfarlane inherited the archive after the death of his grandmother.]

759William E. Le Blanc, Arthur Le Blanc and George Simon Cook noted as partially dissolving their partnership in 1843 [London Gazette]

760Henry Tumming

761James Tuming [sic] married Elizabeth Jarrett 8th January 1777 at St James, Jamaica by licence. James Plunkett and Johanna, children of James Tuming and his wife were baptised in St Ann 22nd September 1783. (no baptism for Henry found).

762Walsingham Beazley married Ann Jarrett, 17th August 1782, at Trelawny.

763Walsingham, son of Walsingham and Sarah Ann [presumably Ann & Sarrah Ann are the same] Beazley was baptised at St James 14th January 1792. He married Margaret Lurtin 6th November 1815 at Sefton, Lancashire. Probate 9th September 1875. William Walsingham Beazley late of Kirkdale near Liverpool, master mariner, who died 7th December 1850 at Kirkdale left unadministered by Margarel Beazley widow the relict & Frances Sarah Jarratt Cruchley [she was a daughter of Rachel Allen James's older sister, Frances Newton Jarrett, whose second husband was William Cruchley] spinster the universal legatee for life - granted to Liverpool Protestant Orphan Society. Effects under £1,500

764Editor's pagination

765James George Crabb son of James who married Arabella Sarah Grove Boucher, daughter of Richard Boucher of Corsham, Wiltshire, at St Mary, Woolnoth, London 13th November 1777. She was sister of the testator.

766Richard Boucher died 12th December 1832 aged 78.

767John Salmon junior of New Savanna, St Elizabeth

768John Thomson of Manchester held estates of Mayday and Woodside at the time of his death c1822.

769Barnaby Maddan. merchant in Kingston

770Miss Barbara Samuells married Richard Boucher of St Elizabeth at Cousin's Cove, Hanover in May 1797.

771Sophia Scarlett Ashman daughter of Richard Ashman, surgeon deceased, was joint owner with her sister, Barbara Boucher Ashman of Pan's Lodge, Manchester. Richard Boucher had been their guardian. Her sister died at Marlborough. Manchester in May 1833 leaving her sole heiress. She married William Kellett Hewitt, widower, in St Marylebone, London in 1837.

772*Times* 26/07/1852 p. 10: as a result of the Chancery suit Wood versus Boucher, the property of J. G. Boucher

(deceased) was sold - i.e. Marlbro Mount, Moreland, Cedar Grove, Hanover (all in Manchester) and Wilton Pen estates (in St Elizabeth). [30 August 1837 James George Crabb, of Shedfield, in Droxford, co. Wilts, gent. in compliance with the wish of his late maternal uncle Richard Boucher, of Jamaica, esq. to take the name of Boucher only, and bear the arms. *Gentleman's Magazine* 162-3.

773Error for 1833 in original

774Possibly George Saunders who held Barnstable in Manchester in 1840

775Owner-in-fee of New Forest, Manchester

776Tolu resin used to relieve coughs and asthma, and to treat wounds

777Pareira Brava is a remedy for urinary problems

778Slave compensation returns John Bruce owner in fee St Elizabeth 767 (Brucefield Pen). John Salmon registered 42 enslaved persons on Brucefield Pen estate in 1832, as attorney for John Bruce [UCL]

779Probably Herman Hendricks who held a little land in St Elizabeth until 1822. Richard Ashman held Balbie in the same place. He was noted as deceased in 1823 and Hendricks had disappeared from the Almanac. [JFS]

780No record of a daughter only of five sons.

781Manchester 70 (Glasgow) [UCL]

782Manchester 107 (May Day) & 429 (Woodside) [UCL]

783Henry Rhodes Morgan died 4th January 1836 at Dorset Square, London. He a was first cousin of HJJ. His wife, Elizabeth Lawson, was a cousin of Mrs Boucher's.

784Alethea Hext married 10th December 1835 at Lanlivery, Cornwall

785Jamaica Manchester 177 (Pan's Lodge) - 31st Jul 1837 | 44 Enslaved | £916 11S 4D

T71/860: claim from Sophia Scarlett Ashman, in the parish of Manchester, as owner-in-fee by survivorship.

Counterclaim from Richard Paterson and Wm. John Richardson (of London - see T71/1188), as assignees and trustees of Herman Hendricks. [UCL]

786Elizabeth Morgan whose husband, Henry Rhodes Morgan, died on the 4th January at Dorset Square, Regents Park, London. She was the daughter of Caroline James's step-father, Dr James Lawson. Barbara Boucher left her £50 in her will. She also left £100 to her brother William Samuells who may have held Friendship in Manchester. [PROB 11/1897]

787Possibly John Griffith who was a Master in Ordinary 1824 and 1839 and also held Long Hill in St Elizabeth.

788The original MS377-21

789Estate in St Elizabeth

790A charity school funded through the Lady Mico Charity which was established in 1834

791John Hext Esq Restomel Park [Pigot's Directory 1830]

792Edward Peart (1787-1853) 1824 executor of M. Withers in charge of Oatlands, Manchester, a property of 430 acres. In later years Edward is shown as the proprietor. He was white but his children were all by Sarah Robinson, a quadroon.

793See <http://www.jamaicanfamilysearch.com/Members/j/JamesRichard.htm>

794<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/> under 'Links' at the bottom of the page is a link to Jamaican Family Search.

795<http://www.jamaicanfamilysearch.com/Members/j/JamesJonathan.htm>