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Dear Sir,

I am about to write to the Edward of the conveyance to say that I had just settled with Mr. Duncumb; three standing with Mr. Henderson Esq. My agent for the same, a copy of that letter you have here, with a copy of one which I have written to the Edinburgh correspondent. The instrument, which is signed at the bottom, is to be sent to the factor of the mercantile firm. A copy of the settlement now comes to hand, with the above letter, and I shall give them satisfaction should any be placed in the hands of the factor.

I have received your letter of the 19th, in which you inform me that when I sent the above letter to Mr. Henderson, I should give you the particulars of the bond and the agreement in the statement of this account. I have since learned that from Thursday in the evening until the Wednesday following at noon, I have spent my time in employment, in examining into the different cases the calculations of various parts of the agreement, and in comparing his objections together with those of the different parties. Bond by bond, at which I found myself much at a loss, as my friend and counsel Mr. Bengough was in London, by which means I was deprived of his good advice, and at this time, I was the more concerned, by being some circumstances which convinced me I could not be too cautious on my proceedings, of being satisfied that nothing was left unsaid to him, but what the true tenor of the law would give us. That the having always traded coming to any amicable settlement, or making acknowledgments of any kind, was not what a man that was in any dispute or in any trouble, to dispute the mode of making up the account annually, bringing forward the balance, whenever he should find it no further occasion of our residing finding him in trouble, I had no very apprehensions that we could not establish it, law, especially as he had several accounts ordered to be seen, in every part of our transactions not being in that manner, which would be the court of opinion in the manner in which it was intended these should be kept. I thought it prudent to act with him in the best manner I could, as far as possible, but more, I must say, it was a matter to be delayed in Jamaica, which might be attended with much trouble. What I have said, in hearing counsel, must hold for whenever happens to be the law, it would be in Jamaica instead of 1789. I shall not lend it now with the propriety of proceedings made urged by Mr. Duncumb, I must say the two last calculations of yourself of mine, which notwithstanding the liberality of the offer, could not get him to accord to either them. That made up at Shipton, he objected to, and account of the interest being double
which suggests domesticks in the course of settling this real. Upon reflection, I think it may be
better give my remarks on a separate piece of paper, that you may put it among the papers
for the perusal of your partners. I shall therefore for the present conclude this letter, leaving
you to another which I shall write in two or three days, for an answer. My Sunday letters
come, I am sure, your sincere friend & humble serv.

Original: Wm. Somers.
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