Correspondence to Henry Bright from Gilbert Ford, Henry Laurens, Arthur & Benjamin Heywood, Josh Jarleton, Meyler-Hall, William Miles, Smith & Baillie, James Smith, Robert Stanton, Anthony Stokes, Thomas Stokes, and R. Whatley. Relating to business concerns and trade in Jamaica; including discussion of the slave trade. (15 of 28)
Henry Bright Esq
Sir,

Since our last of which you have copy here
with me was forwarded with yours of the 30th of October 19th
I have received orders from the Board of Trustees in the ship
mentioned in my last to pay you the
amount due for the last of them, & have explained to them on
the mistake in my last which I now consider as an open
account between you & me. Your gentleman has last week been
removed to the Parish of St. John's in Antigua whale 1200 a year
he has left letters with his friends in Antigua to Ship by them
April 12th your address for last year falling through me to correspond with you from Antigua. We believe you have been
so kind as to receive them & be in receipt of the Amelia thing. As we can only in return afford yourself, gratitude that we shall on all occasions endeavour
ourselves so to give satisfaction to you & your friends. You may
assume yourself of our assistance to Captain Henderson, their
want it, at any rate we shall ship by him what produce
we are obliged to receive at News, where we are endeavouring
to close all our Affairs, & we do not mean to keep you there.
any longer. It requires a large capital to do business there being advantage. The payments are long coming round. Some of them very indifferent when you get them; we hope you mean to give our whole attention to the business in this Island which will fully employ your capital in business.

The book containing your outstanding Debt shall be sent you very soon, with a Remittance for all that ever in all probability will be received of this money, also a Remittance for the balance of Mrs. Sea bridge's rights; goods which we hope to receive in all next month.

We are very glad that the Fregoli cargo averaged so high as £30, though we imagine it is not better than good and 25 hoes, but this is only guess.

The parcel for W. Pemberton of the Lady Carrilla is forwarded by Capt. Henderson who was sure the day of said ship's arrival. We are agreed that we are pleased not to have alone from W. Smith in regard to his issues affairs. We enclosed letter for the manager of his estate which we have begged of Henderson to deliver with his own hand. Then we shall know what we are to expect for his Ruby as we doubt not but all will wish to be very full to his Manager in that letter.

We enclose your John Bowens bill. Won yourself story rounds.
John Symonds bill on, bills Wallis Warrington of Twenty pounds.
Sld. which you will please pass to our Credit, you may do:
and we shall before the first day of June remit for every
insence we owe you. By our letters from our I.B. we
find that a new partnership commences from the first of January
last in which Evan Baille holds a share, as this is the case
we have printed a new set of books from that date and we are
now very busy in closing the others which we hope to get
effected in the course of this present quarter.
We have ordered for the new partnership by this conveyance
be charged in an act as we shall without loss of time bal.
ance the old act. It whatever may be due upont at the time of
our arrival in England, which God willing will be in
July. We will give you a bill from our friends in London.
We have had no arrivals from Africa since our last excepting
Shouds Ship the Assistant, who brought only forty two of
three slaves in very poor order, we never remember this island
so long without slaves, which may be of some service to the
first that arrives. The Spaniards at Porto Rico are very much
disatisfied with the contractors, who have only 160 slaves
as yet to that island. They are, much in want of them
for two of the Spanish Factors were up here last week.
and would have given Four pounds half a crown above the contract price for any number not exceeding a thousand slaves. They told us, but we told them we would supply them first upon any arrival upon their giving us bills endorsed by gentlemen of no small value and at St. Castorics, which they say will be done. They told us they would give up the point in regard to the ship's papers in the face as they found it was not possible to get any number of slaves without. M'Lowell of Antigua, who is agent for the contractors, spent a day with us on his way to Porto Rico. He told us that out of a cargo of five hundred slaves brought from Banning in the ship 'Montebello' Capt. Lynam, he had only been able to pick out the above 100 to answer the agreement made by the contractors. M'Lowell promised to call upon us in two days. If we shall then be able to write you more fully, you will then know what much afraid this man, contract will be attended with many difficulties. Finally, the price is by no means equal to that.

Again with very great regard.

Oversed

Your most obedient servant,

Smith & Belling

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