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I have presented the copy of the Letter, with the Power of Attorney, from Lord Westport to Mr. Duncomb, of which I desire to make use. I beg leave to refer to your recommendation of them. You may depend on a strict attention being paid to the concerns now committed to their care. I shall just mention what occurs to me, upon the perusal of the above Papers. As Mr. Milward is dead, I should beg leave to submit it to his Lordships consideration, whether it may not be necessary to nominate another person entitled to join Mr. Duncomb and me, for fear of accident to him, during my absence, and should be extramely glad if he approves of joining Mr. William Saunders with us. We have given the greatest proof we possibly can, of the good opinion we entertain of him by taking him into Partnership on the Death of Mr. Milward. He has lived more than nine years with us in Jamca during which time he has always approved himself as a man of integrity, and shown great knowledge and application in business. If his Lordship approves of sending out another Power, I think it would be proper for as many of his Attorneys as are on the spot, to have full authority to act in the absence of either of the others from the Island, which I apprehend by the present Power they have not, without the concurrence of all of them. Of this I will be informed as soon as your Attorney Mr. Beresford returns, which will be in a few days, I hope.
You what he says. I think his Lordship judges very right in
proposing Mr. Monaghan to continue some time as Clerk, before he is
to take to the Management of his own at Harraby Park. His knowledge
of Farming as practiced in Ireland, will undoubtedly be of service to
him in Jamaica, where he has had a little experience of the Climate and
Country, which I think necessary, as it so greatly differs from what he
has hitherto been used to.

I much wish Mr. Edmund Kelly may come as Overseer at Roa,
walk, as he has formerly acquitted himself so well there. Mr. Duncomb
Sam. certain will spare no pains to get him if possible, do not, then
some other proper Person, being well convinced it is of the utmost
consequence to have an honest and industrious Man in that Capacity.

As his Lordship knows so little concerning his Land in Tregoos,
I will write to my Partners this Day, and direct them to be very particular
in informing themselves of the value of it, to advise him accordingly.

As to the Debts due to Lord Westport (as heirs to the late Mr. Kelly) in
Jamaica, it is impossible for me to speak with certainty of them, but
I think Mr. Fearons is very dubious, unless he has some better Security
than a Judgement; his affairs now are, for many years, have been,
very much involved. The House in Jamaica, shall immediately endeavour
to inform themselves, by means of the proper Officers, if Mr. Beckford
did receive the full Amount of the Judgement against Matthew Mathias.
or not, which will determine whether Mr. Beckford's sons or Mr. Halsteads are answerable, for such part of it as was due to the late Mr. Kelly. If
when that is known, the proper steps shall be taken for the recovery of
there is the least probability of it's ever being paid. I don't know much
of Mr. Halsteads affairs myself, but if his Lordship can inform you
then, at whose suit, and for what sum, the judgment against him
was obtained, I will endeavour to get some information on that head,
which I have reason to think I can do, by means of a gentleman of
my acquaintance now in England, who I apprehend must be well
acquainted with his circumstances.

The directions concerning the Shipments being made in different
Vessells, to divide the risque, and the purchase of Negroes, shall be duly
attended to.

If the Pen at New Market should be sold to Mr. Jordan without
the Stock, as Lord Westport proposes, what would be done with
the cattle and Negroes? - I think it would be proper
to keep as many of the cattle as will be wanting for the use of the
Estate, and as they can maintain on the other Pen, if sold the rest;
but as to the Negroes, without they should be wanting on the other
Pens, or that there should be any Tradesmen Carters go amongst them;
perhaps it may be better to leave them if possible, or to sell them, as field
Negroes when removed from a Pen to a sugar work, seldom prove good farmers.
I mention this only as what occurs to me, with all due deference to his Lordship's opinion. When you have occasion to write him I shall be glad if you will recommend Mr. Saunders being joined in the Power with us, which will much oblige.

Sir,

Your most humble servant,

Lowbridge

P.S. That part with the lines drawn under it was omitted in the copy which I sent to Dr. Wright. Duncombe of Saunders.