Business correspondence and accounts regarding Jamaican partnerships, between Henry Bright, Francis Bright, Meyler & Hall, Meyler, Hall & Torry, David Duncomb, and Richard Bright. Held with details of agreements between Henry Bright and Jeremiah Meyler; and between Henry Bright, Francis Bright, Charles Hall and Henry Bright for Jeremiah Meyler. Includes documents relating to the Carabritta Plantation, and Estimate on the Estate of Francis Bright. (1 of 14)
Dear Brother Henry

Kingston, Jamaica 6th July 1782.

I wrote you last by the ships Kelly, North, and Duke of Bedford; by the latter I forwarded copies of Capt. Fothergill's will, and by this conveyance I did expect to send copies of the Decree handed by Capt. Fothergill, but I have been prevented by absence of greater moment, but I hope these will absolutely be sent in due course. It will make little difference now. I shall have the pleasure to have the rest of the series that you have sent me, and I am sure, in due time, will be agreeable to you.

The 3rd the Prince of Wales arrived here from Bristol. Cork, Dublin, which contains the mainland, and Sydney, his new city, are as great as you have seen the latter, his butter at 18s. You will find it in great demand. I wish it had been in your power to have sent a small bulk with the first new butter, which you know always answers well. Here's no news of the ship that came from Mr. Tansfield. Monthley, 46°, has had a fine time. She has been sitting from Cork with his bulk near ten weeks.

By this conveyance I have wrote you on the name of Right Hon. Right Hon. 46°, and in the latter enclosed the Bills of Exchange for the sum we agreed to put into the new partnership. I am in proportion which I have given on you for to 250l. You and those you have, carry it, otherwise it will be in no purpose to enter into partnership as nothing can be done without such a fund, now payments are slow, and money is very scarce, and that we may not partly engage therein, we have mutually agreed to postpone signing articles till we know the fate of our different Bills, and then those whose Bills are not paid are not to be admitted. At 1200 I will write some time in your hands. I hope it will not be inconvenient for you to comply with my request. I shall claim your promise and shall sign a bond for 1600l. even if it is in my possession, on condition you pay his Bills for 1652 13d.
Our affairs will soon be in a narrow compass; if I could with satisfaction leave the island as soon as August Court is over (of that I purport have long since declared) but must wait till I know the state of the Bills, accordingly who are to be my new Business. I do not say more on the subject, as you may perceive from my letter long since that I am uneasy at the Treaty gaining my first promoting Business, hence I am sure it would have been more advantageous for me to have gone on another Scheme.

I shall now make Remittance on your separate Bill and am sorry we cannot be moulded over Old Rum for you; the Times are too bad with us that at present we can neither be in debt nor in debt, but I will run in debt for a huge of Madeira so soon as I can meet any very good. When receiving you a quarter back, in the best opportunity I see I get any fine Rum I will send you some.

You have a leg of Turkey, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

The nine Drums of Sugar I am from Bryant & Bates, let me know how they prove. Believe they might pass with the most judicious Buyers for the Grade of Sugar. We used in our own Window the best in Mayfair sold for 40s. Bennetts. Therefore must desire you to send more in lieu of it by change to Brighthall 1/2. I cannot get my payment for the Rent of the House. Brodie lived in at Cabbage Fort. The Captain Marshall hath it in possession. I received with 12 days for the Time he had it, if was obliged to allow him to go what he laid out in Repairs, I offered to allow the rest that your Agreement specified to be. Captain Marshall but he says all the Rent will not be sufficient to repair it and that he could not receive any thing from him. I told Mr. Ramsey I asked on him as pay master for he took it. What if the Rent was not paid before Court I should sue him if then I promised the C. Marshall should settle it. I by no means approve of the method of allowing
Money to be paid out. but would chance to have the repairs
agreeable to my own directions. and at the Cock Room
when the hurricane was
roof is quite down, think it would be prudent to have
the lot run out, or reconstructed (as you now it is reported
part of the (cock Room was on Essex Lane) and then rebuild
it, as the same Breach if most of the timber would do, and when
it was smaller could enough; for now I fear little help will
be paid this winter. your determination.

I have only written this year from Thomas, if I
hear none are slight to you, sent the letter you enclosed
some. I have seen him the other times but no mention about
your figures.

Wish you would candidly give me your own on
share of business, we are like to have from what
should professionally well, but he is well in his friends.

Mr. Harms his house is quite done, and his wife is
now appears, so the wife of Recher comes in for all the works
of the old lady's house. I don't see her being more lonely
confined to business now you are absent, if Laffay you
Mr. Dore strikes very close if promises join to make an
adequate man. I shall confide in him more than either
of Recher when I leave the island.

Please give my love to your lady, love to all
Bradt, Winter, & Conferences to all friends. I am obliged
to you

Your most affectionate love

H. B. H.