My dear Sir,

I have received the bill of Lading for the 6000 lb Coffee Ship Henry Frith Master. I have likewise insured the coffee that Mr. Frederic has shipped for me in the Emerald Capt. Chivers - Mr. Lemmers has paid you a seventh portion instead of a sixth. I suppose he claims his Brother Andree's portion which he has no right to, because he died (and left no children) before his Father or Mother - therefore it is impossible for him to dispute it, there is only six that has any claim whatever, that is Mr. Lemmers, Mrs. Hayward, Mr. John Lemmers, Mrs. Cameron's Child, Mrs. Pichot and Mrs. Prince.

You will find that he must pay you a sixth which I hope you will enforce - My dear Sir I am very anxious for the fleet to arrive and I am in hopes that there will be more than 6000 lb coffee - for you have no idea how I am distress'd. I have the greatest difficulty to keep my creditors from arresting me, it is near two years since I have received anything from Surinam - my expenses are very great - I have twenty to provide for each day, twelve at my own table and eight servants - you know how very expensive things are in this country - bills are brought in and it makes me very unhappy that I cannot pay them. There are many thousands to be accounted for, since Mrs. Hayward left Surinam, which I have not the least doubt but you will soon arrange. Pray send me as much Produce as possible for if I had but Three or Four thousand Pounds before hand - I could turn it to very great advantage - pray what is become of Hamen the director if you recollect he told you at the beginning of the year 1804 that there was more than 80,000 lb coffee made on Pietrezorg last year that is 1803 - and you will see by the accounts 1803 that there is only 40815 lb whole & 7920 broke coffee accounted for. It gives me pleasure to inform you that Mrs. White and her two little Boys enjoy health - the two fine Boys and the young one can run about - the country is dull for Mrs. White - and sometimes she is a little displeased with me because I will not allow her to go visiting where she pleased here is a family in the place which is always running about on pleasure parties and I do not allow for my family to go with them so often. Mrs. White thinks it hard for me to refuse her going, I tell her that she is under my care and must do as I wish her - you may depend upon me that I shall make her as comfortable as possible but we must not give way to much to young folks - You mentioned about selling the private slaves, but we wish them not to be sold, I understand that a Mr. Masters wish to buy the boy Andriens but he is not to be sold there have no slave been allow'd to be sold but the Mulatto girl Sarah - if any other Slaves have been sold they must be reclaimed - Mrs. Hayward and the family are well and desired to be remembered to you. Believe me your dear Sir your Obedient Servant Isaac Hayward.

P.S. if you can send me a pipe of Madeira I shall be extremely obliged to you.

(Copy of Letter sent to Mr. White 17th May 1809.)

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