LONDON, Augt. 12th 1811.

My dear Isaac,

Not having lately heard from Mr. Stevens and thinking it requisite to look into the sale of the Coffee that arrived pr. Calista, I am now in Town busily employed endeavouring to find out the exact value of it, but I am sorry to say the trade is most shockingly dull owing to the quantities on hand, the Dock yards and Warehouse's are completely full of Colonial produce therefore at present there is no prospect of it's mending - Mr. S. informs me eleven of the Bag's are damaged & are consequently put as low as 20s pr cwt. which I purpose taking off his hands, & to endeavour to dispose of them in the country - Mr. A. has also given me a copy of your account the payment of which he says (he is given to understand) his agent has got security for in Surinam, if so, he can have no further demand on me or the produce you may send to England, which the order you signed on the back of the power of attorney in my possession entitled him to - The £200 draft sent by Mr. White on the Treasury I have recd. which as you may easily conceive was very acceptable but which went but a short way - I left Cliff Hall about 4 day's since, all the family were quite well, Picky is again with Mr. Wilkins, I took him last week his hollowday's being up, I have paid Mr. W. £100 since you left England which I had of Drinkwater. I expected to have heard from you before this, it is now nearly two month's since I got Fris's letter, which was written the day after your arrival at Surinam, the Packet however is daily expected and if I do not hear a pretty good account of you by it, I shall be extremely disappointed - All the family wrote about a fortnight since, and sent the letter's in a packet with the newspaper's which was forwarded by a running ship a friend, of Mrs. White's wrote to her about. I sent a long one to Fris, & Mrs. Hayward, therefore if they dont come to hand, do not think we neglect writing. I have nothing more to communicate except the old story of scarcity of money in this quarter. with best regards to Mrs. Hayward, Self, and Fris,

I remain My dear Isaac

Your sincere Brother

J. C. Hayward.

PS. Aug.13th I have just heard of a most eligible situation in the West end of the Town, which my friends here are very anxious for me to accept, thinking another offer of the same description or of so desirable a nature may never occur, as it's exactly the one I have long been in search of - I have consequently seen the Gentleman, & told him my situation, at the same time wishing him to wait till Xmas, as by that time you will be home, or I shall have your answer what's to be done with Cliff Hall and it's inhabitants - he seems disposed ( paper torn ).two or three month's, you will be good (paper torn) therefore to give me as early an answer as possible.

Adieu.

J.C.H.

Capt. Isaac Hayward,

SURINAM.

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