I wish you a happy new year & that you may live to see many of them.

My dear Sir,

It was Mr. Wytlde's intention to have sent you some newspapers last November, by a Demarara vessel, from Bristol, but before we had an opportunity of sending them in, the vessel was sailed - I had written a few lines to you then, and which has been lying ever since in my desk, as it is uncertain when we may have an opportunity of sending the Papers, I will not delay any longer addressing this letter to you, to request that you will send me as soon as possible a written answer, to say if my little Boy may have that Rhubarb color snuff Box, inlaid with Gold, now in the possession of Mrs. Joakim Hayward. When Mr. Wytlde went to Surinam last winter, I wrote to my dear Mother about it. She sent me a verbal message by my husband to say that my sister Mrs Hayward was to give it to me for my little Boy - this I mentioned to her, soon after Mr. Wytlde's return, but she was kind enough to say that it was a lie, and that my Mother never said any such thing, as it belonged to you - Perhaps you will make my little Boy a present of it, as it cannot I should think be of much value to you - if you will so oblige me, believe me, I shall ever feel grateful for it - and the obligation shall never be erased from my memory - the reason of my making this request is that I am anxious that my children should have something of what once belonged to my dear Father - All those things that my Mother left in mine as well as Mrs. Haywards charge (in whose house they are in) her husband as he shall claim to pay himself having paid your debts at Lavington - I do not know what you may think of this? but I say, that he will be acting very unfair as well as ungentlemanly - he has no right to take possession of these things - Ah! My dear Sir, if ever you live to see your Brother Joe you will see great alterations in him, as well as in his Wife - She has taken leave of the Lady and is nothing better than a hard working country servant - she is visited by no respectable person, nor do she go out anywhere - I assure you it makes my heart ache to see her sometimes - Her husband came to us last Thursday and only left us this morning - he had a cold, otherwise he was very well - and all his family - Isaac and John are both well and happy. Mr Jacob could not part with them, these Holidays, or else they were to have been at Blagdon - What do you intend Isaac to do? I should think it was high time that it was settled what he is to be, for he is getting a great Boy, and ready to leave School - I was staying at Bath about three weeks ago - Mr. Beak and his family, with the exception of Johnson, were all well - the latter had been ill for some time, many people think that he is going into a decline. Mr. Wytlde heard from Mr. Beak last week, and he said Johnson was just the same as when we were in Bath - his Mrs. William is with a Wine Merchant in Bristol - Mr. & Mrs D. Hayward & family are all well as also the Mr. Garlicks - We have been expecting to see better for the last two months, he has not written a line to say any of us, to say whether we may expect him soon or not - I wish when you see him you will give my love to him, and tell him to write and tell us how things are going on. Mr. Wytlde has has some idea of paying Surinam a visit again for he cannot get Mr. Bendeker to send him any remittances or write to him - You will -------- give that snuff box to my little Boy - let me beg of you to write to me as soon as possible & say that my child may have it. Do not send a verbal message for if you do, my Sister will again say that it is a lie, if you only write on a scrap of Paper, to desire Mr. Wytlde to give it to me, that will be sufficient, & be sure that you sign your name to it. Do pray do so. I have I am afraid trespassed too much upon your time, but when I have once taken up my pen to write to anybody that is dear to me I hardly know where to leave off, however I hope you will not allow this letter to
alter your good opinion of me. I shall always be
happy to hear from you, and if there is anything that
Mr. Wylde or myself can do for you, with our small means,
we shall have great pleasure in executing any little thing
for you in this country. Tell Stallard that all his
family are well, & that his Cousin James Hollier, is
turned Teazle Driver, & is now living with Dr. Somers at
Paradice House - Mr. Wylde desires me to remember him
very kindly to you - My children also unite with me in kind
love, believe me, my Dear Sir, to be always, your most
attached & affectionate Daughter - Magdalena Wylde -
Let me hear from you soon & say that my Boy may have the
Box - remember when you write to keep your name the Box - it is the Rhubarb color - inlaid with Gold -
You used to carry it in your Pockets when at Cliff Hall -
God Bless you.

for Capt'n Hayward,

Surinam.