Beverstone.
August 23rd, 1834.

Messrs. Vier & Taal,

Gentlemen,

I am in the receipt of a letter from Messrs. Broen & Co. Amsterdam enclosing one forwarded by yourselves and directed to me in Paramaribo they give me also a translated copy of yours to them - The Gentlemen of the above Firm express much astonishment at the 2000 F advanced me, to be repaid in produce not being effected, and are become very solicitous respecting it, I was not all aware when drawing on them but such would have been the case a long time prior to this(having a letter of credit for the same amount on the deceased Mr Lanemans) or should not have laid myself open, by drawing on them, to suspicion which I fear by their letter they begin to harbour. I trust Gentlemen after the receipt of this you will not longer allow me to remain so unpleasantly situated, but will remit them immediately. Since leaving the Colony I have been without any communication whatever from you, and am an almost entire stranger to what has transpired since, a Gentlemen however who has arrived in England lately, from Nickerie, has given me the unpleasant information that the suit for 5002 pending, when I left the Colony, has been given against me, I was quite unaware before that such a suit was in being, and know not now what it may be, unless the marriage contract of M.P. Wiltens Andree but which was not brought forward whilst I was there and which I was always informed by Mr. Vier and also by his deceased brother, I need not at all fear the result of; if the information I have received is literally correct I fear I have committed a great error in not making over my share in the estate to my relations although their terms were rather disgraceful. I hope to hear particularly shortly from yourselves and to find things not quite so bad as represented. I have lately requested my Attorney in this country to forward you the copy of the Will of F. Andree Wiltens which he has obtained after some difficulty from the agent of the Widow Wiltens, now Grubbe, you will receive also his letters on the subject, could you get me credit for the specified legacies, it would do as a set off for the share of the mortgage due from my estate to the Boedle of F. Andree Wiltens, you will perceive that the original will was sent to Mr. Thym to be registered and proved, if he has omitted it he has no right whatever to act as representative of that share, it devolves in this country on the Lord Chancellor and I believe in Surinam on the Haaste Chambers, you will know from this information how to act, should Mr. Thym refuse giving up the original Will, hoping my disappointment in not hearing from you will shortly be removed and that you will speedily settle with Messrs. B & Co.

I. J. T. Hayward.

P.S. I beg Gentlemen you will peruse the Marriage Contract made between my late Father and Mother, it is amongst the other documents of the Former's Boedle. I rather expect it contains matter of much importance by it I believe my Mother settled the whole of her Estates on my Father, I never paid much regard to it not having an idea that those Contracts were legal in a Dutch Court of equity but if they are in one instance I naturally suppose they must be in another I therefore beg your serious attention to the subject.

I. J. T. H.