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28 March 1820
W. Charles Lucy - Lower Farm - Nuneham Courtmays
Oxfordshire

Whilst you occupied Brookbury - I think that the Rev. N. Clarke raised his Tythe & it was consented to by the Parish under an engagement that it should not again be raised during his incumbency; and as far as my recollection goes, you were actively concerned in the negotiation with him. He has now made a demand for a further, & very heavy increase. I shall therefore be obliged by your stating to me what you recollect on the subject, & particularly whether any thing was reduced to writing on the subject & if there was, if you can tell with whom it was deposited. I have looked a little among Mr Bright's papers to find any particulars of it, but for want of knowing the year in which this agreement was entered into I have hitherto searched in vain. Be pleased therefore if you can to let me know the year in which it took place. I know little about it, but from what has passed in conversation with our late friend Mr Bright. - I hope this will find you & your family in good health & I remain I in &c.

RB

Messrs J. W. Deffell & Co. Ham Green 3 April 1820
London

To prevent the possible consequence of any omission I might have made in my advice of the time of Acceptance of the Bill for £1200 drawn by Mr. Ponnall, I wrote you hastily from Bristol on 29. Ult.

I would now supply the omissions in that letter, by acknowledging your favor of 17. March which reached mine of some date on the road & of 20. by the former of which you inform me of the Sale 28. Ulth. Gordon & 30. Ulth. Kylesfield Sugars, which complete the disposal of the whole of the last years Crop, & with which I am well satisfied. - The latter that you had completed the Insurance on 100 Ulth. Sugars Hamnaway at £3. 6. and on 30. Puncians Run same conveyance at £2. 10. off Gent. Valued as I had proposed. - As Mr Smith has not written to you, the same

Particulars which he has to me respecting the Still sent out by Messrs Vales - I will in the first instance save you the trouble of an application by stating the facts to them - and if they do not consider it in the light he does - I may then trouble you to interfere - as the order came from you -

As you are not able to ascertain, that any Vessel is likely to sail for San la Mar after the time when the Steam Engine is likely to be complete for shipment; - I expect my Son to leave Jamaica on his passage home, about the middle of this Month - I shall defer giving any Orders for it until his arrival - when by his assistance I may be able to do it in a manner that may better effect the whole object intended - than were I to do it under the instructions of others without the certainty of getting it to Jamaica - in time to have it erected for taking off the Crop 1821.

At foot you have a list of all the Bills which are now running due under my Acceptance, for the Jamaica contingencies of the last year - I find they are all mentioned in my former letters, but I have recapitulated them with the precise dates of their becoming due - which will save you the trouble of further reference -

It is pleasant to observe that the extra quantity of Sugar in the Warehouses, is so much reduced - we may consequently hope for a fair market for the early arrivals.

According to my present view of the subject I shall wish the Sugar to be brought forward for sale as soon as prices seem at all fixed after her arrival. But in this I shall submit to your better knowledge of the state of your market. I remain &c

Bills mentioned in my letter of 29th
To Geo Webb pay^{ble} by you 29 March - £1200 - -
pay^{ble} in Bristol - £ for which
I requested a payment for my Acct } 1000 - -
to Geo P. Cole &c - due likewise 29 March }

Acceptances not yet due

J. & Cornwall to J. H. G. G. due in Bristol 7/10 Inst.
for which please to provide at Sir P. Pole's
for my account ----- 265. 0. 0

~~payable at your house~~

Dr Thomas Wright due 9/12 May
payable at your house ----- 500. 0. 0

Dr Whyslop due 16/19 May in Bristol ----- 468. 7. 6

Dr J. Smith due 7/20 D. in D. ----- 140. 10. 0

for both the latter of which please to provide 1373. 17. 6
at Sir P. Pole's as before mentioned

Messrs. Ames Bright & Co

Warr Green 3 April 1820

The following Bills drawn upon me from Jamaica I
accepted but not domiciliated. I shall make payable by you
or if I should be absent when they are presented at maturity I
desire you will pay them charging them to my M. Acct. & the
several amounts will in course be provided for by corresponding
payments to my Credit with Sir P. Pole & Co

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RB

Messrs. Webb & Attwood
Salisbury

3 April 1820

I am sorry that you should have occasion
twice to mention the rent due for the Pudding House Farm -
It is certain that I have received from Mr. Bennett the rent
for the whole of the estate both Freehold & Leasehold which
Mr. Meyler let to him at one taking & under one specified
rent - but I do not therefore consider myself as liable to
account for more or less than such proportion of it as the
value of the Pudding House bears to the value of the whole
Premises occupied by Mr. Bennett - under Mr. Meyler's
Agreement. - It is possible that the sum you mention
for £180 of Annam may prove to be that proportion -

4. (altho' it differs from my Idea of it) or if valued on other principles - it may be found to vary from such proportions. I did not refer to it in my former letters because I thought it of consequence not to delay informing you of my determination in respect to the Copy hold, and within the Belt - on the terms on which you offered them - and I hoped to have satisfied myself on this point - without obtruding much on Mr. Berners convenience, before I made the remittance.

It is king on every matter to avoid the imputation of improper motives on my part. I now do myself the pleasure to remit you Ames & Co Bill on Sir Peter Cole & Co for £300. - but without prejudice either to the representatives of Mr. Meyler or myself in the final adjustment of the actual proportion of the Annual Rent now received from Mr. Burnette for which I am accountable - And considering you as the authorized Agents for the representatives of Mr. Meyler I shall request Mr. Barnes of Andover to undertake the same office on my part in the valuation of the Pudding Horse Farm on the Principle before stated. - And I think this cannot be objected to on the part of Mr. Berners & the other parties interested. Having had in some measure explained to me the motive for Mr. Berners & Co not choosing to dispose of N^o 20 - A 2. 2. 25 - unconnected with the other Copy-holds within the Belt - and apprehending that the same cannot apply as a reason for not selling to me the other two items mentioned in my letter to you - I beg to enquire whether you have or can obtain Authority to dispose of them for the same Sum which Mr. Meyler gave for Monkens - which I know was comparatively a very large one - & the fair value of the Cat & Timber Yard next adjoining the Church Yard - N. 40 in the Plan (Thirty five Perch) If you inform me you are enabled so to do I will treat with you on those terms.

I shall in course receive an acknowledgement of my remittance & an early reply to the other parts of my Letter. In the meantime I remain Sir
Yours
R B

W. George Barnes
Andover

Ham Green 3rd Apr. 1820

I beg to acknowledge your favor of 24th Inst. with valuation of the Copyhold Lands within the Belt at Crowley & the Buildings & plantings standing thereon. - It is highly satisfactory to possess your unbiased opinion thereon - altho' I believe it will at present lead to no consequences.

I have at this time another subject on which to call your immediate attention, & which as I am pressed by the other parties to an immediate conclusion I request you will oblige me - by expediting the matter without delay.

As an appendage to the Freehold Estate of Meadburn Worthy occupied by M. Bennett - he holds with it a Leasehold Estate called the Pudding House & which Leasehold remains the separate property of the Personal Heirs of the late M. Meyler. Both were let together at one annual sum without any separation of values. But it is now necessary that this whole Rent should be proportionably divided between Worthy Farm & the Pudding House - so that I may fairly account to them for their proportion of Rent. It signifies not in the present case whether the whole Rent is high or low - whatever it be it is to be fairly & rateably divided.

The Map & Plan of the whole was made out by yourself and I believe it is now either at Crowley or with M. Kent. I have written to enquire about it. But if it should not be there, you probably may put your hand on the Original Survey - which will be a better guide than the Map itself.

When I was in Hampshire last year I had some view to the purchase of this Lease, but I have less idea of it at present. If you happen to know the terms on which it is held under the Corporation of Winchester - or under the Trustees of some Charity, there perhaps you can give me some approximation to the present value of it, & of a purchase - but this is not of much importance. An early opinion as to the proportionate value is of consequence & I request you will at once inform me when you will attend to it.

I remain Sir,
R. B.

John Freeman Esq.
East Hook Havering

Mar Green
31 March 1820

Your letter of 29th was put into my hands yesterday. I wish it were in my power to speak more decidedly on the subject of George Thomas a Cottager at Southwood. He has I know applied for some land there, but as I live so distant from that State I am necessarily guided in such small settings, by the Gent^l who kindly undertakes the general superintendence of it. & I am by no means certain how far any assurance has been given him that his request will be complied with. But I feel well assured that he deceives himself if he expects permission to raise any Culm for his Family use.

I beg respectfully to subscribe myself Sir
R B

Sir Peter Pole Esq

April 1820

London My Friend Mr. Abraham Willhouse having returned from France, without making use of your Credit on M^{rs} Lafitte Esq. of Paris, for Seven Hundred Corns, for which you have my indemnity, I beg to return you inclosed your letter to them cancelled - withdrawing for the present my Guarantee on Mr Willhouse's behalf.

Freeman
Sir

R B

Altho the £3000 paid me by M^{rs} Masteen - was meant to have been placed to my private Account with you - yet as you put it to the Credit of James Bright Esq I will arrange it without giving you the trouble of a Transfer as proposed by your esteemed letter of 20th Ult.

M^{rs} Graham Buxton Esq
Engineers London

3 April 1820

A Circumstance which suddenly broke in upon me, at the moment when I was in correspondence with you, respecting the Steam Engine & Sugar Mill, so completely occupied my whole time and attention for several weeks, that I could not sufficiently digest the information I

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had received from Jamaica on the subject, I consider other matters connected with it, to enable me to come to any determination, until I feared the time had so far elapsed - as to render it little probable - that the Engine & Mill could, according to the time you mentioned to be necessary, to prepare them, to be shipped, by any conveyance likely to deliver it in time to be erected, so as to take off the Crop. &c. I having made enquiries from Messrs Deffell & Co. I find that to be the case. I should certainly had I not received your letter of Saturday, have done myself the pleasure to inform you of my resolution therefore to defer any further steps concerning the Steam Engine until the return of my Son from Jamaica, - who I expect will leave the middle of this Month, & will be able, from a knowledge of the locality of Maylesfield, & the supply of Water (of which a much larger quantity appears to be necessary than I had supposed) to satisfy my mind on some points which have not yet in a ^{perfectly} satisfactory manner been explained. - Soon after his arrival I may resume the correspondence with you - in the meantime I shall in a day or two return to you the plan of your Engine & Mill - which I assure you has not been out of my own possession or has been shown to any Engineer whatever.

I am Gentlemen &c
R B

J. W. Deffell Esq
London

29 March 1820.

From the hurry I have lately been in I may have omitted - & I have not here my letter book to refer to - to advise you of the Acceptance of the Cornwall Bill for £1200 - made payable at your house - which became due I believe this day. This as well as a Bill drawn on me payable here for £1000 - form part of the sum I have advised you of as drawn & to be drawn for Contingencies of Maylesfield & Garsdon - and which I stated I should have occasion to call upon you to advance for the payment of.

The Bill above mentioned for £1200 whether before advised or not, you will have the goodness to pay for my Account & likewise Pay to Sir Peter Paley £1000

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the amount of the 2^d mentioned Bill to the Credit of
my Acct. with Ames Bright & Co. &
Excuse my haste & inadequacy of this letter being anxious
if I have been guilty of any omission to rectify it without
the delay of returning home. I am &c.
R B

Rev. Sam^l. Kent
Southampton

Warr Green 6 Apr. 1820

I am favored with your letter of 4th. I
am not certain that I shall be able to leave this before
Monday Morning the 24th. but of this you shall be particularly
informed in the course of the preceding Week, - but any thing
very important not occurring in the interval I will leave
home then. If I cannot meet you at Crawley on the 24th I
will early on Tuesday Morning the 25th - and I am certain
that in Three Days at the utmost, we shall conclude
finally every thing on which we have to treat. - What may
remain of instruction consequent upon our arrangement
need not interfere with your subsequent engagements to either
of business or pleasure, which I should be sincerely sorry
to obstruct. I notice the purpose to advertise a
Sale. - I beg that no expression of mine, degrading in
terms from my first letter, on the subject, may interfere,
for I certainly have not varied from my first view
of the subject. - The Cottage late Hambro's, & the timber
Yard - having occasion to write to M^r. Atwood, I mention'd
to him in the same terms I did to you. I shall be glad to
purchase them. - Having received a positive information
that the Valuation of Mess^{rs}. Webb & Atwood were to be final -
I certainly did conceive, that any Meeting of M^r. Barnes
or M^r. Garbett, with them, would be useless, - as I wanted
only some guide on which to form my own opinion. - all
reference to the joint opinion as between us, by which
I might at first have wished to consider myself bound, -
not having been the plan adopted by M^r. Barnes, -
I now feel myself infinitely better satisfied with
the result.

The Map of Crowley - shall be returned to Waites care the first day my Carriage goes to Bristol, most probably tomorrow. - I believe the Map of Worthy was left either with you or Waites - for I cannot put my hand upon it here I do not want it - but I wish to know where it is, & if not already at Crowley - that I may again seek & either send it immediately, or bring it with me. c

Mr. Atwood has valued the Pudding House Lands at £180 p An. and made a demand upon me for Two Years Rent - without stating to me the grounds of such valuation. If that be the fair proportion of the whole rent paid by Mr. Burnett for the Joint Estate, I have no wish to object; but if it be derived from any independent valuation, I do not think the right ground has been taken. I have therefore remitted only £300 without prejudice in the settlement either for a lesser or greater annual value - according to the relative equitable proportion of the present Rent. - & I have written to Mr. Barnes for his opinion on that ground. - As the correspondence on the subject, was commenced by Mr. Atwood, as the fully authorized agent of the personal Legatee's - I did not think, to trouble you about it. - And I have done it now merely to explain my motive for making the short remittance. - I do not intend to be guided by any opinion which Mr. Burnett may have formed. - Nor have I thought fit to admit myself to be the tenant - I only account for the proportion of what I have received. c

I need not repeat to you the regrets I feel on the passing of the last year, without ~~any~~ ^{my} every ~~matter~~ ^{of} this kind being fully terminated. - But I am more blameable in your eyes than I am in my own. - Knowing my own inability - & the interruption I met with in all my objects of pursuit - for Six Months & more, after I last saw you - & the impossibility of overtaking time, which ran much faster than my speed would take me.

You will oblige by saying if you accord to my time of meeting & that you will enumerate all the objects by name only - that we have to conclude upon, in

order that I may bring every information with me
that I have at hand, or seek for others, that may be
necessary — I am respectfully
D^r Sir &c.
R B

J. D. Belfield Esq^r

7 April 1820

A Mincing Lane London

When I do myself the pleasure to acknowledge
your favor of 14 Feb^r accompanied by statement of all the payments
you have made me on N^o Gamett's Acc^t — & which I had the
satisfaction to find precisely corresponded with my account
rendered to him — but in which he had apprehended an error,
it may be necessary to add that this arose from the miscarriage
of the first Bill, and letter which contained it, of which I have
since received the second dated 2 June 1819 for £70 — and which
I have this day paid to Mess^{rs} Pines & Co. — N^o Gamett has likewise
remitted to me one Bill on you dated N^o York 10 Jan^r 1820 for
£70 — and one other dated 30 March, likewise for £70 — which
I have also paid to Mess^{rs} Pines & Co. — which will in course be
presented by Cole & Co. They are all at 20 Days after date
From the apparent irregularities connected with
these Bills, I have considered it best to trouble you with
this letter of advice, which affords me the opportunity of
subscribing myself D^r Sir &c.
R B

Edward Smith Esq^r

10 April 1820

Haylesfield Sav. la Mar. Jamaica

I am duly favored with your letter of Packet of
1 February; the day before you were setting out, to sail the
Mill about at Garsden, reporting fair progress at Haylesfield
& that you proposed shipping 100 lbs Sugar & 30 Pms Rum
of the Hammer, for London, in exchange for the same
quantity to be shipped from another estate of the same,
I have conformed to Mess^{rs} Deffell & Co. your advice for
insurance and it is completed at £25 for the Sugar and
£18 for the Rum.

I highly approve of the exchange, as it not only divides the
risk, but brings part of the Crop to an earlier Market. - I
am not sure however, that much if any advantage in price
will be derived from it, this year, as is sometimes the case,
but it will enable Messrs. Deffell to take advantage of the early,
as well as the late Market, which I deem always most
desirable. - The last Sugars of the Old Crop are sold
but I have not advised you of the price, I therefore quote
30 Lbs M at 60s. 28 Lbs. G - 7 1/2 - they were sold early in last
month. - It occurs to me this moment to ask, why the
Garridon Sugars, on an average weight One Hundred weight
I upward less than Heylersfield than Heylersfield, consequently
that if the average somewhat less - or are they not
filled up before shipping, or is it that the Sugars are dryer? -
I will add, that it is highly important, as to the character
of the Sugars at Market, that after they are cured, & before
shipping they should be turned up, & the foot which has settled
at the lower head, should be taken with care out, & the Cask filled
with dry Sugar. - I do not say this in consequence of any complaint
either in respect to the Heylersfield or Garridon Sugar, for they
are both approved, according to their sample.

Your and Capt. Postlethwaites exertions, in preparing a
Platt to correct the error, which, from over caution I was guilty
of, requires my best thanks, & I desire you will communicate
to him & his Mate, such share of my acknowledgments, as they
respectively have a claim for. - Finding that you had not
mentioned to Messrs. Deffell the failure of the Still, which
was sent out by Messrs. Hale under their orders. - I have given
Messrs. Hale a Copy of that part of your letter, which refers thereto,
but I have not yet heard from them. - If you can by the
assistance of the Still which is sent out on board the Ocean,
contrive to finish the Rum Crop of this year, or commence
that of the next, it will be certainly best to send the Still and
Goose Neck home for repair. - Whether the failure was conse-
quent upon any immaterial thing in the ~~Copper~~ upper part of
the Still or not, - I have no doubt, but it was by some
obstruction in the Nozz, the accident was occasioned, which
prevented the Air from passing back up it, at a moment

when by the reduction of heat in the liquor of the Still, there was a condensation of the Vapour, in the upper part of it, & in the head. — The quality of the Still itself, shall be enquired strictly into, when it arrives.

If I could have been at any certainty that ^{when} the Engine & Still was complete; if begun upon now, a conveyance would have offered from London for its conveyance to Sav. la Mar, in time to be erected & set to work before the next Crop would be fit to be cut, I should have immediately had one set in hand, but finding from Mess^r Duffell, that after some unavoidable delay which had intervened to my being fully prepared to give out the order; the Engine & could not be ready; taking the time for completing it which Mess^r Graham Esq. required; there would be no chance of a Conveyance till October. I have judged it most prudent not to give the order, until my Son's arrival here, which please God that all things turn out well, may be expected early in June. — I shall then be able to take advantage of any new matter that may have suggested itself — and derive a much more certain knowledge of the quantity of Water that may be depended upon. — A point upon which, I at present feel the greatest doubt. What is the greatest quantity — that according to the provision you propose making — can be absolutely depended upon? Is there any method — by means of a deep trench or Pipes, that a supply can be had from the River, or can a tank be formed to receive the Hot condensing Water — so that it may be used over again when it has cooled. — I do not like on many accounts "High pressure engines" — but I find they are the only remedy where the quantity of water is very limited, but I had rather be at a considerably greater expence than employ them. — Pray consider & consult upon the supply of Water, so as to write decidedly by the Packet after you receive this — unless my Son should have fully prepared himself on these points before he leaves Jamaica. I conclude that, if it has pleased God to spare his health, he has now paid his visit to Gairdew & Haylesfield & is returned to Clarendon. I hope preparatory to his embarkation in a few Days or

at least by the middle of the Month, for I do not suppose the Ship Kingston, will be ready sooner. Knowing that every thing will have been well & prudently arranged in respect to both properties under the joint deliberations of yourself & Mr. Cornwall & my Son - I will not extend this letter by any suggestion or recommendation of my own.

I had however on the subject of the Glanders, that I have now the opinion of most skillful Veterinary Surgeons who have fully become acquainted with all the modern improvements & the practice of the British Army - "That no cure has yet been discovered" And that the only mode of prevention is by care after the Animals being greatly exercised & heated, & the prevention of Contagion by careful seclusion from any other Horses or Mules, of any infected Beast, & by thorough scouring & cleansing, all the Wood Work of Stables Cribbs and the Posts & fences of yards where they have been kept & fed, with hot & strong lye of Caustic Ashes & likewise Bridles & Harness (without which the morbid matter from the Nostrils which adheres like glue, cannot be dissolved or the contagion destroyed) - & by white washing the Stone Work with hot lime. - As fortunately it has ceased at Garrison - at this time, I pray that you will charge Mr. Boyle to be strictly attentive to rules which you will form grounded upon these observations, to prevent the recurrence of this dreadful malady. - With sincere wishes for you & your family health. -

I remain Dear Sir
R B

By Packet Hoop, via Liverpool

James C. Cornwall Esq.

6 April 1820

J. Andrews Jamaica

Without the least expectation that any letter will reach my Son in Jamaica. I have nevertheless, satisfied myself that I should write a few lines, to him lest any untoward circumstance should have detained him, which I now inclose desiring you will either to know or return the letters by the Ocean - if happily he has left Jamaica before this reaches you.

I have had the pleasure to receive your letters of

of 29 January - the latter of the same - but the Parcel of Papers you sent under care of Antth Gibbs & Son by the same has not yet been received from the Capt. altho those Gentlemen have applied for it - but there is no reason why I should not hourly expect it.

My correspondence latterly has been but slack & concise because really I have had little to write but to give my full assent to every thing that has been done - and indeed the continued hurry & bustle I have been in ever since the Kings death, & the expectation of a New Parliament, until my Sons return as one of the Members for this City, in a most honorable & flattering manner; & the necessary occupation in winding up so arduous an undertaking, since his return, has left me no time to enlarge on any thing either to you or others.

Mr Smith as you expected wrote to me fully of the events at Keylersfield up to the day when he was about to set out for Garwood to put the Mill about. He advised me of his intended shipment of 100 Wethers & 30 Pouchons of Flannumy, on which I have directed insurance -

That there had been no return of Glanders among the Mules is highly satisfactory. I wrote to my Son, that from the best written authorities I could find, I was well convinced there was no cure for it. It has since been affirmed the same by skilful Veterinary Surgeons. They say that in the Army every means that could be suggested, have within a short time past been tried, with every possible attention under the eye of the most skilful persons, attached to the British Army, without any success. Perfect purification; with hot and strong lye of Caustic Ashes; of Stables - racks - Posts and open yards & all wood work to which the infected could have access; & the white washing of the Walls - so as to prevent infection, is all that could be done. - This must be extended to Bridles &c. It is unnecessary to add that those which are infected should be kept in actual seclusion from the rest. - This subject naturally introduces the Steam Engine - It would have been in progress

now in the hope of finding a conveyance for it to Las-la-Man at the end of April or beginning or middle of May, had not my attention to that & many other things by this sudden dissolution of Parliament been completely drawn aside and before I could resume my consideration of the subject, or fortnight or three weeks had passed. I upon consulting Messrs Deffell & Co about the means of conveyance, should I then give the actual order for the Engine & Mill, I received it as their opinion, that there would not any means offer for its conveyance in time for the next Crop. I therefore determined as there were difficulties respecting the construction & supply of Water, not explained fully to my satisfaction, to wait until Roberts returns - when those difficulties would be explained. The Engine & Mill then prepared to be sent out in the fall of the year, so as to be put up as soon as the next Crop is off in time for that of 1831. - Pray ascertain fully from Mr Smith & Mr Falconer the actual waste of Water & Steam & the means they propose to secure all that has become hot by condensing so that it may sufficiently cool to be used again for the same purpose. - The first supply from the Well which it is proposed to sink, certainly will not suffice, if all the condensing Water runs to waste. - Could any supply for this purpose be had from the River or must there be a tank in which it may become fit to be used over again. -

It is satisfactory to know that the Deeds sent out to you had been duly received, stamped & recorded. I shall be glad to receive them back by my Son. The Bills N^o 35 & 36 as before advised were duly honored on presentation. -

You mention that my Son still continued liable to returns of the intermittent - makes me exceedingly anxious for his return in the Kingston, but I almost fear he will not accomplish all he had undertaken previously to do, without subjecting himself to great fatigue, to the still greater injury of his health. His determination to do every thing would have been most truly commendable had his health continued good but under the existing state of it - I wish he had declined much of it & left it to your good management. But this

is mending, & I have done. - I hope, sincerely hope, that your health which had received an attack at Port Antonio, was speedily & perfectly restored - I shall be anxious on that subject, until I hear from you or Robert on the subject.

Not having the least hesitation about sending out a Steam Engine, but what has arisen on the considerations I have stated - which it only requires a little delay to get the better of, - I think it will be advisable, as soon as the present crop is concluded, - that M^r Smith should begin to collect on the spot, all the Materials both for Masons & Carpenters work - that will be necessary for the construction of the Buildings. -

The accident to the Still at Meyersfield I cannot account for - I have informed M^r Hale who made it of all the particulars which M^r Smith in his letter has informed me - I agree with him it will be best to ~~have~~ have it home to be repaired - we shall then see with whom the error lies. - I hope that the Still of the Ocean has safely arrived - It may in case of need, be used as a substitute.

The exertions made by M^r Smith with the assistance of Capt Postlethwaite & his Mate in the construction of a new Flatt is highly meritorious and certainly deserves my best thanks.

The Wind being out of the way without any prospect of a change I shall venture another days delay - As to what respects D R B's affairs - in the hope that tomorrow's Mail may bring the Parcel of Paper in which your letter to the Partnership will be found & for the present subscribing myself I am &c

R B

By April Packet Heagy via Liverpool

W^m Reece Esq.
Ledbury

12 April 1820 17

It is now long since, that I heard from your Clerk, on the subject of the demand for Chif Rents due to the Prebend, when he added that you were exceedingly well. I think I have not since received any letter from you.

I have not yet fully satisfied myself on the extent of the arrears which is claimed, & I have therefore not yet remitted, but I have undertaken to do it, without reference to you.

I am anxious to receive the Acc^{ts} of Law Charges for my personal concerns up to the time you have rendered those for Estate D^B. & our joint Accounts - for I cannot settle the one without a comparison & collation of the whole. & I trust your health is so far restored as to enable you forthwith to furnish me with them.

It is a matter of considerable surprise that I have not heard either from you or W^m Holbrooke respecting the discharge of our Mortgage & the Interest on the Hoares Estate. The Estate of A^m Bright requires its proportion for the discharge of demands that are still open against it, - and I myself am much pressed for my proportion which from the state of forwardness in which I understood every thing was when in November I was at Ledbury I have relied upon

I last year said that if it was not soon discharged I must take such means as I may be advised to enforce the payment - and I now repeat that unless I have full satisfaction on that head I will proceed according to the tenor of what I then wrote to you.

I am Sir
Yours
R R

W^m Holbrooke
Ledbury

12 April 1820

I am somewhat surprised that I have not yet been informed that the Deeds for the conveyance of the Hoares Estate have not yet been completed, & the money due on the Mortgage with Interest ready to pay it off. - The Estate of Hon^{ble} Bright is in want of his proportion towards discharging the remaining Legacies & I assure you that I have pressing demands for my share of it.

If this business is not in train for immediate termination
I pray you will inform me where the difficulty now lies
I was at Bath two days since, I learned there that
J^r Henry Quillan was using his best endeavors to procure
means to supply the deficiency - which the loss of W. Clarke's
induction to Colwall, has created in the means to obtain
W^r Brydges Segar, and I suppose he is the only person
who can do it. — I remain Sir &c

RB

Mr. Thomas Bowers
Horn Green, Athol
near Ledbury

13 April 1820

It is a matter of much trouble
to me that you neither pay your arrears of rent to me
or to Mess^{rs} Webb - or that you do not even write to me
on the subject. — I once more require it - and I
further add, that you will recollect a further debt which
is due from you on security to the late M^r. Bright and
myself I understand that it may not be convenient to
suffer that sum, with its interest to continue longer unpaid

I expect to hear from you on the subject of the rent
in a very few posts. — I am &c

RB

John Garnett Esq^r;
Barnum's New Jersey - N.Y. America

2 April 1820

Your letters shew, that you have mis conceived ~~my~~
my feelings towards you, for you suppose that any difficulty
I have made, in respect to the acceptance of your Bills, has arisen
from an apprehension lest you might not ultimately place in
my hands, remittances to answer their full amount. —

I have I assure you had no such misapprehensions or
doubts. — When you were here, I said that as far as the
sum then remaining in the funds, I would attend to &
regulate Amos H^{'s} Account with you, — but I then, since
I have explained that it would be inconvenient to me, I
would most probably lead to the very circumstances, which
have occurred, were I to continue to be your Agent, for

the receipt of your Remits, or remittances & the acceptance and payment of your Bills, because having no other correspondence of that nature, & no regular mercantile establishment, & frequently absent from Bristol, the regularly necessary in bill Bill transactions, would most probably be broken in upon. And I certainly have wished to impress this strongly upon your mind.

If any error had arisen in the Account with you which has been kept by James H^g, in consequence of any omission, or neglect of mine - it might not, from the same cause have been wondered at. I certainly was alarmed however, when you charged me with having omitted in the Account sent to you in July last, a Bill of £⁴⁰ on Belfield. Before I wrote to M^r Belfield on the subject, I turned over every Letter & Paper, or Book, which could elucidate this point & being able myself to find no trace I wrote a letter to him requesting he would send me a statement of all the Sums he had paid to me, on your Acc^t, apologizing for the trouble, by confessing myself to have been guilty, as I feared, of a misstatement of your Account. It was however highly satisfactory to me, to receive that, of which the inclosed, is a Copy; by which you will see, that your Acc^t has due Credit for every Sum that I have received. And I am as certain, that you did not send me (or at least that I never received) the Bill on him which you charged me with - & either mislaid or lost it. This explanation from M^r Belfield I received early in Feb^r - I had begun a letter to you on the subject, which now lies before me; but I was on that day, unexpectedly called from it, to a subject which so fully occupied all my mind & all my time, from that moment until my Son Henry Bright was returned in a most honorable & flattering manner, Member for Bristol in the New Parliamt^t, that my not having finished what I then intended, completely escaped my recollection - and it was only turning to my Letter Book, where I found my unfinished Letter, that I found myself so greatly in arrear in my correspondence with you. - So much for the past. - I now come to the continuation of your Account to the 21 December which

was prepared for that letter - In it you will find the only Credit for Money that had subsequently received from Mr. Belfield - & which completes every ~~thing~~ Item in this Account before referred to.

The Sum of £32. 5. 0 received from Messrs. Dobbin & Co. 23 Nov^r these Gentlemen stated to me to be the whole Balance due to you, but as I knew nothing of the Rent they had to pay or disbursements they were to be allowed. I asked for an account nor did they render me any. - Indeed they did not chuse to deviate from their usual payment of it to Mr. Milton, until I procured his Authority to receive it. Adding your written order to make such payment to him. - I then asked them, & I have since repeated the question, whether they were inclined to purchase the premises, & if so if they would make you an offer - Mr. Gresley's answer was, I think - that they had offered you a Sum, before you left England more than the Premises were worth. & that if they were now inclined to purchase, which they were not they would not give so much as they then offered. - You will notice that this Account has to its Credit £103. 17. 9 the proceeds of the last £100 5th 6th Stock. & that on the 31st Dec^r you were in Debit with James W^{ts} £7. 7. 1. There is since placed to your Credit. The Three Bills for £70 each. The last Post dated 30 Ult^o will not be due till the 22nd Inst. but I think I should have heard had it not been accepted.

I did not send it until the date you gave to it had passed & I had advised Mr. Belfield that it was gone forward to Sir P. Pole &c. - I am &c.
The Emulation RB

Stanley Percival Esq^r
Liverpool

15 April 1820

I am very anxious that the inclosed two letters for Mr. Cornwall Kingston Jamaica should get early out. - The Packet we understood sailed the 11th and from hence no conveyance is likely to offer. -

I pray therefore that you will forward them by the first Vessel which sails for any part of Jamaica.

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preferring however one for the Neighbourhood of Kingston &
that you will inform me thereof through J. Freeman of the
name of the Ship & time of sailing - I am &c.

I have added a third Letter for
Mr. Smith Son. la Mar.

R B

Edward Smith Esq. } P.S. 15 April 1820
Heylsheld

I beg you will credit no reports without
full confirmation from me - I have no knowledge of those
circulating, but what a letter from Jamaica has brought me &
I feel perfectly certain they are without any foundation.
The greatest caution on your part is at all times necessary.
I have written to Mr. Pownall by this conveyance - The
letter from my Son received this Morning was 14 Feb. I
have none from you. - I remain &c. R B

Per via Liverpool

Messrs. Wilson & Cutler
Wine Merchants - London

Wm Green 20 Apr. 1820

I have safely received the two Packages of
Wine of Pallaway Caravan - and now remit you the Amount
of Bills Parcells say £67. 10. 0 in Amer. Bill in my
favor on S. Peter St. &c.

You will oblige me if immediately you will send
into S. R. Bright 14 Bloomsbury Square -

3 Dozen of your very best Old Bottled Port Wine

2 Dozen Vale Cherry not highly Branded

1 Dozen - very good Madeira

Send a Note of the Package stating that it is sent by
my Order - with the Wine But, enclose the Bill of
Parcells to me - I wish this Order executed in the course
of Saturday - and I desire it may be attentively done -
I expect to taste them all myself in the course of the
next week - at my Son - I remain Gent^{le}
R B

W. William Reece Esq^r

22 April 1820

Sedbury I received your letter & the Parcel of Accounts last night, I have placed them with my Clerk to undergo a preliminary examination, previous to my return from an absence of a short duration, & upon my getting back I will not delay, finally to examine & compare them, but they are of such long origin, that I am confident it will take me some time.

From the best investigation I could make of the Tithe matter - on which Mr. Board was referred to you, to me - I confess I did not see ground, after you had returned as at near, the full sum which had in former years been paid on which I could successfully abide by Jones's Valuation and I did not choose to keep the question any longer open - I therefore paid it accordingly to Board's statement, after seeing him in Bristol & going to Bath, on purpose to get rid of the question.

Your letter does not clear my question, about the Bishops Chief Rents, - I know there is an arrear, but I am not satisfied with the length of claim - I think it has been open before you to enquire - I cannot now, but I will on my return go over all the correspondence for the last 8 or 10 years. -

I shall not be easy, as long as I am liable to be called to an Account by the Bishops Bailiffs - for ~~what~~ ^{what} I suppose has originated in Griffiths, error or something worse. -

I do not precisely see why the difficulties in the settlement of the Moores purchase, should be gotten the better of, immediately on Cookes coming of age. If they were serious ones, which previously existed, But if the matter is now completed, without further delay, I shall enquire no further. - But I will have the Mortgage Money soon either with or without an appeal to the Law. -

I wrote a fortnight since to Mr. Holbrooke upon the subject I am surprised I have not heard from him. -

I regret your having had a severe fit of Gout - I feared it was a Fever or an attack upon the Lungs, when I heard you were so ill. - Of two evils the Gout is by much the least.

I wish your speedy recovery I remain

A B - P. G.

P^d I think the Boydges Family will find it necessary to occupy that Estate a long time before they will obtain the price they have expected, or at least asked for it. —

Mr. Joseph Bowers

21 April 1820

Old Castle Colwall. Ledbury

I received your letter of 15th only the day before yesterday — I have been expecting some time to hear of your design to come here with your Accounts — It will be needless now for you to come before the 15 or 16 May — but I expect you will send your Book & Papers by Coach before you that Mr. Jones may arrange & examine them for my settlement — I shall go from home next week for 10 or 12 Days, I shall require a few days after I come home before I can sit down with you — but every thing must be previously prepared — as I shall not have any time to waste & you must come exactly when I have leisure for I am not at my own command as much as I used to be. — Mr. Gray says the Agreement with Mr. Clarke was in 1806 or 1807 — but it was certainly — as I am now well satisfied — not such as could be binding & therefore we had as well say nothing more about it.

Having settled with Mr. Boord for the arrears of Tithe for which purpose I went to Bath — I am not likely to see him again — as I declined to bargain for the Tithe of all my Estates in Colwall for the Tenants which he wished. — I did understand that he had not agreed with Mr. Barnett — or with you — He complained that you had not come to him about it which he expected as he understood you were coming to Bristol — But when I told him you had not yet been in Bristol he was satisfied better — I added too that it was probable my convenience might not require your being here for some weeks. — He did not seem to like to leave the matter open so long — and I think you should write to him — to give a reason for not having been to him.

I believe him to be a very reputable practitioner a good deal employed in business relative to Tithes & Lands. —

I know his Brother — but did not know him before. —

I think he has undertaken the settlement of all Mr. Clarke's

affairs - under J^r Henry Grillam - who appears to be M^r Clarkes heir - It might be well that I should agree with him for Tythe of the Woods - but he said nothing to me about it. - I cannot advise you what to do but I know it will be troublesome to you, to have your Tythe taken in kind, & so it may be to him - but I think he would readily find some one in or about Sedbury who would undertake to gather from you & M^r Barrett - if you do not agree. -

I have not prepared the Land - nor shall I till I settle the whole arrangement. - M^r King will want some. - I am glad so little is required for the Tythicks House - but I am still surprised I do not hear from M^r King about it. - Pray call upon him & say so. - I have not time to write unnecessary letters - Tell M^r Jones when you go to Sedbury that I have not had leisure to determine fully about the repairs at Joices but I still intend doing them. -

I am satisfied that Four Horses will be sufficient to keep - for any purpose we may have - you will therefore dispose of the two that are most saleable, but as we have May - I will not have them given away. - The Green I think may sell as well now as at a future time - and it would be better now than to keep them until they should be turned to Grass. -

By what name is the Piece of Allens Land called I have made in my mind some confusion between what belongs to the two brothers, next to what parcel does it lie. -

My Son M^r Henry Bright is in London and will remain there several months. - His present direction is N^o 16 Horsecoat Buildings, Temple, London. -

Pray enquire of your Son Thomas whether he has lost the use of his fingers - or why he does not chuse to answer my letters -

I am &c. R B
I wish the best of Things at Brakhury before you come yourself.

Mr. Joseph Bowers
Old Castle Chwall n. Sedbury

21 May 1820

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Your letter of 11 May was forwarded to me to London from whence I returned only Saturday night. I am not satisfied, after such long notice, that you are not ready with your Accounts. I really must put things on another footing. — You had no reason to suppose, that I should not have been able to see you in Feb^y, as was customary, and you ought to have been ready then.

I was not sure when I should be returned from London, or I should have fixed for you to be here as at this time, and I certainly do expect that you will be here, on Sunday, or Monday next, with all your Accounts ready. —

If you will send them a few days before you come, Mr. Jones shall examine them, and your delay will be less; I shall myself be able to give up but little time to you. —

I can say nothing further about your Father except, that I am sure Mr. Board, expected you to see him at Bath long since, I will not be so ready now to settle with you as he would have been, had you seen him Three Months since.

You have done right in removing the Horses from Brockbury to Lices. — I am glad Mr. Martland is come to Brockbury & Mr. King, son in Law to the Lythons.

Your son Thomas writes to me that you will settle his arrears of Rent. — He wishes for some Barley in the straw for the Pheasants, — half a load, — I am not inclined to be at much expence about them, but if a small quantity to feed them with is necessary — you will procure it for him seeing that it is made a good use of. — I am &c
R B

Mess^{rs} J. W. Deffell & Co
London

23 May 1820

Since my return to Bristol I have had the several Accounts Sales & Accounts of Heylersfield & Garsdon Estates, together with your General Acc^{ts} Current with me, ^{upto} 1st Jan^y examined, & I have the pleasure to say they appear perfectly correct, — Showing a Balance on that day in

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your favor of Five Thousand five Hundred & Seventy three
Pounds three Shillings, in addition to which there are the
sums which I requested & I have no doubt you paid into
Messrs. Geo. P. Poffe & Co. on 9th Inst. but concerning which I
have not yet had an opportunity of informing myself to
my debit. Being just on the point of leaving London
when I received your favor announcing the arrival of the
Glennammy in the River, I did not acknowledge it. I hope
she has already begun to deliver her Cargo in the W. I. Dock, -
being still further confirmed in my opinion, that it is advisable
that as little time as possible should intervene, before my
Sugars by her are brought forward for sale.
As I am anxious to know the quality of the present years
produce of Haylersfield I pray you to furnish me with an
Average Sample of the first lot you show.
I beg to subscribe myself D^r Sirs &c
R B

Messrs. Barnes & Watsonley
Andover

23 May 1820

I have this day only received your letter
of 20 Inst. I had not time to reply to it before the return of
Post at Three. I regret that Mr. Atwood had anticipated
his visit to Winchester. - I can add nothing on the
subject of your meeting for the valuation of the Pudding House,
to what I have already written (to which I refer you, parti-
cularly to the information contained in my letter of yesterday

Fully confiding in your knowledge of the subject, and
satisfied that what you have proposed on my behalf to
Mr. Wickham, as the Husbandry Covenants to be concluded
in the New Lease to be granted to him of Sutton Farm, is
entirely guided by a proper view to my real interests. I
feel no disposition to controvert any one point, having
previously (in consequence of the special consideration
in which I hold Mr. Wickham's experience, & respectability
of Character) given up the condition, of a strict adherence
to the alternate husbandry, to which I should under other
circumstances have strictly bound the Tenant, of that farm.

and shall all the Tenants of any other Estates: —

The only item on which I wish for any explanation, is that which relates to the *S. Join*. I thought that a certain portion of the Land on the South side the *Amford Road* would be likewise to be left in that culture, and in its prime in addition to the 80 Acres limited to the Northern side of the Road. — And further, I was not aware that the coming on Tenant would be called upon to pay for the *S. Join*, at a valuation. — I do not recollect that there is any corresponding clause in the present lease — and if there be not, — as Mr Wickham would not receive any compensation were he to quit at its termination, he must be considered as any other newly coming on Tenant under the New Lease not paying for these trees — and consequently not to be paid for them at the expiration of the Term. — Should there not likewise be a clause to prevent breaking up of any *S. Join* of older growth, within a given time previous to the termination of the Lease? I certainly must reserve the power to plant Trees & Hedges &c to fence the same. Mr Wickham drawing the Fifth. — This I think was fully understood between us, having at the same time explained to him that it was not likely that I should for several years at least, plant extensively, and most probably never put him to much cost or inconvenience, as I contemplate nothing at present beyond the outward fences. — & that to be done sparingly.

In respect to other claims there are some which the Old Lease does not contain, — concerning which I have explained myself to Mr Wickham & of which Mr Woodham having a Mem., he will of course introduce into the draft of the lease, which I shall desire him immediately to proceed upon — and send to you to peruse to ascertain that your arrangement of the *Arbendry* clauses, is correctly abided by, before he sends it for my & Mr Wickham's approval, previous to engrossing. — I send by tomorrow's post to Mr Woodham the abstract of your letter, that he may proceed with the draft before he leaves home, the beginning of the next Week. —

There were some matters of accommodation

and Repair of which Mr Wickham spoke - which cannot form any covenants in the lease but upon which I am content we shall have no permanent difference of opinion.

If I have time I may add a few lines on another subject - If not I shall address you by the next post.

I remain &c

Yr

RB

24 May

I observe by the Winchester Paper, that the Abstract for the Sale at Cranley is made. What the Copyhold Lands within the Belt are included in the lot with the Principal Farm, & that the detached parts are to be sold separately - Altho' I have no absolute view to be the Purchaser of any - I believe I shall not, yet I shall not be satisfied, if I have not a fair valuation of each of the Lots, time enough to make up my mind decidedly upon the subject previous to the Sale, now fixed for the 1st June - I must therefore once more trouble you to look over the different lots, & furnish me as early as you can with your separate valuation of each - The Conditions I further note are to be deposited with Mr Mount on the 25 Inst. -

Thomas Woodham Esq
Winchester

24 May 1820

I had the satisfaction to receive your letter of 19th but not until yesterday - when I likewise received a letter from Messrs Barnes & Walsley containing the Husbandry Covenants proposed by Mr Barnes - & approved of by Mr Wickham to which I have now by post to Mr Barnes given my assent - accompanied by some observations respecting the quantity of St. John, & a clause which I think should be inserted to restrain the ploughing up of any extra quantity - within a given time previous to the termination of the Lease, and a query respecting - the condition of paying for the St. John by the coming in Tenant at the expiration of his New Lease - In respect to the other clauses I refer you to the communication I have already had with you on the subject - and the Copy of a paper I gave to Mr Wickham

by which the Covenants of the New Lease are to be governed.

The Rent is to be One Thousand Pounds Annually, clear of all Taxes except Land Tax - Repairs as in the present Lease - and in fact all the clauses as they now are, which are not inconsistent with the specific Clauses now stated either in Mr. Barnes letter or those above referred to.

I write this in some haste in the hopes that you will be able to set the draft of the Lease in forwarding before you leave home, so that if possible, we might go over it together when I have the pleasure to see you on Saturday Tennight, & that upon your return it may be communicated to Mr. Barnes, if necessary to ascertain that his proposed clauses have been accurately understood, & then immediately referred to Mr. Wickham - that it may be completed without delay. - I am obliged by your immediate attention to what was necessary in respect to the Crowley Lease from the Bishop - Mr. Le Blanc has likewise informed me of the business being complete.

I note by the Winchester Paper, that the allotments of the Copyholders for the Sale on the 16th June are arranged, & that the Conditions &c are to be ready at Mr. Thomts on the 25th Inst. - I will be obliged by your procuring the partition-laws of those Conditions, for altho' there is little chance of my being a bidder, I shall like to have every possible information on the subject as early as I can, that I may not excuse myself of intentional ignorance, of any thing that I may hereafter wish to have known.

I trust nothing will prevent your making Ham Green within the scope of your Journey - I may possibly have some other subjects to consult with you upon. Mr. Gyzelys opinion may have been received - If it should arrive during your absence - I wish you would leave directions that it be forwarded to me - Perhaps too if you have settled the rough draft of the Lease - the fair Copy may be completed & sent to me - where it will be found by you, when you arrive. - I recollect nothing further immediately necessary to add & therefore subscribe myself D^r Sir &c

R B

Thomas Woodham Esq
Winchester

25 May 1820

After I had forwarded your letter by yesterday's post I received yours of 23rd - I left the finished Plan of Gravel here with Waiter - but it has not the letters of reference marked on it - The large Plan on which you put letters in Pencil - has likewise many of my remarks upon it which I am unwilling to have obliterated I will however send it to you that you may either place the three letters - with a Pencil on the finished plan & forward it to your agent or send to him the large one now forwarded to you - with a special request that none of the Notes now upon the face be obliterated

The course by which St. Henry has now diverted the Water - is slightly marked in Black Lead - I do not choose to put this in ink - because it is only inserted at random & I wish not to spoil this Survey - as it has on it all the levels necessary to guide all such alterations as may be necessary in any new arrangement of the Water Courses

I am Sir &c

R B

I pray that the Map may be returned to me as soon as possible

William Lubbock & New Bridge Street 25 May 1820

Blackfriars London I yesterday received your favor of 23rd, but the parcel intended to have been sent by the Mail Coach did not arrive till this day - I have the pleasure to certify that it has been safely delivered - By tomorrow mail, I shall air for London by your order delivered to the B^{ty} of Winchester the former lease of Groulley dated 27th Nov. 1818

In comparing the same with the present one, I have, that there is an omission - which perhaps is not important as it seems to be corrected ~~rather~~ by the concluding clause of the lease - The grant under the old lease is stated to be for the three lives mentioned - the names of them - and for "during the life of the longest liver of them" - This latter clause is omitted in the new lease - the same without it seems complete - but this omission be technically necessary - it

shouldly some means be remedied June RB

Mess^{rs} Barnes & Walmisley
Andover

27 May 1820

When I replied to your letter of 20th I did not notice the additional lines, written on the last side of it.

When I mentioned my intention to ask your assistance in reference to a lease, to be granted of Meadbourne Worthy to M^r Burnett, - it was only preparatory to a more specific communication on the subject, which I judge had better not now take place, until the question relative to the value of the Pudding House has been adjusted - under the reference to you & M^r Atwood so far as it respects the proportion of the present rent payable by M^r Burnett. - I wish that he should have every information on that subject before him, ere I say any thing more as to the terms I shall require, - as the subject however has entered into our correspondence, I will now so far proceed as to say, that in my lease to M^r Burnett, I shall restrain him to the Alternate Husbandry strictly - and that in consequence of his occupying the adjoining Farm, belonging to Lady Holland, which has not the favorable circumstances of Down pasture, for Sheep appended to it; - I considered that the clauses respecting Sheep, and the expending Straw & Manure upon my Farm should be more than usually strict; - and I refer to this the more, because reports have reached me, that undue preference in those respects, have been given to the adjoining Estate.

I would not suppose that he would ~~not~~ intentionally do wrong in this respect, but it will be right that a strict line should be drawn. -

The valuation you have made & sent to me of the Meadbourne Worthy Farm, as detached from the Pudding House, is that to which I should adhere, in the treaty for granting him the lease. -

As I expect soon to hear from you I shall then resume this subject, & in the meantime subscribe myself. Gentlemen &c.

RB

Mr. W. J. Walpy

29 May 1820

Tookes Court - Chancery Lane - London

It was my design when I was in London ten days since, to have called on Tookes Court to discharge what I am indebted to you for 12 parts of the Ed. of the Classics - which by a note I found in the last parcel which came to me, I find to be Eleven Pounds eight Shillings. - I was then prevented & now inclose you an order on my Bankers Sir Peter Cole & Co for that amount for which you will please send me a receipt.

On an examination the other day of my Bookshelves I found, with the twelve parts as before stated, Duplicates of N^o 1 & 2 - which I conceive must have been sent by your distributor by mistake - but when they came I am quite ignorant.

Not knowing how otherwise to dispose of them, & fearing that I might hereafter misplace them I have thought it better to put you to the Cost of Carriage, by returning them to you by the heavy Coach, without delay.

I apprehend some other numbers have been published since N^o 12 - I shall be glad of them at your convenience
With respect I subscribe myself D^r & c
R B

O. B. Ward Esq^r:


27 May 1820.

When I applied to you to know whether, if I complied with the price required for the roadway opposite to my House in Great George Street and in front of Land I had just bought from the Rev. M. Cowan the Trustees would exonerate me as to that Land; of the Covenants in the original Sale to M. Cowan - in respect to the kind of Building to be erected thereon, I then understood that the Trustees would not object thereto. as far as they had the power of so doing. - Being satisfied to receive such a release, and M. Cowan consenting to become a party therein, I beg to propose that a short instrument be drawn, to be executed by the Trustees & M. Cowan, each of them releasing me, from such Covenants, as far as they are respectively interested & have the power so to do. I am & c R B

Messrs. J. W. Deffell & Co.
London

30 May 1820

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I am favored with your letter of 26th contain^g
the advice of your Sale of 26 Hds of  Sugar & Llanemmy
at 72¹/₂, of which you have forwarded to me a Coach an average
Sample, which appears to be about the Average quality of
the last years import. - Both with the Sale of the Sample,
I am therefore well satisfied, and I request you will
proceed with the sale of the remaining 75 Hds.

I am very sorry that the Rum should have lost
any thing of its usual good flavor, which has hitherto
maintained for it a preference in your Market. - I will
I hope, be accounted for, by the accident which happened
in the early part of the Crop, to the Still, of which I made
mention to you, - and in this expectation, I consequently
in the hope that the latter made Rum, may not be equally
objectionable, I conceive it will be most prudent, to sell
only the quantity now imported, at the price now to be
obtained for it, - at, or as much above 4¹/₂ as you can
procure, and wait the arrival & sampling of the expected
import of Llanemmy, - before you go further than offer a
preference to the accustomed purchasers of that mark,
at such price as you shall then deem to be its value.

I cannot suppose, that after so many years experience,
the cause whatever it may be which has affected the first
distillations, should continue to have its effect through
the whole of the Crop. - I wish that proper Samples of
the Import, be retained, well corked, that a fair compari-
-son may be made, of flavor between them & what may
come by the Llanemmy. - The present import I would
not on any account have retained.

I remain &c.
R. B.

31 May 1820

Mr Messrs Montagu
Winchester

Observing by the Hampshire Chronicle that further particulars, of the Sale of the Crawley Estates are to be had by application at your House, I pray that you will furnish me with two of them in a Parcel of Coats - I remain Gent^l &c
RB

Mr Messrs Barnes & Walsley
Andover

30 May 1820

I wrote you last week expressing a desire that you would furnish me with the separate valuation of the several Lots of the proposed Sale of the Crawley Estates. Not having heard in reply that you would do it for me, I am somewhat at a loss on the subject & as the Sale is now so soon, I must request a line upon the subject & if you send the valuation that it will be in time for me to act under it if I should consider it right so to do. I am Gent^l &c
RB

James Wickham Esq. Junr.
Sutton - Winchester

30 May 1820

Mr Barnes having as I supposed, settled with you, the Husbandry Clauses for the New Lease, which I approved of, on his communicating them to me, I immediately wrote to Mr Woodham, to make a rough draft of the whole Lease with the usual Covenants, for my & your perusal, by which any minor points might the most easily be settled, & I requested him to do it before he left Winchester, in his progress with some of the Chapter of Winchester which I understood was to take place as yesterday. And as he promised to call here on his way next Saturday, I requested he would bring it with him. - In my letter to Mr Barnes, in answer to his mentioning that the question of planting & the ~~drawing~~ drawing of the Trifh for Forces, was not arranged by him, I said that I could not give up the right of entering on some

part to make such planting improvements as hereafter I might deem right, within certain limits. - that with respect to the labour drawing the Hedge Wood, as I should be very slow in my operations, - I certainly not think at present of doing more, than to plant the Hedges of the Outward Boundaries its object to you would not be an important one, altho' the convenience to me would be great. I did not suppose that finally there would exist any difficulty on that point. & that in respect to the minor consideration of Repairs &c. I thought all the those points, had better be a separate consideration, not to burden the lease, with things of a temporary nature, & which when arranged, would be done out of hand.

Continuing in this view of the subject, I do not think any thing can arise, of difficulty to make a Journey to me necessary, - but if after Mr Woodham has shown me the general outline - and you have seen it, - matters of importance in your opinion, requires an interview, I shall with great pleasure, at any time, meet you at your convenience, being favored with a few days previous notice.

I pray my respects to your Father and I subscribe myself respectfully &c

RB

James C. Cornwall Esq
St Andrews Jamaica

31 May 1820

Since my last respects hereto annexed in Copy - Brief Packet I have received none of your favors but ten days since I had the satisfaction to get of the Harroimney a few lines from my Son dated 23 March - & from it I have the greatest hopes we shall soon see him here at the Kingston. The letter contains only that general information which being so satisfactory in respect to the proceedings at Keylersfield does not require that I should particularly refer to.

The Sugars of Harroimney - prove of about the average quality of the last year - as I find by the Average I received yesterday of Coals from Messrs Deffell &c of 25 lbs sold by them at 74 3/4 more than at this time could be gotten here - owing to the surplus quantity of Old Sugars in hand here, & the

unusually small quantity in London. I have directed the remaining 75 Hds to be brought into the Market. —

Before the arrival of the Glamorgan Rum I had reason to expect that the accustomed purchasers of the Keylessfield Rum would have contracted for the whole of the present Crop at $\frac{1}{4}$ expecting both as they & I did that those of Glamorgan would have turned out to be of the accustomed good flavor. I have however been mortified by receiving information from Mess^{rs} Deffell of which this is the Copy. —

"In respect to the 30 Pineaux Rum of Glamorgan we are sorry to inform you they are far inferior to what they used to be both in flavor & appearance the strength however is the same as heretofore. Had they been equal to what they have been in former years we should have obtained for them $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ Gallon but in their present state we cannot get a higher offer than $\frac{1}{4}$. & we shall be glad to receive your instructions respecting the sale."

My answer has been that as I must ascribe the falling off in quantity of this first shipment of Rum to the consequence of the repeated accident to the Still which happened at the beginning of the Crop. I would not have any reference to them in the prospective sale of those of the James which had the quality of these been unexceptional, as it has been in former years. But that I would have ~~these~~ these sold at the $\frac{1}{4}$ if no more could be had in the hope that the greater quantity of James would command the accustomed preference. — I shall write to this same effect to Mess^{rs} Smith and if I am correct in rightly ascribing the cause of the deterioration of the Rum of Glamorgan. I trust I shall receive a certificate to that effect, which will yet more strongly enforce my complaint against Mess^{rs} Hale, the Manufacturers of the New Still.

My Son mentioned an expectation that something further might be learned of the enquiries making by M^r Dawe. I hear nothing more on the subject there except that the same person who has enquired at Winchester has been likewise writing letters to persons connected with the family in London. but I cannot learn that any one has had a

personal interview with him. The Wind has for the last 24 Hours blown so hard from the Westward that I fully expect by this conveyance yet to acknowledge letters of the April Packet. In the mean time I subscribe myself
Yours Truly
J. L. R. B.

Edward Smith Esq.

31 May 1820

Keylersfield Low. la. Hav. Jamaica

I have pleasure when I send you Copy of my last respects of 3 May to have it in my power to advise the arrival of the *Blondumney* - & the safe discharge of part of her Cargo at least having two days since received the advise of the sale & the Average Sample of 25 lbs of the Keylersfield Sugar by her - they are nearly of the average quality of the Sugar of the last year & have in consequence of their arrival at a time when the Market was unusually bare of even moderately good Sugars - been sold at 72/- certainly 3/- above their comparative value - according to the usual scale of progressive worth. - I have consequently ordered the immediate sale of the remainder by this Ship & I hope Messrs Deffell will continue as fortunate as they have been. In Bristol at this time, where this deficiency is not felt - they would not have produced more than 68/- or 69/- We have not been so fortunate in respect to the Rum - as you will find by the following extract from a letter from Messrs Deffell which I received yesterday.

In respect to the 30 Puncheons Rum we are sorry to inform you they are far inferior to what they used to be both in flavor & appearance, the strength however is the same as heretofore - Had they been equal to what they ~~used~~ have been in former years we should have obtained for them 4/3 or 4/4 Gall. but in their present state we cannot get a higher offer than 4/- we shall be glad to receive your earliest instructions whether we shall accept this price or wait.

My reply has been to sell at the best price that could be obtained - as I did not wish them retained to be in any way connected with the shipment to arrive in the *James* - As I ascribed the cause of this deterioration in the quality

to the ~~accidents~~ ^{accidents} which happened in the early part of the Crop to the Still which had been sent out by them in 1878 from Messrs. Hales - for I could not suppose that any permanent cause could operate on the Runns of this year generally - when continuing under the same management. I shall hereafter send you a special report of the Runns of Lornes. If it shall appear that I am right in my conjecture as to the cause of the ill flavor of these Runns I shall have an additional claim for remuneration from the Maker of the defective Still - and I desire you will give me your opinion at length upon the subject. - If this be not the cause of the defect of flavor & appearance shall pervade the whole year's making - I am convinced I need not urge an enquiry into the means of correcting it. -

I was in London when the Hannumney arrived and Mrs. Deffell favored me with a Copy of your letter by her. - By the same conveyance I received a short one from my Son - who informed me he was to leave Haylesfield the next day for Garsden. - If he was able without over fatigue to get through his business & his long Journey in time I hope he is on board the Kingston. The probability of this will I ~~hope~~ expect be ascertained by letters of the Red Packet (the Fox I believe) whose arrival from the late prevalence of & the present continuance of the Westerly Wind may be soon expected. -

I made a point of seeing Messrs. Graham & Co. when in London on the subject of the Steam Engine & the Concrete Elevator. I am very well satisfied with their mode of construction of the whole as well as of their Sugar Mills and the late improvements. - As soon as it is convenient I shall get my Son to turn his attention to the subject so that as little subsequent delay after his arrival as may be shall intervene before the preparation of the whole to be shipped by the earliest conveyance. - The first thing will be to suggest any variation that may be in Mr. Falconers ground Plan - or to confirm it - so that the foundation & the Lumber Work of the whole may be put in a state of forwardness against the arrival out of the Engine & Mill Work. -

The Congos of Sugar which have lately arrived here from Demerara show a great amelioration in the Manufacture of Sugar. I have seen some in quality equal to good Jamaica and in colour little inferior to Barbadoes. — I hope yet to be able to acknowledge letters from you by the Packet now about to arrive. —

In the meantime with my best wishes for you and your family's health. I remain D^r Sir J^r
 Your Packet Copy of July Packet R B

Mr Bright

1 June 1820

Edgar Street, Worcester

I have at length been able to bring to a conclusion the Sale of the Fifty Pounds five 1/2% Navy Stock, standing in the Names of the late L^d B. Comine. — I fortunately was in London myself a fortnight since. Having sent for your late Brother's Will, I was enabled to take out a Power as the surviving Trustee &c. It was by mistake sent to Bristol & could not therefore be executed by me until my return or sold till within these few days. —

I enclosed I send you the particulars of the Sale of three dividends which appear to have been due thereon. —

The total amount expenses paid is £54. 15. 3. — One half of which or £27. 7. 7. Mess^{rs} Farley & Lomax Bankers will pay to you on your receipt whenever you call upon them for it. — The other moiety I have this day paid to Mrs Baker taking her Receipt for the amount. —

I have the goodness to express in the Receipt that it is the half part of the proceeds of £50 Navy 5 1/2% Stock & of the dividends due thereon sold out by me, as Survivor of L^d B. — I am &c R B

(Copy) — May 26. 1820

Sold for Rich^d Bright, Survivor in a joint Acc^t with Lowbridge Bright Esq^r deceased.

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| £50 Navy 5 1/2% Stock | 105 | 52. 10. 0 |
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| 3 Dividends on the above 50 £ Stock | | 51. 0. 3 |
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3 June 1820

John Savage Esq.

Kingston, Jamaica

I had the satisfaction to receive your favor of 20 March in original & Duplicate & according to your instructions procured Insurance to be made on thirty Ticoes Coffee at £35 per Ticoe of Ships Henry Welsley & Medina - and in consequence of the further information received of your favor 10 April the Insurance on 20 Ticoes has been assigned to the former of these Ships - Your letter came of Beaver. I have not yet heard of the arrival of the Henry Welsley. -

I flatter myself that your Coffee will arrive to a fairly good Market - Prices fluctuate considerably - according to the quantities brought forward for sale - which renders the quotation of prices very little to be depended upon - you may rely however that a good opportunity shall be watched - but I do not think it will be prudent to hold it speculatively, for any length of time.

The arrangement made by my Son with my respected Friend your Father & yourself, meets my full approbation, entertaining an entire confidence, that the ~~persons~~ terms agreed upon will be punctually complied with on your parts. - I pray my best wishes to your Father for the continuance of his health - and it will give me sincere pleasure, to find that the utmost success may attend the execution of the task you have so praise worthily undertaken. - I consider myself greatly obliged by the mention made of my Son in the letter of 10 April.

We hope soon to see him; but by the Packet which arrived the day before yesterday, we find it will not be so early as we expected in consequence of the Kingston detention beyond the time fixed for her sailing. -

I beg to subscribe myself &c

R B

By June Packet & copy of July Packet -

James Corne Ponnall Esq.

3 June 1820

St Andrews Jamaica

I wrote to you on the 11 Inst. to be forwarded from Falmouth Packet - I am since favored by your letter of 14 April from Vere by the Fox. - Altho' now

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mention our Son & his being about to accompany you to
Milk River Bath, by way of an excursion to spend the time
whilst waiting the Kingstons getting ready for sea, his
Mother (& I confess I do likewise) feels much disappointment
that we, none of us, have even a hasty line from him. We
trust however that a Week or ten days, will bring him here
to answer for his thoughtless neglect, or give a reason more satis-
-factory than we anticipated. If he arrives well we shall forgive him.

Mr Smith as you supposed, has written very particularly
of the proceedings at Haywardsfield down to the 14th of Garwood at
his last address from thence but mentions nothing to create any
observation from me except the mention he makes of the con-
-firmed good quality of the Run which throws a doubt on the
Character given of it, by the accustomed purchasers of those
Marks, or a comparison of these just imported of the Glenrummy
with the import of the last & even preceding years. I cannot
avoid resuming the subject with Messrs. Deffell & Co. with a
request that they will again enquire into the fact.

I greatly thank you for your kind wishes for my
Son's success in the arduous task he had been urged forward
by his Friends to undertake. — You will have heard that the
result accorded with the hopes you were pleased to express. —
Highly gratifying as the result was to his & his Family's feelings
he already finds that he has much anxious labour to go through
in payment for the honor that has been conferred upon him.

I have received from Mr Savage Bill of Lading for
20 Tierces Coffee of Henry Wellesley. No more are to come by another
conveyance. — When I was in London a fortnight since, altho'
Coffee fluctuated very considerably according to the quantity
brought forward to be sold — yet what it declined one week seems
to be regained the next — and the general opinion seemed to
be that of all West India produce that seemed the most
likely to command fair if not high prices.

Sugars are here very dull & far from brisk even in
London I do not expect better than the averages of prices
which governed immediately before Christmas.

Of public News — the Papers which every Packet takes
out — you will by that means know more than I could

write & of private news none occurs that I know of to interest you. c

M^r. Bright & my family are tolerably well - they would accuse themselves of ingratitude for your kind attentions to Robert Bright were they not desirous to unite with me in assurances of respect & good wishes which I assure you (My D^r Sir) I most cordially offer to you - remaining - Yours &c

R.B.

June Packet, 3^d of July Packet -
 2nd for Schooner

Edward Smith Esq^r.
 Savanna la Mar Jamaica

5 June 1820

I have already address'd you by this conveyance the June Packet - but I still expect that there still remains time to add an acknowledgement of your favor of 14 April - respecting the great progress made in the crop of Heylersfield & that it was proceeding according to your wishes at Garwood without any materially unpleasant circumstance at either Estate - except the death of a valuable Negroe at the latter mentioned, after a short illness. As you were present I am well satisfied that he had every possible care taken of him.

It is very satisfactory to me to learn that the whole of the Supplies for both Estates had arrived safely and of good quality. Your particular approbation of the Cane Top Cutter & of the Coals & Whds containing them if Clara is gratifying to me. I believe I requested a comparative report of the Coals of Charlotte - but if you make an advantageous contract for Coals from Whitehaven for the supply of the Estates the knowledge this will give will not be so important as I expected it would.

My Sons visit to Heylersfield & Garwood were I am certain not so long as he wished, or as would have been useful to him - but the pressing letters which he must have received from all his friends to return by the Kingston and the business he had still to do in Clarendon evidently rendered it impossible. It appears however that he

had a little but unexpected respite as the only letter except yours which I have received of the Packet from M^r Cornwall mentions that this Ship would not sail from Old Harbour before the 20th - we cannot therefore expect to see him in less than 10 or 12 Days - more particularly as ships that were to leave Jamaica on the 10th Apr^l have not yet made their appearance.

My last will have conveyed to you all the information I have yet to give concerning the ^M Sugar Rum. In respect to the complaint made of the flavor of the latter I am the more surprised in consequence of the confident manner you write of its continued good quality. - I shall not fail to mention to Mess^{rs} Deffell & Co. the manner in which you express yourself & request them to be careful that the purchaser has not given a more unfavorable report than the actual case would authorize.

The present state of the Bristol Sugar market renders the delay in the loading of the Clara, less an object of regret than at other seasons it would have been. I have no doubt but that when she arrives we shall find the Garved Sugar to equal your Character of them. - I thank you for your attention in putting up a Barrel from each Estate for my Family use.

You oblige me by the manner you express yourself on the subject of my Son. I doubt not but that when he arrives he will express reciprocal sentiments of esteem for the Friends he has left behind him. - My very best wishes attend you and your family and I remain
Y^r Serv^t

RB

I had, since writing the foregoing a letter from Mess^{rs} Deffell on the subject of the Rum, in consequence of my letter to them. They say that Ten Pincheons were so cloudy that they can get only 4/ for them - but for the remainder they have obtained 4/3 - the purchaser requesting a preference of the import of James. I trust therefore that the ground of complaint is not a very serious one & that some accident, - if it be not that to which I ascribe it, may be found to account for the ~~inferiority~~ inferiority of the Ten Pincheons in question. - I shall be glad to find that they are sequent plantation Numbers. - But this the Gentlemen have not stated. c

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I find by letters of later dates than yours that the Kingston
was detained beyond her expected time of sailing, which
therefore puts us compleatly at ease in respect to our Son's
soon arrival. — R.B.
June Packet Copy & July Packet —

John Savage Esq:
Kingstons Jamaica

5 June 1820

I have the satisfaction to advise you of the
arrival in the Kings Channel of the Henry Wellesley having
received your letter by her. landed at Romney — A Post
or two will I dare say bring advices from London to the
same tenor. — Take my respects to your Father and
assure him that I will take an early opportunity to
acknowledge the favor of his inclosure

I am D^r Sir &c
June Packet Copy & July Packet — R.B.

James Corne Townall Esq:
St Andrews — Jamaica

5 June 1820

Yesterdays Post having brought me a letter
from my Son by a private Ship of a late date — and a
letter from Cap. Gale to his Owners — place me perfectly at
ease in respect to Robert — which I consider it necessary
to mention as I observed in the letter herewith — upon my
not hearing from him of Packet. — The Wind now enclining
to the N.E. may keep him longer at Sea than we may
wish. — Otherwise we should be looking out for him before
the end of the Week. — The Henry Wellesley with Mr. Savages
Coffee on board is arrived in the Kings Channel. —

The Complaint respecting the Meylensfield Rum — I
find on a further investigation is confined to 10 Puncheons
which being Clondy — are sold by Mess^{rs} Duffell at 4/- the
remaining 20 at 4/3 — I therefore do not apprehend there
is any reason to complain of the general quality — & I
hope those by the James will prove that I am correct.

I remain D^r Sir &c
June Packet Copy & July Packet — R.B.

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J. C. Pownall Esq

Jamaica - Immediately on the arrival of the Kingston, with my son Robert in good health the day before yesterday - I wrote a few lines of Packet to advise you of it - which I had not the means to copy - I wrote this therefore to the same purpose with Copies of my Letters of 31 May & 3 June of Packet - I believe he wrote you likewise of Packet - He is not now at home so that I cannot let him know of this conveyance, a Schooner bound to Annatto Bay which is just about to sail - or I am sure he would take advantage of it - He is nearly but I believe not yet perfectly ^{free} from casual slight returns of the intermittant, but greatly better since he left the Banks of Newfoundland - and I have no doubt but a very few weeks of bracing Air will perfectly restore him - Mr. Ashley I have likewise the pleasure to say has already found benefit from the change -

Messrs Deffell will tell me that the 75 Hhd^s of Myllesfield sugar, did not draw so well considerably as the first 25 Hhd^s which contained with an actual fall in the Market of 1/6 or 2/- of 60/- have induced them to accept of 69/- for 25 Hhd^s & 68/- for 50 Hhd^s which taking the state of this Market into consideration, I approve of - I wish those by that James may average as well - I really have nothing special to add, had I more time, for altho we have talked much we have yet hit upon no points on which to trouble you

Believe my D^r for this I remain

Yours &c
J Schooner & Copy of July packet -

Yours &c
R D

Edward Smith Esq

10 June 1820

Gov. la Mon Jamaica

The day before yesterday, I wrote to you a few lines of Packet, advising my sons safe arrival in the Kingston that Morning - I had not an opportunity to cover it. I now confirm the Account of his being in good health, by a Schooner just about to sail for Annatto Bay, of which I have only this Morning heard and at the same time, of forwarding Copies of my Letters of 31 May & 5 June of Packet - The London sugar Market has fallen 1/6 or 2/- of 60/- since the sale of which I advised you - which added to the somewhat inferior quality of the remaining 75 has induced Messrs Deffell with my full approbation, to dispose of them 25 at 69/- & 50 at 68/-

My

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My Son does not know of this conveyance, or I am
sure he would write to you. - I have only the time
to add that I remain - Dear Sir
Yours Packet & Copy of July Packet - R B

Rev. Saml Kent
Southampton

12 June 1820

As the Sale of Crawley Copyholds, is
now pressed, I apprehend that a Court may be necessary for
the admissions of other Tenants besides me. I shall therefore
be glad to have previous notice of the time it may be conveni-
-ent that it should be held, in order, that if I cannot attend
at it myself, I may execute the proper powers of Attorney,
to some one to represent me there.

It will likewise be requisite, that I should be previously
furnished with the Abstract of the Title to the Copyholders
I have agreed for - They are as I understand held under
a distinct title from the principal Estate - and the Title of
the person who sells to Mr Meyler my Solicitor tells me should
be seen. - I have not yet heard any thing of any
conference between Mr Atwood & Mr Barnes on the subject
of the Pudding House rent. I wish a meeting could be
brought about soon. - The names of the purchasers at
the Sale, have been communicated to me, but as I do not
suppose them to be principals - may I enquire for whom
the several Lots were purchased; - it being possible, that
I might make some arrangement mutually beneficial,
before I actually proceed upon the separation of the properties
or if not; it will be requisite, that a thorough understanding
with the purchaser of the land within the Belt, in respect
to the appropriation of the several Pences, which it will
be necessary to make, should forthwith be entered into.

I have much satisfaction in being able to inform you, that
some days since, my Son Robert returned in tolerable
health from Jamaica - I remain &c
R B

Did you see or hear any thing of
Edwards at the Blue Posts in the Haymarket

Mr. D. Wate

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12 June 1820

Crowley House - Winchester

Not having heard for whom the several Lots of the Crowley Copyholds were purchased at the sale, I have written to Mr. Kent for information that I may as soon as may be arrange with the purchaser of Lot 1 - in respect to the fences that are to be made between us - if it was sold.

Supposing that I might have learned something of this immediately after the sale, I avoided writing, on the subject of the Iron Wrought Gates for the Entrance Yard, which I now desire you to procure, at the Iron Mills - of the form & in the manner, we determined upon. Unless you have found any objection I think a variation necessary in which case you will previously write to me.

The Timber & Deals necessary for the Granary at Sutton - you will procure from Southampton, as I find the prices quoted are nearly what they should be - if you can get an abatement you will do well. You will of course endeavor at it. - The Timber & Deals must be the best Mangel or D. Montre.

I am pleased that you have proceeded with the Barn Floors - I suppose you mean the repair of the Oak floors. - Is there any proceeding in the Stone Floor?

It certainly seems necessary - as there has been a presentation and Notice that the Chalk & Gravel Pits at Gravel Hill should be fenced, & Post & rail is undoubtedly the best. - Does any one besides Mr. Bennett take Chalk & Gravel from them - or has any one a right so to do. - I do not believe that any one has a right to dig any besides those who have my permission.

I received the two Baskets of Fish. The first was somewhat delayed, & was the worse for it. - The second came perfectly in good order, & right time. - I wish for another Basket to be sent, so that I may receive it on Sunday next. - I likewise desire that a Brace of Leverets may be killed on Monday, so that I may get them on Tuesday Morn^g, or if only one, then I must have a second sent to be here on Thursday Morn^g. - The next catching of Trout, send to Mr. Wright the same direction as before, & it may be accompanied by a Leveret - Write the day before to give him notice of your sending them. R B

48 W. Joseph Bowers
Old Castle Colwall

15 June 1820

Dear Sir I am astonished that I receive
no letter from you, to say when you intend coming to Bristol
with your Accounts. — I can give you no further instructions
until I hear from you — and if I have not a speedy reply,
fixing a time, I shall think it necessary either to come myself
or send some one to settle them with you.

My last letter was dated 21 May —

RB

Rev. Genl. Kent
Southampton

21 June 1820.

I expected my Solicitor to return to
Bristol from whence he is now absent, when I would have
stated to him what you say, relative to the title to the Copyholds
but he is detained in London, & I would not delay till his
return, which is now uncertain, to acknowledge your favor
of 14th — In respect to Copyholds, which I have purchased in
Herefordshire. I have ~~continually~~ constantly had abstracts
of the Titles of the Vendors forwarded to me, and I understood
from him that it was usual, when I mentioned what I
was about to make at Crowley. — As soon as he returns
I will lay your letter before him.

I shall contentedly wait any time for the determination
of the Rent of the Pudding Horse, — now I know you are
satisfied that the delay does not rest with me.

When I knew it was your wish that the occupation
of the Pudding Horse should be immediately given up
by M^r B. Bennett, I informed him of it — but as I cannot
be answerable for him, & as I have no acknowledgement
from him, that he will give it up at any specific time
— altho' he previously expressed himself, very indifferent
as to the continuing to hold it; — I think it will be necessary
for you to come to a direct explanation with him on the
subject — I have in some former letter stated that I did
not consider myself the tenant & that he held under me,
and consequently that I was not further responsible — than
as it respected the Rent which was due from him to the

Executors, & which I had received, in one sum with the rent due, to me for the Freehold part of the holding. - I have some reasons to believe he looks upon it likewise in the same light - and therefore any desire that I may express on the Executors behalf or any notice I might give him as on my own, would be of but little avail, should he encline to hold on. -

That the standards or marks have been placed at the extreme boundary of the Leasehold property, is very probably the case; but it does not in my conception, follow that I am necessarily to be at all the charge of making & keeping the fences necessary to separate the Leasehold & Copyhold properties through the whole of their extent. If it cannot, as I dare say it cannot, be more accurately ascertained to which of the properties they belonged, I owe a charge to, before the Lands were thrown together; surely there may be some equitable mode of adjusting that matter, and persons conversant in allotments & exchange of lands, held in Common Field appear to me to be fully competent to determine this between us. And I beg to propose, that as M^r Barnes & M^r Atwood, are to meet on the subject of the Pudding Horse they likewise be authorised to take this matter likewise under their consideration. - This is now the more necessary to be done at once - since it appears that M^r Barnes has let the Lands (Copyhold) within the Belt to M^r Penn together with the Farm, putting it out of the probability of the whole being held together - and as the same objections which exist in respect to the Lands must necessarily operate in respect to the Garden. I conclude that it is necessary that the separation should be made & the fences set up without delay - to prevent the inconveniences of mutual trespass. -

As I now understand that none of the Lots were disposed of at the sale - I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether M^r Barnes will dispose of the Lot (the old Garden) & the price he requires for it - either for the land alone, with the Planting to be valued, or at one sum, the whole of the appurtenances being included. -

From the anxiety we felt in respect to our Son, & the delight we experienced from his return, altho in

Imperfect health; - I have learned full well to appreciate the distress experienced by your Friend. I sincerely condole with him altho' I have not the pleasure of his acquaintance. I remain &c.
R B.

William Deccat

22 June 1820

Sedbury I received your letter yesterday - and I hasten to send to you my Statement of the Principal and Interest due on the Mortgage on the Moares - in order that you may examine & inform me whether the same is correct that no subsequent delay or explanation may be necessary.

I had debited your Account with £35 - as for one half years Interest - I consequently Credited Harcourt's but not finding that you had ^{not} given R B Credit for that sum in the Statement of your Account which I have now before me I have included it in the present statement beginning from May. - I pray your immediate reply to say whether this is correct. - I shall then be able to prepare the necessary Discharge for Principal & Interest - to be delivered together with the Deeds on the receipt of the Money. - I will in the interval collect the Deeds & compare them with the Schedule. - I am &c

R B

Messrs J W Deffell & Co.
London

23 June 1820. -

I have had the pleasure of your letter of yesterday; and I believe I have a former letter of yours on my desk in the Country advising the completion of the Sales of Sugar & Rum & Llanorunney - which I wanted to acknowledge until I should have other matter to trouble you with. I beg now, if I have not before done it fully to approve of what you have done.

The Insurance proposed by the Parthians you will please to effect according to Mr Smiths advice.

He mentioned in his letter to me of 1 May, that he should send you the particulars to govern insurance

he did not mention precise numbers to me, but I judged from his general expressions that there would have been 60 ~~thos~~ besides the Tierses & Pincheons & I yet think there will be some small addition to the present order.

As I suppose the *Larves* was actually sailed before the Packet being at Plymouth taking in Water on the 2^d / I shall very soon hope to hear from you of her arrival in Channel. — I remain respectfully &c
R.B.

Mrsⁿ Barnes & Walsley
Andover

23 June 1820

I am perfectly unaware that there can be any distinction between the two last & the present years value of the Pudding House Estate as connected with the Worthy Farm — It was, as well as I remember, without actually referring to all my past correspondence not until the demand was made by M^r. Atwood, of the rent for the two years, that I knew there was a design to charge other than the fair proportion of rent agreed to by M^r. Burnett with M^r. Meyler, for the whole; and under the terms of which Agreement he now actually holds — the part that is prime & the part which belongs to M^r. Meyler's representatives — & I do not in any way consider myself as their Tenant. — The whole rent was certainly received by M^r. Kent, & he carried the whole to my account — but it would rest then for me to account with them, for what might be determined as their proportion.

I desire however that M^r. Barnes will, when he meets M^r. Atwood determine both points —

- 1st What is the relative proportionate value of the Pudding House Farm, estimated on the rent which Burnett & M^r. Meyler Agreement pays for the whole he occupied under M^r. Meyler
- 2^d What is the present value of it, to be let separately & under a New Agreement. —

These Valuations are independant of the question of my responsibility to the Representatives, which may be determined by the View which may be seen, of the legal effect of the situation in which I stand; and which I

date say, will without difficulty be settled when the Values have been ascertained by Mr Barnes & Mr Attwood.

There being but little chance of the Leasehold & Copy hold lands within the Belt, being again visited, or even occupied by the same tenant, there should be no delay in taking measures to complete the fences, and as Mr Barnes & Mr Kent, & myself, do not quite understand each other on the subject (as you will see by the annexed abstract of our Correspondence) I have suggested the propriety of Mr Attwood & Mr Barnes, when they meet on the subject of the Pudding House likewise determining the question concerning the Cost of erecting & afterwards maintaining the fences. and I now add whatever else may be connected with the permanent reparation of the two properties.

I therefore desire that this may be considered as Mr Barnes Authority, to adjust finally these points, provided Mr Attwood should at the time of meeting be likewise fully authorised to conclude thereon, on the part of Mr Weylers representatives -

If in the interval I receive any further communication from Mr Kent &c. I will immediately inform you. I remain &c.

Mr D. Waite
Crawley House near Winchester

26 June 1820

The Servant did not come until Saturday but it was of no great consequence. I do not know that I shall soon wish for any other. - The Trunk arrived in good order on Sunday Morning. -

If the two Spruce Fir Trees, in the Meads are, upon your looking at them again, of the nature you suppose them to be they will answer for the Rail to the Chalk Pitt, I would have you so to apply them.

I am satisfied with your report of the progress made in the repairs, & preparation for the Barn below at Sutton - and am content with your agreement for the Timber from Southampton & the arrangement made for the Carriage of it. - The sooner the Iron Hurdles and Gate are put

up the better. - Pray be careful that they are well painted, as soon as they are in place.

I understand from Mr Kent that the Copyhold land within the Batt is let to Mr. Pern, together with the Farm. - Pray inform me when Mr. Godwin gives it up to him, because at the same time I suppose we must take the Leasehold parts in hand as it will not be worth his while to occupy the one without the other. RB

Thomas Woodham Esq
Winchester

24 June 1820

I begin to be very desirous to learn from you whether Mr. Wickham has approved of the Draft of Lease of Sutton. It being high time if he has not, that I should consider of the ultimate measures I must adopt for letting it. - I must hope however that he has created no difficulty & that the delay only arises from your not having had time to digest the Lease for our mutual execution. I remain &c

RB

Mr Kent having informed me that there was ^{no} ~~no~~ ^{real} sale I have asked the price they will accept for the Old Gardens but I have yet no answer. The Lands with the Batt I understand are let together with the Farm to Mr. Pern.

Rev Saml Kent
Southampton

24 June 1820

I mentioned in a letter I did myself the pleasure to write to you a few days since, that I should refer the question respecting the Title to Copyholds to my Sol^r Mr. Cplmer on his return home. I did so on Saturday and by his reply which I have just received I find that I was not wrong in the opinion I ^{ventured} ~~ventured~~ to give, derived as I believed from my past experience. His note says - "It will be necessary that you should be furnished with an abstract of the late Mr. Meylers title to the two Copyhold parcels of land agreed to be purchased by you from his Legatees. - It is usual & as much a matter of course

"to furnish a purchaser with an abstract of Title to Copyhold, as it is to Freehold Lands, & it is not sufficient to produce the Copy of Court Roll or admission of M^r Mayler. Speaking professionally, an abstract is essential, and a purchaser from you, would require one. - It rests with you however to consider whether you will be content upon the admission Copy, if the Steward of the Manor shall inform you that the Title is regularly deduced to M^r Mayler from the Court Rolls." -

Being little desirous to create any avoidable difficulty if it be that the abstract of the Title under which M^r Mayler bought has been mislaid, or is not upon any account forthcoming, - I am not unwilling to adopt the alternative suggested by M^r Palmer, and be ready to attend the Court by Attorney to complete the purchase, after receiving the Steward of the Manor's Certificate that the Title is regularly deduced to M^r Mayler from the Court Rolls.

I have little doubt but you will agree with me that this is the least I should be satisfied with. - I cannot suppose there will be any difficulty in your procuring it - either for the two Copyholders this specially refers to - or to the Old Garden should it be offered to me on such terms as I may think it advisable to accept.

I remain &c

R.B.

M^r Bowers

27 June 1820

Old Castle M^r. Ledbury

M^r Jones I have found necessary to send to Ledbury with the Deeds of the Manor Estate in order to receive the Money due on the Mortgage to the late M^r Bright & myself. - I have therefore directed him to proceed from Ledbury to Old Castle to enquire the causes which have prevented your replying to my last letter desiring you to come to Bristol with your Accounts; and to assist you in arranging them if your time is too much engaged with your own concerns to enable you to attend to my affairs.

I fear you have neglected the most leisure time

I shall be sorry to interrupt your Haymaking, but having waited so long for your convenience - you must make some sacrifice to mine. - If M^r Jones during the stay of two or three Days, can put my Accounts with you, in a forward state, & you send the Vouchers down with him, I see no reason why two Days will not be quite sufficient for you to stay here. I shall therefore expect that nothing may be suffered to interfere with your coming to Bristol, in three or four days, after M^r Jones leaves you. - I hope that without inconvenience you will be able to give M^r Jones a Bed & such accommodation as he may want - whilst he must necessarily remain at Old Castle

I am &c.

RB

Thos^r J^r Webb Esq
Leadbury

27 June 1820

I have troubled you by the Bearer, my Clerk, M^r Thomas Jones, with the Mortgage Deeds, of the Hoares Estate for Seventeen Hundred Pounds, to the late M^r Lowbridge Bright and myself, together with the whole of the Title Deeds, which were deposited therewith, requesting that you will take charge of the same, to deliver them to M^r Halbrooke & M^r Reece or one of them, on their paying to you on my Account the Sum of £1998. 10. 0 being the Principal with Interest thereon from the 10 May 1811, deducting the Property Tax which accrued due between 5 April 1811, and 5 April 1816, which I calculate to be only 4½ Years, because no Tax could become due on income which did not accrue due until 10 May - or nearly 10 Weeks after the charge on property or income ceased. - M^r Reece has stated it at Five years, that is, he includes the last half year, payable only as I before stated. I will consequently, require an abatement of £3. 10s. more than I state, making the Sum due only £1995 - altho' I believe I am right, yet I leave the ultimate consideration of this point, to you, under the impression that I do not wish to create, by adhering to this point, any impediment to the immediate receipt of the Money, which I have been constantly expecting for some years. -

From the same motive, I would not hastily insist on the Interest which will accrue on the £1400, from 10 May last, until the Cash is paid into your hands; to which or the greater part of which, I nevertheless think I am entitled.

I have written to give M^r. Reece Notice, when the Deeds would be in your hands, and desiring that the Money may be paid to you, either on Thursday, when I expect you will receive this or on Friday Morning, as I expected my clerk would then or on Saturday Return I would bring any necessary information back with him.

The Deeds accompanied by a Schedule with which I beg the Titles of Deeds, may be compared, at the time of delivery & which, or a Copy of which, I desire may be signed and the Receipt of Deeds acknowledged, & be returned to me.

I likewise send by the Bearer, a letter engaging on my part, to execute an assignment of the Mortgage to such person as may be entitled thereto, which of course you will deliver with the Deeds when; but not before; you actually receive the Money in a way so satisfactory to yourselves, as that you will immediately remit the amount to me, in your Bill on Mess^{rs}. Cox & Biddulph - or what I prefer, as it saves Stamps, your order to them to Pay One thousand Five Hundred Pounds to Mess^{rs}. Sir P. Cole & Co. for my account, and return the Balance at my further disposal, to my Credit.

I wrote this intending it should go with the Parcel of Deeds - but upon consideration I think it better to send it as preparatory - and shall only send by M^r. Jones, who takes the parcel a line of introduction. I am &c

RB

William Reece Esq^r
Sedbury

27 June 1820

I have before me your favor of 26th - as a good opportunity will occur to me, for sending the Mortgage & the Deeds of Title to the Hoares Estate, to the care of Mess^{rs}. Webb, so that they will be lodged with them on Thursday ^{at Noon} or Friday Morning, and the bearer of them will properly return again to Bristol on Friday or Saturday, I request that the Money -

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including Principal & Interest, may be paid to them for
my Account on Thursday Noon, or Friday Morning when
they will deliver you the Deeds, and a Bankers acknowl-
-ement for the Money on my account, - and I will execute
an assignment of the Mortgage hereafter when called upon
so to do, by the parties authorized to require the same, to which
passport I will furnish Mess^{rs} Webb with a letter which they
will deliver together with the Deeds. I am &c
RB

The total amount of Principal & Interest,
to 10 May last was £2030. 0. 0

Property Tax having ceased to be pay^{ed}
after 5 April 1816 None could have accrued
on the half year - which terminated 5th Weeks
after - There is therefore chargeable to me
only Property Tax for 4½ Years from 5th Apr 1811
up to which time it was settled with Mr Harcourt,
instead of 5 Years, as charged by you say only - 31. 10. 0

Leaving the Balance payable to me £1998. 10. 0
exclusive of the Interest which may be considered
as having accrued since 10 May last. RB

I am much mistaken if Sir B. Baring's Steward is
not much better informed of the present value of Estates
than to offer anything like the Price for Old ^{copy} Cattle, which
the family are said to expect for it -

Mess^{rs} J. & T. Webb & Co
Leedsbury

28 June 1820

Requesting you to be referred to my
Letter of yesterday's date by Post - I now introduce to
you Mr Jones of whom I there spoke, as the Bearer of
certain Mortgage & other Deeds. - In the Bundle is
contained an engagement on my part to assign the
Mortgage after the Principal & Interest is paid.
If such a paper is necessary to be witnessed Mr Jones
may do it, as he has seen me sign it. - I did not

not think it sufficiently formal to require - and if not I thought it would be satisfactory - until such a more formal engagement on my part might be prepared for my execution should any thing render the Assignment immediately unnecessary or inexpedient. -

Mr Jones has my full confidence - he is going for a day or two to Colwall - and on his return will be the bearer to me of any communication you may find it necessary to make. - I remain &c

If Mr Jones has occasion for Money to the Am^t of Ten Pounds pray let him have it & charge to R.B.

I hereby engage that whenever, after the Principal and Interest due to the Estate of the late Lowbridge Bright Esq^r to whose Will I am sole executor, and to myself - secured by Mortgage on the Hoares Estate, now or late the property of W. Esq^r Harcourt situate in the Parish of Colwall &c of Hereford, has been fully paid to me, I will execute such legal assignment of the said Mortgage as the parties entitled to require the same shall present to me for Signature

Dated this 28 June 1820.

Rich^d Bright

James Come Poyntall Esq^r
St Andrews Jamaica

14 July 1820

I wrote to you of yesterdays date as Jnr^s & Co Partner - I now resume my Pen to reply to your favors of 8 & 13 May - which more particularly relate to my private concerns.

The papers brought home by my Son respecting my properties were very satisfactory - and by the continuation of reports of occurrences & occasional statements by which these can be corrected, I shall without difficulty keep a clear view of the state of Negroes and cultivation.

The sending out the Mill for Maylersfield of Ocean was only as I considered a less evil than keeping it here until a better conveyance offered. As it was not

wanting there I am obliged by your detaining it for some
 Ship proceeding to Sav. la Mar by which it may be better
 & more cheaply sent than by Drogher. - Mr Smith has as
 you expected advised me fully to 28 April, when he was
 intending in a few days visiting Garrodo. your advises
 therefore are later. - The James has been arrived
 several days but I have as yet heard nothing particular -
 nor received any letter or parcel by her. - The Insurance
 on the Parthian 56 Whds. 120 Tons & 50 Puncheons has been
 effected - making the whole of the Crop 444 Whds estimating
 Prices at 7³ - The 16 more in your estimate I conclude
 have been used in filling up ^{the whole of the 90} Puncheons
 by separate Acco^t I have received - Yours will not amount
 to it. - The Clara has been looked for some days. I expect
 that there are only 120 Whds on board her & 50 Puncheons Rum.
 The additional quantity which you say were shipped,
 must therefore have been on board the Charlotte the Capt
 of which Ship writes his owner that he shall have 160
 Whds and 50 Puncheons from Garrodo. I hope he has
 not over estimated. It is very pleasant to have such
 continued good Accounts of the Weather & that notwithstanding
 the Rain - that the Garrodo Sugars are not injured in
 quality. - When general prices are low which they are &
 are likely to be fine Sugars are exceedingly to be desired -
 they are at least always saleable. - As it is not in my
 power just now to enter particularly on the various objects
 which my Sons observations bring before me but which
 will at some future time require me to trouble you at
 length, - I find nothing at the present moment to trouble
 you upon - I therefore conclude with renewed assurances
 of esteem and respect & subscribe myself

D^r Sir

R B

By July Packet
 Recd by Aug^r Packet

Edward Smith Esq
Maylessfield St. Jamaica

6 July 1820

I beg to refer you to Copies of my respects of
31st May & 5th June of Packet - & of 10 June of Schooner to
Port Antonio. and I now acknowledge your esteemed
letters of 14 & 28 April - the former of the W^m Miles, the latter
of Packet, and I have further the satisfaction to advise
the safe arrival of the James, of which Mess^{rs} Deffell & Co
have written to me, but I have not received the papers
put under care of Capt. Postlewaite.

The Clara has not yet made her appearance
she is considered as fully due.

It is satisfactory to know that all the Supplies
for both Estates are arrived in good order, & of approved
quality, and perhaps more so - that the Negroes continue
healthy. - My sentiments on the latter subject cannot
be expressed more fully than I have heretofore done.

Considering the state of mind which Capt Powell of
the Union seems to have been in, I do not forgetting
to deliver the Packet whilst in Kingston for my Son &
Mr. Bromall - I thank you for forwarding them.

My Son has shewn me on the plan of the Estate,
the part of the Marshy lands intended to be taken up to
Sugar cultivation, but he could not fix the exact boundary,
nor can I - altho' you have furnished the quantity - lay it
down on my Copy of the Map. If you will trace on this
paper - the line of road from the Works to the Wharf and
the river bank, marking the place on the River beyond
which this new cultivation does not extend, and draw
a line from the road to, where the boundary of the New
Cultivation begins, - I shall find myself sufficiently
informed for all ordinary purposes - You will add,
if divided in two or more peices - with the respective
quantities in each, & the number which you affix to
them in your Journal, or how distinguished them by
name. - The Insurance made on the Pathway
is on 56th Dec 12 for Sugar & 50 Pineapples Run, but
by some means this ~~does~~ ^{does} not when added to the other.

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Shipments, exactly correspond with the quantities which I have obtained from some of your former letters. I fear some error, but it will be seen when we get the Bill of Lading. - The weather for various purposes at the same time, is not expected - we must be thankful, when it serves the most important purposes of each season.

Mr Robert Bright has not yet shaken off his intermittent - and consequently does not gain strength as rapidly as we wish. We think however, he is somewhat better this, and his various calls for attention after so long an absence, has prevented me from being prepared to write to you, on many particulars he has noticed in his visits to the properties under your care, permit me however to say, that everything in which your name is connected, he has mentioned with high approbation.

I dare say that by the sailing of the next Packet I shall be prepared to write to you very fully, and I shall take great pleasure in doing it.

The Sugar Market is very flat and prices considerably fallen since the first of this years import.

Rum is nearly stationary - Coffee has experienced a considerable advance but it is an article always fluctuating.

I do not find occasion at this time to add more than that with best wishes to Mr Smith & your family

I remain &c

RB

By July Packet Hoppy & Ang. Packet

Messrs J W Deffell & Co
London

10 July 1820

I did not consider, that there was any immediate necessity to acknowledge your favor, advising the arrival of the James, - & the Insurance you have effected on the Catharine - I have therefore deferred it, until supposing that the James may have begun to discharge, I judged you might wish to know my sentiments in respect to the disposal of my Sugar & Rum by her.

The Rum I think should be sold ~~on~~ as landed, and I have every confidence that it will be unexceptional -

yet I feel anxious that this should be ascertained.

I fear however that the prejudice which may have arisen from the imperfection of Ten Pimcheon & Lemmonney will injure them in the opinion of the purchaser, or at least will afford a plea which I trust you will resist, because I am certain it was accidental as to those ten Casks. — My present inclination, in respect to the Sugar is, that One hundred ~~thos~~ should be sold in lots as usual, whenever a fair Market price can be procured for them, soon after landing — & when you have accomplished that, some better judgement may be formed than there now can, in respect to the sale of the remainder.

Altho' I have stated these to be the views I now have as the best to proceed upon, — I shall be obliged by your sentiments by which very likely mine may be connected. — I remain &c.

R B

Messrs. J. B. Webb & Co
Leedsbury

10 July 1820

I am surprised to be informed of any delay in the payment of the Mortgage on the Moares. Depending upon the receipt of the Money this Week I had ^{appropriated} ~~apportioned~~ the £1500 — which I requested you to remit to London, and you will please to inform Mr Holbrooke that I shall suffer by this disappointment. — Altho' I might have consented to relinquish the interest for a Week or two I certainly shall now require it up to the day of payment of the Principal. I am respectfully &c.

R B

Charles Wilkes Esq.
New York

5 July 1820

Since my letter of 30. Orig^l via Liverpool Copy above. I have received replies to my enquiries respecting our Friend having made a Will. — From Mr Milton — who had seen Messrs Barclay & Moore

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of Lincoln Inn Solicitors - who he knew had done business
for Mr G. - and from Mr Le Blanc - neither of whom have
any knowledge of his having executed any - Mr Palmer &
Mr Colston of Bristol the only professional Men, who as
far as I know he ever employed here have given the
same answer to similar enquiries - Nor has Mr Gordon
any clue whereby to know any thing on the subject. It seems
however certain that when he last went from hence to London
it was his design to make a Will, but I greatly fear, in
haste to return in time for the Ships departure he omitted
to do it. - I will continue to make every further enquiry in
my power & inform you the result. - If the Packet should
be detained I hope to send you the particulars of a Deed
he executed, which refers to his Marriage Settlement. If
not I will do it by a Vessel now loading for New York.
I received the letters I refer to only by the Post of
this Day. - I remain Sir &c

Y^{rs} Copy of the Letter

RB

Mr Rich^d Allen
Tanner Colwall

15 July 1820

I am very sorry to understand that the
matter in difference between you & Mr Dipple respecting Colwall
Orchard is yet unsettled. I certainly did understand that
you fully consented that the whole should be adjusted by Mr
Barnett - and shall consider that you do not in this instance,
act up to the character, which you ought to maintain, if you
any longer hesitate to fulfil the engagement which I think
you are bound to, in compliance with Mr Barnett's determination.

I am not interested as you know in the manner in which
what is passed is determined - but I am that it shall be
settled, & that Dipple be put in possession of the Colwall
Orchard - without which I cannot make good the engagement
Barnett's wife on the faith that you would fulfil whatever
Mr Barnett directed. - I send this to be delivered to you
by Mr Tho^s Bowers & I must desire your immediate
attention to it. -

I am Sir &c

RB

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Mr. Thomas Bowers
Thom Green. Mathon - Ledbury

15 July 1820

In consequence of your letter I have written the
inclosed to Mr. Allen, which is all I can do - you will
deliver it yourself, after shewing it to Mr. Barnett - I
think - or at least I hope, that this will induce Mr. Allen
to do what I believe him to have promised.

I cannot write to you without again reminding you
of the Rent which ought to have been long since paid.

Your Father you know has not been down with me.
I cannot be longer put off with promises that you will
send it by him -

I am &c
R B


Messrs J. W. Deffell & Co
London

17 July 1820

I am favored with your letter of 14 Inst -
I do not find in Mr. Smith's letter any intimation of his
having varied in the actual shipment on the *Tames*, from
the proposed quantities - I understand from your present
communication, that the whole quantity on board the *Tames*
was 246 *Wds* - 60 *Tons* & 100 *Pounds* - Does he advise
the precise quantity to be sent by the *Porter* - This letter
to me respecting her - leaves it open - more or less.

The present change of Wind will I hope bring specific
advices to me. I approve of the Sale made of the
75 *Wds* - Not doubting they obtained the Market prices with
a deduction of from 1/8 to 2/ from the Market of *Tames* - gives
I am sorry to observe, a deterioration in quality of from
2/ to 3/ - You will please to proceed with the Sale of
25 *Wds* more - & then pause until we see how the Market
is established on the arrival of the expected Ships - and
when these 25 are drawn for the Market I must trouble
you for another Average Sample - Mr. Smith did not
foresee this falling off - and I shall wish to write to him
about it on the ground of my own comparison of the
Samples. The accident, from whatever cause it
arose, by which 10 of the *Rolls* & *Lammonney* were

deteriorated - has it seems carried with it a great
eventual loss - Had it not been for it I conclude
you would have obtained the full price of $\frac{4}{3}$ or $\frac{4}{4}$
for the whole of the expected import as well as for the
whole of those - I do not choose now to accept of $\frac{4}{4}$
I would prefer the inconvenience & charge of keeping them
a few weeks, or more if necessary - You will please to
keep me advised of the state of the Market for this article.
I remain respectfully
RB

Messrs. Gibbs Son & Bright 20 July 1820
Gent. I desire you will enclose the Insurance
already made on Sugar & Rum  for my Acc'd Ship Charlotte
at & from Jamaica to Bristol, so as to cover One Hundred &
Seventy five $\frac{1}{2}$ tons Sugar & Seventy Tuncheons Rum, conformably
with Mr Smith's letter to you - valuing Sugar at £25 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
& Rum at £18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tuncheon. - I am Gent. &c.
RB

I suppose you have received from Mr Smith. Bill of
Lading of my Sugar & Rum of Clara.

W. W. Brooke Esq. 20 July 1820
Col. Godbury
By a Letter I received from Messrs.
Webb of 8 Inst. - they informed me there was yet a delay in
the payment to them of the Hoares Mortgage & Interest - but
that you had informed them it would be settled in the course
of the last week. - To be again disappointed of this
Money to answer an engagement I had made for it exceedingly
dissatisfies me - and I suppose it must have been again
put off or I should have heard from them. -
I desire to know from you specifically what I am
to expect. I am Sir &c.
RB

66 Charles Wilkes Esq.

20 July 1820

New York - United States - American

Sir

Dear Sir, N^o 5

In my letter of 5 Jan. I said that I would endeavor to ^{inform} you, with the particulars of a Deed executed by an late Friend which refers to his Marriage Settlement. The Deed I mentioned is that to the draft of which reference is made by M^r. Le Blanc in his letter above Copied, - and of which, I send you herewith a transcript. The Premises which this concerns, let for about £300 p^{er} An. & I am told to very responsible Tenants; but M^r. Belfield who has had the receipt of the Rents, will have it in his power to give you full information, which I have not. - If you have not already - you will, I suppose, soon address him. Having no kind of authority, I having ascertained that the Trust deed, was safe in his Custody, I did not think it proper to address him on the subject.

My letter in describing this, states it to have reference to the Marriage Settlement. I find however that it does not. M^r. Garnett's great anxiety to transfer all his property, including the Money settled on M^r. Garnett, to America, and my not considering myself as Trustee, authorised to permit the same under the terms of the settlement; induces me to request, if he continued in the determination so to transfer the Money, that I might be exonerated from the Trust. In consequence M^r. Garnett had a deed prepared, to which M^r. Garnett and all his Children were made parties, & executed, by which I was so exonerated. - Knowing however that he had property at Limehouse which could not be removed, I recommended that he should at the same time transfer the same to Trustees for the same uses, which had been before declared by the Marriage Settlement, this he told me he had done. I supposed that it would have in Words, had a reference to such settlement - as I have before mentioned.

In a conversation I have, within a few days past, had with Mess^{rs}. Dollins & Co. they told me that, when they had been in treaty for the purchase of their Premises, M^r. Garnett could not tell, "where the Title Deeds were." - & they

were not aware that he had afterwards found them. - And on enquiring, the nature of the Account, on which they had reserved part of the Rent - I paid me only a Balance, they informed me that it was for interest Money, - paid to the Rev^d W^m Milton, for a Sum due on Bond. - on which a few Hundred Pounds, out of a larger sum, had not been paid off. This Interest they annually paid under a written authority from W^m Garnett, - to W^m Milton. - No other knowledge has accrued to me, in W^m Garnett's affairs, since my last respects. Begging you to make my best wishes acceptable to W^m Garnett & her family - I respectfully subscribe myself
Yr^l Friend R B
of the John for New York
Happy

Thomas Woodham Esq^r
Winchester

21 July 1820

Taking it for granted that the Copy of draft of Lease proposed for Sutton - on which W^m Wickham has made his remarks - is precisely that which I had before perused - I confine myself entirely to the marginal observations.
To. 4 - Term - I have considered that the usual term for Leases in Hampshire, as it is in Herefordshire, and best suits with a fair course of husbandry. - I therefore do not understand W^m Wickham's reason for this alteration. Whether it be a ^{little} longer or shorter - merely on that account I would not care - but from the view of the subject I had rather it remained at 12 years.
To. 7 - I believe that on reference to the lease under which Sutton is now held - the same repairs - with a small exception only - are required to be made by the Tenant. Mr Wickham Sen^r. Whatever he is not bound to leave in good repair, (I am sure he will do all that can be required of him under that Lease) I shall certainly consider it my duty to do - at the commencement of the New Lease.
I have promised to make a New Pond & it shall be done in the best manner - according to W^m Wickham Sen^r's opinion - but when this is done, & the Pond once made

perfect, I think that it & all other Ponds should be kept in repair by the tenant, because it must be always an object of attention to him, & small injuries to the Bottom or Sides are easily repaired. — The only injury they can sustain must be from the Tenant's Cattle & the neglect of not making small repairs as the necessity of them arise. I would not willingly have the Words Ponds omitted.

To. 8 — I have not the least objection, to be at the Charge of felling Timber for repairs.

To. 11 — The insertion respecting Litter Straw (so long as the same is compounded for) is quite necessary.

I have no objection, to the question of expending the Hay of the last year — being again submitted to M^r. Barnes. I think the covenant is as it ought to be — & more especially as I conceive that under the present Lease M^r. Wickham is bound to spend the whole of the Straw & Podder arising therefrom with the exception only of eight loads of Wheat Straw.

If M^r. Barnes is again consulted — the Old Lease should at the same time be laid before him.

To. 16. I wish the word feed to remain but I have no objection to the insertion of "^{as} to injure or otherwise"

To. 17. I know nothing of Down Husbandry — the quantity of Chalk & Ring — I will, if M^r. Wickham wishes it leave to the reconsideration of M^r. Barnes.

I must say the same in respect to the term between Crops of Saint John; but I dare say M^r. Wickham is correct.

To. 19 — I have no objection to M^r. Wickham's cutting the Old Hedges as usual — but if the insertion of — "Now growing on or upon the said Premises" — is to remain, in H^{is} line from bottom; — there should likewise be added — "and all other the Hedges & fences when they shall have attained Years growth" — & this blank I would have filled up Six.

To. 22. — I do not object to the quantity of Loads being limited in each year — or to M^r. Barnes settling the number — but if I require none one year — it should

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go over to the next. c These are the answers I
wish to give to Mr Wickham and I hope he will see the
reasonableness of my objections to some of his wished for
alterations. — Of these the Term is the most important
If he wishes for an extension beyond the 12 years it may
be for 14. terminable at the end of 12. by either party giving 12
Months Notice. — I have detained the Draft of Lease the
least time I could — and as this is your Assize Week — it
might not have been convenient to you to attend to it — had
it been sent two days ago. — As I will keep a Copy of this
Should any observations arise when you communicate on the
subject with Mr Wickham — you will find less difficulty in
making me master of their substance. —

I am &c

Please to acknowledge
the Receipt of the Parcel

RB

Robt Bush Esq^r
Sir

Ham Green 20 July 1820

I did not at once reply to your application
for permission to build Shop Sheds at your own expense on
part of the void ground formerly Porters Entry, because I wished
first to form some plan for its permanent occupation.

As you however have told me this Morning — that if I now
suffer you to make such erections you will remove them
whenever I may wish otherwise to appropriate the land,
in connection with the Frontage to Baldwin Street, —

I do not longer hesitate to give you permission, cautioning
you however to confine yourself within moderate limits.

And to avoid all possibility of future misunderstanding,
I shall be obliged by a reply hereto, saying that you
will place me in the full occupation of the land, which
you may so occupy, at any time, upon 6 months notice

I remain Dear Sir

RB

70 Wm Reece Esq:
Leamington

Ham Green
24 July 1820

I yesterday received your letter of 22nd on the subject of the demurs which has taken place in completing the sale of the Hoares - on which you ask my advice as to your yielding to the reduction urged by Mr Holbrook and offer me the opportunity of treating for the Estate, in case Mr Holbrook & you should not finally agree. - Under the combination of these two circumstances I believe you will, on consideration, see that I am in propriety precluded from making any reply to either. - I therefore can only repeat, that the unexpected procrastination of this business may disappoint me of the object for which I had appropriated the Mortgage Money, & be productive of inconvenience to others, for which I shall be deemed blameable; and again urge the payment. - Had either point been submitted to me independantly I might have found, little difficulty in answering it. - Or had the Hoares Estate been offered Four Years ago on moderate terms, according to the then value of Land, there is little doubt, but that Lowbridge Bright & myself should have bought it.

I do not wonder, that any Member of the Baring Family, should become an extensive purchaser in your Country, for I suppose, for the sake of realizing in Land - a large portion of their immense wealth - it is worth their while, to give prices much above what it is, to persons not having the same motive.

The Gentleman you mention is I suppose the same who some time since, you apprehended, was in treaty for Old Colwall - the price asked I suppose was more than even a Baring could afford to pay for it.

I remain Sir &c
R.B.

✓ Mess^{rs} J. W. Deffell & Co
London

28 July 1820 71

I have done myself the pleasure to acknowledge your letter of 17th, but that of 20th I have yet to reply to, as well as to refer again to the former.

The Sample of the 25th lbs, last sold came safely, and having reserved the Sample of the first lot sold of those imported of Hammonney, I have been unable to account (referring to the tenor of Mr Smiths letters) for the great difference in apparent quality between them, unless the first Twenty sold of Hammonney, were selected as the 20 best lbs by her, which I do not suppose, was the case. - Observing the Sample, I being well informed of the fall in price, I feel myself quite satisfied, with the price obtained for the last lot, say 63/. - Upon the best view I can obtain of the probable state of the Market, for some time to come, I find myself well inclined to recommend your selling One Hundred lbs, more, of the Sugars of James, as opportunity offers to obtain the fair value according to current prices. - And when you have accomplished that, we will again consider what should be done, before I recommend your proceeding further.

In respect to Rum, unless you think that the increasing value of Brandy, will have an effect on the value of such Rums as those of Meylersfield, I don't, whether it may not be better to sell them, at once at 4/. than to wait on the chance of some advance. - I shall however leave it to you to retain them somewhat longer. - altho' I had, upon the whole, rather they were sold, than kept.

Does the Insurance of the James include the risk in the Craft bringing produce along side. - I hope I think it does. - If so, will there not be a claim on the Underwriters, for One lb of Sugar which I apprehend, was totally lost, & one other that was much damaged - whilst they were transshipping them from the States Craft to the James. - Capt. Postlethwaite will be able to explain all that will be requisite in regard hereto, and I would recommend an enquiry to be made speedily.

into the Facts. — The two hundred & thirty
Punchons Run, sold of this Crops produce, will I hope
go a great way to discharge the Balance due to you,
at the Annual adjustment of your Accounts. I shall
most likely have occasion for a considerable part of the
Proceeds of the remainder before you will be in Cash for
them. — But I would by no means appropriate the
Proceeds, unless it perfectly satisfied your convenience.
And I shall hope for your reply hereto at an early leisure.
I would not have troubled you to state the particulars
of the several Insurances made had there not been some
misapprehension on my part of an expression in one of
Mr Smiths letters & I feared that in consequence I might
have misled you in that respect. I remain &c
RB

Rev. J. C. Cowan
Bristol

1 Aug^r 1820

I certainly understand that you are
to retain a clear ten feet Passage on the outside the Area
which is behind the Vestry, and I will express that in any
form you chuse. — The manner in which I before expressed
myself was meant to include it. &c

I shall be glad to accommodate you, with the
purchase Money, as early as I can be so secured, in
the possession of the Premises — that in case of your decease
I shall not have to contend with Exors, as to the terms of
the Deed. — The former Conveyance is not yet entirely
complete, but being executed by yourself & some other
party, under an assurance that the rest would execute
I felt easy in paying the whole purchase Money.

I wish to do the same in this case, and I am
sure, you will not, on consideration, press for the
money to be paid, until the Conveyance is completed
at least by yourself & one of the other parties, and I
have a similar assurance in respect to the rest.

To obtain this there can be but little lapse, between
the present, & the time when the conveyance may

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be executed, if immediate communication takes place
between your Solicitors & Messrs Palmer & Pierce, who will
have my instructions to hasten the business.

I am Sir &c
R B

Messrs J W Deffell & Co

2 Aug. 1820

London

I am to acknowledge your favor of
29th Ult^o on the subject of the Sales of my Sugar & Rum

I have nothing to add to the contents of my last letter.

I cannot foresee any advantage in withholding Sales,
whenever good purchasers are in a humor to buy.

By your offer, to allow me to anticipate the proceeds
of the Meylesfield produce, in your hands, over & above
the Cash Balance, now in your hands, I am obliged by
& shall avail myself of it, to the amount of Eighteen
Hundred Pounds, which I request you will in the
course of 10 or 20 Days place with Messrs Sir Peter Cole
Thornton & Co to the Credit of Benjamin Heywood
Bright in Account with Amos Bright & Co, advising
me when the same is done.

The arrangements which the House of Gills Son
& Bright find it necessary to make in respect to their Ships
on the Jamaica, may render it necessary that the greater
part if not the whole of the Meylesfield Sugar should
the next year come to this port. - It was not in my
power when Capt. Costello was here - by reason of my
Sons absence, to be decided to him on the subject, but I
think it right to give the earliest notice of what will most
likely be the case. - Under such an arrangement, a con-
siderable proportion of the Garredn Crop of the next year
will go to your address, - but of this I shall hereafter be more
particular in the meantime remaining I &c
R B

74 Edward Smith Esq^r

4 Aug^r 1814

~~Benj^d Dyball Esq^r~~
Jav. la Nav. Jamaica

Circumstances have put it out of my power to write to you fully by this Packet - I hope I am not too late to advise you by her, that the Clara has nearly discharged her Cargo in good order & that the Charlotte, with the very great Crop of Gardens, Sugar Cane, arrived here yesterday, after - as I am told, a passage only of 34 Days -

If you had fortunately written or directed, W. Boyle to have sent a line by her, I should have been highly gratified by such late intelligence.

I have seen a few Samples of the Clara's some are very good, but I have no doubt they will all grow greatly better after they have been a Week or fortnight in the Warehouse.

I wish I could say so much of prices, but I rather fear they will decline. - Mess^{rs} Jeffels cannot procure 4/ for the Meylers field Rum of James, None of the Rum of Clara, has yet been Quoted.

The difficulty respecting Water for the Steam Engine which I was apprehensive of, seems fully cleared. My Son saw Mess^{rs} Graham & Co a few days in London on the subject, and I have little doubt, but that by the next Packet - you will be informed of arrangements being made complete for sending the Engine & Mills out by the earliest Ship - so as to be upon the spot, ready to be erected, at your most leisure time between the approaching & ensuing Crop. - I shall certainly write you particularly by the Packet for Sep^r - In the mean time be assured that I remain Sir

Y^r Aug^r Packet
Worshipful Sep^r Packet

R B

James C. Ponnally Esq^r
St Andrews - Jamaica

4 Aug^r 1815

Altho' I am so circumstanced, as not to be able to do more, than merely acknowledge your favors of 11 June & 11th Mr G. Sybille - I could not avoid informing you of the reception, & thanking you for the various

information they contain, reserving myself for a detailed reply, by the next conveyance, - there being nothing new which requires immediate reply for your acting upon.

My Son's slow recovery & other causes of delay, prevented his visit to London until a fortnight since, from whence he has returned only two days - & I have since had Gout in my hand, & other threatenings, - which has further delayed our having come to any determination on the many points, which we should have to address you upon.

We saw Mr B D & offered him most liberal terms of accommodation, but I fear he will get no one to take up his affairs. - We preferred executing a General mutual release, comprehending Estate D D, - as well as Mr Savage, either to sending a Power of Attorney, or having it done in two instruments, as you proposed. - Mr Palmer being called from hence, occasioned a delay, on that point & I fear that the instrument which is now gone up to Town to be executed by Mr B D & Proved in the County Seal, will not be in time for the Packet - I have no doubt however of its being executed detained as the Wind is very unfavorable. -

The Clara is nearly discharged. - I have seen a few of the Samples, some very good, but there is considerable difference. - I have further the pleasure to say that Mrs Charlotte arrived safely yesterday, after a Passage only 34 Days, as I am told. - I feel disappointed that I have not a single line by her. - I believe that Gibbs have the Bill Loading under a Blank Cover, it would have been highly satisfactory, to have known, at so late a date how the affairs at Gordon were going on. - The last Crop has turned out wonderfully & I do not find any hopes of improved prices. -

My Son has now lost his Ague twice, and if he passes this day clear. I shall hope, that the treatment adopted by his Brother in London - will have produced a perfect relief, from the very unpleasant malady. -

The particulars connected with the supply of Water for the Steam Engine - will satisfy our doubts - My Son, saw Messrs Graham & Buxton in London, - The Engine

will I think be finally executed by them, - so as to come out in the earliest Ship from London & be on the spot to be erected, at the leisure time, between the approaching & subsequent Crops.

When I last wrote, I referred to this opportunity for more explicit letters. - I now refer to the next. - I believe that both my Son & myself shall then be able actually to send them. - I fear he has been as much prevented as I have been. - His general health is good & his looks are considerably improving.

I remain very truly

Yr friend

RB

Per Ang. Packet

Copy of Sept. Packet

Dear General
Messrs J. W. Deffell & Co

10 Aug^r 1820

I am favored with your letter mentioning Monday next as the day on which you propose making payment to Sir P. Cole B^t of eighteen Hundred Pounds according to my request.

My letter from Jamaica received yesterday confirms the short shipment of Rum & Particulars but without giving any reason for the defalcation of the 11 Pms^h.

Having yesterday through my Son Messrs Gibbs Son & Bright disposed of 120 Pms^h of the Governor's Rum at 4/3 all. to a house of the first respectability here - I lose no time in advising you of it not doubting now but that you will be able to obtain for those of Maylesfield the full price of 4/4 the usual difference between the two Marks. - I do not however presumptuously limit to that price well knowing that you will do the best for my advantage in the sale of them. - Having brought my correspondence with Messrs. Graham Buxton & Co on the subject of a Steam Engine for Maylesfield nearly to a termination. - I shall soon have to request you will take upon yourselves the care of forwarding it & such stores as pertain thereto, by the earliest conveyance for

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Savannah la Mar - & of these 2 Stores I shall soon trouble
you with the list.

Mess^{rs} Gibbs Low & Bright having determined
to put a new Ship on the New. la Mar Station. I shall
direct the annual Supplies to be shipped from hence for
Newlyersfield as well as Havana.

The general good accounts of the Season from
Savannah & the general stagnation of trade at home
give I think but little prospect of amelioration of
prices of Sugar. - I have not sold any of the Gargod
Sugar - but Thirty Tons will be brought into the Market
this Morning - & if it is my intention to request my friends
to accept the fair Market price for them and to proceed at
least until they have sold the first import say 120 Tons
H. larou - I remain &c.

R B

Mess^{rs} Graham Buxton & Co
304 Wapping London

10 Aug. 1820

I was yesterday favored with your
letter, on the subject of the Steam Engine, concerning
which my Son communicated lately with you, & of which
conversation, he informed me on his return, the result.

M^r Falconer's recommendation of a set of Rollers of 5 ft,
I am, upon consideration & enquiry - and in which I am so
strongly confirmed by your opinion; convinced to be quite
unnecessary; - I shall therefore adopt these of 4 feet only -

I apprehend that the three Rollers Gudgeons & Spurs or
Nut wheels, are all of the same dimensions in every
respect; & therefore that the spare Roller &c, which you
recommend to be sent, with the Mill, will answer to supply
either of the three, which by Accident may be broken.

I am therefore of opinion that such spare Roller &c
should be sent. - My Son tells me, that he understood
from you that the adoption of Wooden Cogs to the Wheels
of the connecting Machinery, will create an additional
Charge as the Castings are rendered more difficult.

I should have supposed that when you named a

price for an Engine & Mill complete, according to the most improved plan, every thing necessary to render it perfect in the best manner, would have been understood to be included. — I have every reason to think that Wooden Cogs which in case of accident can be replaced in the sockets provided in the Ring of the wheel will be better, than Iron Teeth in wheels of such dimensions you will please therefore to adopt them. — In regard to the Cone Elevator, I wish to take some longer time to determine. Improvements have been lately & I apprehend may yet be easily made, in the construction of such an apparatus. I therefore would for the present, only have such preparation made on the Main Gondgeon, of the Roller which is united to the connecting Machinery, as may be necessary, to fix on either a Cog Wheel — or one with a Groove to give motion by means of a Strap or Chain, to such an Elevator as may hereafter be resolved upon. —

To prevent any future misapprehension. I request to know, what the whole expense of the Steam Engine of Ten Horse Power with 12 Horse Boiler — the Mill of 4 feet Rollers — the Connecting Machinery with wooden Cogs and preparations for the further adoption of our Elevator — the spare Roller &c. fitted complete — and all other articles either absolutely necessary or which are considered extra, will amount to, before any further proceeding is had therein. —

The whole must be complete & ready for shipment by the first Ship, sailing in October. — Mess^{rs} "J. Diffell & Co" will have the direction of the Shipment & until the whole is complete, you will have to correspond with me direct upon the subject. —

I believe my Son left with you — Mr. Falconer's scheme, & the particulars of Articles, necessary to be sent as Stores for One Year consisting of the Engine & for its first construction. Having mislaid the copy of the latter I beg you will return it to me keeping a copy of it. — I pray your immediate answer & remain
 Gent^l &c. RB

Benj^m Dimcomb Esq^r

17 Aug^r 1826⁷⁹

Alfred Place - Bedford Square London

I am exceedingly sorry to be informed by your letter of 14th of your illness, which has prevented your executing the deed of Release.

As you are sufficiently recovered to use your Pen in some degree - I shall request that you will send to Mess^{rs} Clarke & Richards - Mess^{rs} Palmer & Pierce Agents, in Chancery Lane desiring the attendance of one of those Gentlemen to attest your execution of it - with directions when proved under the City Seal that they will forward the same to me - as an opportunity may occur from hence previous to the Packet and Mr Savage is of course anxious to have the Release completed on your part. - With many wishes for the perfect return of your Health I remain Dear Sir
RB

Mess^{rs} Graham Buxton & Co
30th Wapping London

17 Aug^r 1826

I am favored with your letter of 14th Inst. I under the explanation therein given; in addition to the communication you had with my Son on the subject; I desire that you will immediately prepare the Steam Engine Sugar Mill & connecting Machinery, with the Spare Rollers &c. so that the same may be ready to ship by the beginning of October for Savannah la Mar in Jamaica. - You will please to confer with Mess^{rs} Deffell & Co. on the subject of Shipment & conform with their directions as to the conveyance by which it is to go. - All the articles mentioned in Mr Falconers indent except the Stourbridge Bricks, Common Bricks, Fire Clay & Coal you will please to send with the Engine. - I take for granted that you have paid particular attention to Mr Falconers direction about the Pump Barrels - and I desire you will not omit the provision I mentioned for connecting with the Sugar Mill a Corn Elevator. - whenever the particular construction of one can be satisfactorily determined upon. -

I remain &c RB

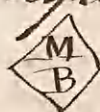
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I do not recollect, whether in your Ten Horse Power Engines - the Steam Valves to the Working Cylinder are put in action by a communication from the Beams or the Shaft of the Fly Wheel - I suppose the latter. - Be at the trouble to mention which it is in an early line to me. -

Messrs. Gills, Ford & Bright

17 Aug^r 1820

Pray add to the Order for Supplies for Heylersfield.



2000 Stowbridge fire Bricks

1 Punched Stowbridge Clay

10,000 Good Stock Bricks - well burned.

50 Wogshead Coal.

These Articles need not be sent by the first conveyance by which the articles already ordered should go - as they will be in sufficient time if sent later.

R.B.

I desire that Mr Hale may have the order for the Faiche immediately. -

Messrs. J. W. Deffell & Co
London

21 Aug^r 1820

I had the pleasure to receive on Sunday your information of the Sale of Four Lots - 25 ^{thrs} each of Sugar & the Games - One at 62/ & three at 63/ - Altho' there is a little fall from the last Sales - yet I am fully satisfied with what you have done. As these last Sales complete 200 ^{thrs} of Games - or 300 in the whole of the year's import from Heylersfield - I enclose for a few Weeks to suspend the sale of the remaining 10 ^{thrs} & 100 Pieces of Games - They may come into the market with those speedily expected by the Ship Parthian, either before or after Christmas - as circumstances shall determine to be most prudent.

Having now given final orders to Messrs. Graham & Co. for the Steam Engine - Sugar Mill & C. which they have promised to have ready for shipment by 1 October -

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I beg you will procure a Conveyance for them & the accompanying Stores by one of the earliest Ships for Savanna la Mar, under Consignment to Edward Smith & James Corn Pownall Esq.

Finding from Capt Postlethwaite that he may be inconvenienced in the loading of his Ship at Gay. la Mar being deprived of the assistance, this year of the Keylessfield Sugars I would beg to suggest to you that if he should find it convenient to go to North side for a load you may probably not disengage to promise him the Freight from Carved (shipped at Falmouth) of 200 to 250 Wood Pouches to your address — I name this in consequence of my wish to tender him some services — but I would by no means interfere with any arrangement, that may be acceptable to you & others.

If you will occasionally keep me advised of the state of Sugar & Rum Markets in London — I shall esteem myself much obliged — remaining respectfully

Y^r Friend
RB

Mr Joseph Bowers

22 Aug. 1820

Old Castle Colwall Tedbury

I had so little to say that I certainly gave you no written instructions. — In respect to the Well at Brookhill, you will clearly understand by the sketch on the other side, where I mean that it shall be placed, unless there are objections which I do not foresee.

I did not think it would be right to begin it during the Harvest & the busiest time of the year, because if it be neglected & left unfinished, when the Wet & Winter season comes in, I am sure it will never be properly done.

Besides, a proper person to undertake it must be found to do it, before I shall order it to be begun, and I think the proper time to make a beginning will be in the end of March — when there is least Country work going on and there will be the whole Summer & dry weather before us, not only to get it done in, but to prove whether the supply of water in dry weather, is sufficient before the Pump is put in & the Well Closed. — Altho' therefore I determine

upon the place, and desire that some proper person be found to undertake it. I promise Mr King, that a Well shall be made, I will not have it begun until Lady Day. — I do not like to be required to make any alterations without time to consider them. You propose my putting up two Kilns on the Cider Mill. I must have a plan of the Building, I know what is over it, & the kind of Kilns you want, and what the whole Cost of labour & materials will be, before I can give my consent, & directions to have it done. Surely you might have said something about it when you were here.

I have noticed the notice of Sale of Allens New Meadow & Plocks. — a

They measure 3. 2 1/4 — and their full outside Value — if freehold, to me, who have the next Land does not exceed £130 — I say One Hundred & thirty Pounds — and if they do not sell for more, I shall like to buy them — but you are not to bid more than that for me. — I wish however that you will say nothing upon the subject of whether I will or will not bid for them. — or what I value them at — but if you hear any thing about purchasers, let me know by letter.

I send this inclosed to Miss P. Bright
R B

Mr William King
Court Colwall

21 Aug. 1820

I shall esteem myself much obliged if you will attend the Sale of the late W. Allens Land in Evenmore consisting of the New Meadow & Plocks — which is advertized to be at the Horse & Groom on Monday next, to purchase the same for me. I have given you above the measure & what I esteem the utmost real value but as the price lies so immediately intermixed with my land — you must give for it somewhat more than any one else will, because it is necessary that I should have it — I therefore under this impression leave the matter entirely to your discretion as to price.

If any thing should prevent your attending - I pray you
to request your Nephew Capt King to undertake this matter
in your stead. - If Bowers should attend he will be
hindered in his Biddings - to the sum on the other side
but I do not know that he will. - I would not have you
confer with him at all on the subject until the sale
is over. - I hope your Daughter is in better health
than she was, and that Mrs King & the rest of your
Family are well. - If I do not hear from you to the
contrary I shall depend upon your doing what I
have requested - and I remain Dear Sir
RB

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The Measure of the Land of late W^m Allen is 3. 2. 17
The utmost value if it be Freehold is £130. -
If Copyhold - £105. " "
It must be clearly ascertained which it is,
before the Sale.

W^r D Waite
Crawley House Winchester

26 Aug^r 1820

I was this morning interrupted when I
was going to write you - I mentioned that W^r Dampier, W^r Lloyd
D^r Newbold & W^r Neville - I omitted to mention W^r Dampier's
Brother - had my permission to shoot with the Keeper & W^r Woodham
& W^r Wickham on their own Farms. - And that I might
probably give a W^r Ruf of this neighbourhood a letter to you
to permit him a days sport with the Keeper, adding a word
thereto. - I have this evening seen W^r Henry Bright, who has
not given W^r Whipping any liberty to shoot in Crawley &c. nor
does he wish to do it - you may therefore consider the report
you have heard to be entirely groundless - and you will act
accordingly.

I exceedingly regret W^r Cooks illness. W^r
Bright desires me to say that if she wants any special
medical advice, she wishes you to procure it for her - you
will mention in your next particularly how she is.
I approve of your purchase of the Baltic Timber

I Deals for the Sutton Granary - as soon as you get the Bill of Parcels send me the amount & I will remit for the payment of it, according to the terms you mention at 2 Months. I expect that all timber will fall - particularly American Pine & Inland Deals - but I do not foresee any immediate want of either.

As Mr. Corn is to have the Copyhold land within the Belt at Michaelmas next, it will be necessary at least to provide Hurdles or some means of temporary division of the lands - except in such case as the same culture is to be applied to both parts with the same Fills as they are now divided, & then perhaps he would not object to their being left open together, as they now are, until a permanent fence can be made between them.

Will you speak to Mr. Corn on the subject.

I note that the Iron Hurdles are in place, & look neat. - Have you taken care that they are well pointed.

As the Plans are still with you, I wish you would get a thin piece of Paper & trace off upon it the ground near the Three Maids - where you propose the new planting this year (together with nearly the measure) and state how far you think the Larch & F. in the Nursery which are fit to move, will go towards it.

There being no particular use now, for the new planting that was made three years since between the Pleasure ground & the Belt, surrounding on three sides the new Nursery - I wish you to consider the state of those Trees & whether by taking the best season of the year - they may not be safely removed to the New plantation at the Three Maids & whether they should in such case make a plantation by themselves, or be intermixed with the younger plants from the Nursery.

I will not object to your making a place for Mr. Woodham's Dogs altho' they are not Farming Stock. I should not allow it in any other case. I think you had better get some Slabs & quarter for the purpose. The Gate at Gravel Acre, I think should be replaced according to Mr. Burnett's wishes.

You will therefore apply one of the Gates made in the Winter, to the purpose.

I will look for the Nursery Memo Note. Of what age would you have the Scots & Spruce Firs - How much of them would they be charged from the Nursery, - fit to plant out. - It would be useful to get a quantity of Seedlings, or two year old plants, for the Nursery. - I have no objection if during the Winter, when labour is short, you were to get all the Plants you have been collecting broken small as those already put upon the Road are & then wheeled in to form the road in continuation as far as they will go, in the manner Mr Henry Bright wishes. - I believe I have now answered all the points of your letter of 12th. - I desired in my letter this Morning two Severals to come to Bristol by the Coach on Tuesday in time for Dinner, I shall be glad of a few Brace of Birds to be killed the First of September, I sent by the first Coach. - I shall likewise particularly want Three Brace at least, for Dinner on Tuesday the 5th that is on Tuesday Evening. RB

Do you recollect what the Nursery Memo Note amounted to.

I believe all the parcels of Fish arrived here safely. I think you had better after this Week fish only once a fortnight, & not continue that beyond the proper season.

Will you enquire of Mr Dampier, whether the New Bishop continues Mr Gill & Mr Lampard in the Offices they held under the late Bishop - and if not who they are that succeed them - Or if you can learn this certainly from any other quarter pray do so.

Mr Charles Hicks

Ham Green 28 Aug 1820

I shall not at present dispose of my Wood in your hands, if the prices you mention are any thing near its real value. You will please for the present therefore to store it waiting a change in the Market. RB

86 William Wall Esq
Gt. Worcester

29 Aug^r 1820

I pray your pardon for not sooner acknowledging your favor of 18th. Some very special engagements the last week, prevented my attending to any other subjects.

I was much gratified by your having turned your attention to the encroachments & Cottages built in Mathon both on the Manor of the Dean & Chapter - and on that of Farley - which belongs to me. It has long been my wish that something were mutually done to check or prevent them - but not exactly knowing how to approach the Dean & Chap. of Westminster on the subject, & having been so little myself upon the spot, - I have deferred doing any thing. - I now beg to assure you that I shall be most ready to go hand in hand with you, in such measures as you may point out to be mutually beneficial either by letter before - or when I may have a personal interview with you. Six Weeks hence - it will give me much satisfaction to pay every attention to
I beg to remain &c
RB

Esq^r W. J. Webb & Co
Ledbury

29 Aug^r 1820

I beg to know whether you have received for my account, the Mortgage Money on the Hoares Estate. - I have received from the different parties a Week since different advices respecting the final Settlement of the purchase. I have been waiting further explanation from you or other of them on the subject but having heard from neither in contradiction of the Statement they sent to me, I trouble you with this question. I conceive if the matter between them had been settled, the Money would have been paid to you - & you would have advised me. - Excuse this trouble I believe me
Gentlemen &c
RB

31 August 1820⁸⁷

Mr. Joseph Bowers

Schwall.

Edwall. If two proper & good ^{Wap} Kilns
can be erected at Twelve Pounds for the two - I will
allow so much - but I expect that they ~~will~~ ^{are} complete
& well built in all their Parts & so constructed as to be
free from Danger to the other buildings - This being done
I shall convert the lower House ^{Wap} Kiln into a Cottage,

You have done perfectly right about the Land - leave
the matter now entirely to W^m King - I will write to him
if necessary before I see him.

R.B.

RB

28 Aug^r 1820

✓ Mr. Boring Sturge
Land Surveyor -

Land Wrecker

Land & Wrecker - I am called upon by the Town Agent
of a Clergyman in the neighbourhood of Sedbury - for an
increased compensation for the Pythies of Coppice Lands
usually fallen at 14 to 16 years growth - He has named as
sum 10 sh. without specifying the date - Will you favor
me with the rule by which I ought to be guided in making
such an agreement - that I may be enabled to determine
whether this demand ought to be complied with - I am the
only proprietor of Coppice Woods in the Parish I have therefore
no neighbours to consult with

You will at your convenience, let me know your
opinion by letter or inform me when I may see you at
your office

I am Yrs

RB

Sept 1820

J. H. Gell

Choisters Westminster Abbey

Mr. Le Blanc has this day favoured me with a
Copy of your friendly attentive letter, on the subject of the
Game Deputation for Crowley Manor. - I was not properly
aware that the Deputation was not inherent in the
lease. - I am however, by your letter, satisfied that I have
been guilty of a great omission, in not having made an
earlier application to the Lord Bishop for a renewal of it.

By this post, I have addressed myself to his Lordship, expressing my regret for my oversight, & entreating him to give you, the necessary directions to prepare a deputation for the Mayor, or to permit me to make application to you on the subject which letter I have directed to the Bishop in London, where I suppose he now is. — I pray your kindness, in abridging any difficulty which my want of knowledge, may have created, which I think I may rely upon from the tenor of your letter, above referred to. —

I thank you for the hint respecting the Game to be sent to Parkham Castle, which shall undoubtedly be attended to. — As I am much pressed for time, I can only further say that I am obliged by your mention of the possibility of enfranchising the Leachhold at Crowley — It shall have my early attention, but as I am not myself conversant in such matters I must pray a little time before I reply further on that subject — remaining in the interval &c.

RB

W^m Le Blanc

2 Sept 1820

Bridge Street London

I consider myself much obliged by your so speedily forwarding Copy of Mr Gell's letter. I have not delayed a moment to write both to him & to the Bishop on the subject of the deputation — concerning which I laboured under a misapprehension, concerning which I laboured under a misapprehension, or I certainly should not have neglected making the application. — In respect to the enfranchisement it is an important subject, on which I must obtain information & advise, before I can do more. — I thank Mr Gell for having mentioned the possibility of its being done, which I have in the letter I have just written to him. — I remain &c.

RB