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Abstract of J. C. Pownall's Letter of 16 April, 1817

particulars respecting Muff Castle.
D. of Negroes under the mortg. and
their issue of which there are now living

38 Males and 50 Females

3 D. belonging to J. D. Junr.

4 D. 4 Females bot in 1806

2 D. 1 D. their increase

39 Males 55 Females

and I belong to Est. of J. Davis Esq.
remarks respecting them &c.

28 June they are taken out under the
Enrolment Act - will send us a copy.

J. Davis will be drawn off - and so
the coffee field promises so well as to
encourage my cont. them on hire.

& The hire of the Negroes D. will be
changed at £15 plan: & be put in liquidation
of his Act.

13 Trs Coffee last Yr. paid to Hammond
abt. £250 for doing this year too.

The Contingencies since D. lost away
Some people now job'd out at the Spring
£150 to £200 produce of coffee this Yr.
so that the forcing. will encroach on 1818.

Provisions difficult to be raised -
a good plant of Ditta now established
other remarks as respects the Negroes
350 Acres of Land -

as much in coffee as they can manage
if it was productive w. employ more
remarks on the Land &c.

So the House -

The Barbaques in good order
part of the works want Shingling
a further to work by a Mule, want.

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which will cost ab. £150 or £200 but which
he strongly recommends to save Labour
to be done immediately

Report of the present state of the Est?
part of the Coffee field which has been worked
looks well & promises well
it has put out a very good bloom
from which the Governor expects 400th m^l w.
this is about One Third of the field
but Mr. P. doubts its being so much
other parts pruned later will not bear
the ensuing Season - but it grows well.
The fruit grows on the New wood &
that which has born fruit, produces little
necessary to proceed gradually to
bring things round to a better state.

Future disposition proposed in
The Estate exposed to the N. winds
injurious when the Peas are in blossom.
Opinion of the Governor is -
he has patience & - but not exertion
The State of the House - is
not inhabited by the Governor
Has purchased Clothing for the next
Year as they were in want of it
Will send you an Order for the
Supplies for next year

J C Pownall. 22 June 1815.

Have recd. y^r. L^{rs} 6th & 11 March 3 April
and 7 May — just recd. —

glad have agreed with S^r J Allwhiteford &
B Duncomb has orderd Lee to take a
Counsels Opinion — on his Settlement —
thinks he feels some Alarm — &

Lee sees it in the light J C P does —

Further remarks respecting y^r. Above
Has Examined the Statements recd sent of

D S & D Bond Aud^t with his remarks
on the different modes — which see —

thinks that mark'd B. objectionable — as
Interest on Int^a where the paym^t is
not sufficient to cover it — w. not be allowed.

Payments should go in succession accord^g
to their priority in due course —

Especially when on Judgements —

In the present instance it will be of no
Advantage to you to follow the course of D —

as the property will not cover all —
see his further remarks —

Will have the priorities on Judgm^t. kept up.

And the An: Acct^t Recorded —

Will Sell the Negroes not on Mortgage for
M^c — when Levied on — or when requisite

John Anderson's Est^t. Deficient will not
make more than 120 Casks —

thinks he will pay Patterson's Instalmt^s.

M. Savage renounced under our Power
as Master L^c in Anderson's Suit &c.

In the event of our sending a new Power

recommends M^r. John Steel — } being
and W^m. Caldwell }
joined to act if J C P is absent &c.

Letter of 22 June Continued

Has no probability of leaving the Island
soon for the reasons he assigns — but
thinks substitutes should be provided to
act in case of need —

Shall write you again for the Ocean
with I Anderson's writings &c

Abstract of J. C. Powell's
Letters - April & June 1817.