

Dear Sir

Toronto May 13th 1768.

You will find by this I am still on old Fyall. The Jaugnated you in a letter by Curtis of my continuing until next Spring. I did not well know how to leave it at such a time, unless there had been some to induce me that did understand Boyling & Claying at length to oblige Mr. Kerr and to serve you. I promised to Stay and instruct Tomy Scott, who I make no doubt will be capable of undertaking and going through every particular relative to it the next year.

I find from yours by messenger that I would go this year, we are quite obliged to you for your kind offer of Beaufay Repell. It's very right your observations in regard to the Trouble Happened with her; I only mentioned it to you as she told Mr. Scott she would go with her if you would consent to it which showed the regard she had for us, and that she as well as the rest of your people has been well treated. Mr. Waite & some others of the neighbours has heard them say they wish I would stay as they did not know who would come after me. However as Tomy Scott is here before I leave them. I dare say he will follow my method in the treatment of them; thank God they are all in fine order and breeding away. I think there is eleven with child now; Merry, Nasey that has not had a child for these many years has now got a fine boy, and Merry is not a little proud of it. whether its his or not. however let that be as it will. I told him it should be named after him to keep up his name. and if the son turns out as well as the Father. he'll be a fine negroe —

I thought to have given you a little trouble this year. In sending you some Bills to lodge in some good mans hands where I should be sure of my money, and to have drawn for it when I went to Shiled. But I was told no Merchant would have given me interest for it. I thought to have got it to lodge it in Mr. Fullers hands as I believe he is French. However I have let that drop, I am getting it out of the bad hands, and putting in good until next year I offered some to Mr. Kerr but he has no use for them — But he has help'd me to a good one, who is Dagat Malcolm. about three of Mr. Waites for £344. odd money. She gave me a short Bill drawn on Mr. Gordon those I am to let him have, and Mr. Kerr is to be joint Convenant —

That debt was a debt that Mr. Waites son was sued for by Fairholme & Malcolm, which was contracted by young Waites when his Father & mother was in London, and I settled it without cost for her, and took up the writ. we have had fine Aug^r weather the begining of Sep^r. But wet since the latter end of last month. Its a pity Magistrate came so late his bringing King Sturz detained him. He arrived a few days ago at the Bay — he tells me he has brought some Books & Draps. I wish they'd come another place but one

sooner, and instead of sending part Drips, they had been all pots; you must give orders for them to be made in time and sent out by the first ships that comes direct to montego Bay, and to be here by Feb^r. or the begining of March at farthest and order out more Potts then drips, the Potts is more liable to be broke after they are landed, and up here too, I have now many Drips at least two hundred more then Potts: I had those up from the Bay you sent last year for Irwin, I believe about 200, potts, which was some help. If they'd stayed there any time longer there would been a glemish account of them with those and what I had. I have fill'd 1360. As those that is come in magnes is not yet landed. I am afraid it will be too late, I will do the best I can for you, as I wrote you before, I will be conformable to the last

I saw your memo. to Mr. Herr. I found by that you Imagined I was gone which you had reason so to do, when I wrote you so full of my going — But you'll still have some more presents from Mr. Scott, who has now sent by this opportunity 100 Coconuts, when the Tamarins is ripe she intends to send you some: and some more Shadocks, when they are fitt to be gather'd which is generally in July, I am glad part of those in Russia got safe — no Parker nor Cheshire this year, tho' it's my fault, as I believe you did not think I should burn here to drink it; However as its best in a cold Climate, it will do next year, and a drink of good Punch in summer is very Pleasant, and a glass of Smart's wine will not be amiss.

One thing I forgot to mention to you in my several letters, and that is Ziphorah's child, which is the second she has had since you was gone, the first was a girl that died, the 2d is realy a fine Boy, and is quite sensible for his age, which is near 14 mo^r old, I can't say whether you've heard who the Father is, It is very much like him, and is more fair then some white women's children: Mr. Scott has had him christend and his name is William, So I leave you to guess who the Father is, Its a pity he should be a slave, His mother has grown a fine wench, and Mr. Scott has taken a deal of pains with her, She works extreme well, and marks well —

I must conclude now, and will write you soon by the Dutchmen: Mr. Scott joint Compt. to you & family, and sincere wishes for your health & happiness and yours

Dr. Sir — Y^r Sincere well-wisher

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