of your Accounts to which I beg leave to refer you.

Mr. Richard Laurence soon after his arrival here applyd for Mrs Laurences Negroes from Irvin which you have neglected to give any instructions about this year; Mr. Laurence intimated to me that he was still inclined to dispose of those Negroes upon which I requested the favour of his allowing them to stay for a week longer 'till Mr. Hennion who I then expected daily should come down thinking that perhaps you might have sent some instructions by him, upon his comeing to Irvin I enquired and found he had none, I then recommended to Mr. Hennion to purchase those negroes in preferrence to the new Negroes you had desired me to buy for you and upon enquiring into their Connections he readily joind me in opinion that it would be much more for your Interest, we accordingly agreed to take them from Mr. Laurence at a valuation by two Indifferent persons and accordingly had them valued last Friday fortnight, the number I think was 41 which amounted to Seventeen hundred and Ten Pounds Currency which I think is what they are well worth and you may think you have got an aquisition by geting them — I agreed to pay Mr. Laurence one third this year and the other two thirds next year and the year

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and Estate Jam.a 25 July 1777.

Dear Sir

The preceding is Copy of my last which I hope you have rec.d safe and am now to acknowledge the receipt of Yours of the 30th July and 28th August to the Contents of which I have given due attention but how to apply to your numerous Complaints I am really at a loss some are with reason and others without foundation and hard misrepresentations of Mr. Holmes Captains — I think the 50 hhds by Capt. Baird not being filled is a sufficient appology for there not being 100 hhds by that ship and as to the Vessels being detaind it is a false representation it is true I insisted on the sugars being taken in at Montego Jamaica my reason for so doing they had not nor even mentiond to me a decked boat to carry the sugars, however as you desire it they shall have them this year, were they my property I would not ruin them nor would I insure them for a good premium. Your sugars being in the Leghorn Galley and not in the Britannia was entirely owing to Mr. Holmes friends directing the Ship in that order and I think they are to blame for the disappointment I hope your Annual Account will get home in good time this year & meet with your approbation and that the proceeds of your Estates will turn out to more advantage than what you mention the year before I wish much that that the Fleet with Hennion who I shall be glad to see, and shan no pains in giving him every information in my Power in regard to your affairs. I am happy to inform you that all your Estates are in a thriving way at present the Weather rather too dry the Mills will be put to soon when I will write you again particularly, the prospect of crops at present is very pleasing the Estates this way are all about and making very good sugar the first fleet from hence I apprehend about the 15th March I fear there will be none of your to go by that opportunity I am at a loss how to ship them till I hear from you. None of Mr. Holmes ships yet arrived — From a short remittance to Mr. Gordon I was reduced to the necessity of sending Mr. Hoon a Bill on you for the balance of your Acct. Curt. with me, which I hope will be attended with no inconvenience

as I fear Mr Gordon & Mr Kerr will be much distressed on that account nothing else would have induced me to draw for such a sum without your instructions, and should it prove inconvenient Mr Kerr may cancel or return the Bill without any Charge —

I am Sir

(Copy)

Hugh H Hall Esq.

Point 15th March 1777

Dr Sir

The sailing of the Fleet being postponed to the 31st Inst. gives me an opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you that we are resolved to push the Dawes away as soon as as we possibly can and are in expectation of getting her ready to go by the first fleet I propose shipping 20 hhds of the first of your Crop by her to the Address of William Bond Esquire of London so that you may give directions in regard to insurance accordingly —

I am sorry to inform you of the Misfortune that has happened to Capt. Brice of the Ship Cornwale of Bristol by whom I had sent your annual Accounts. soon after they got thro' the Gulph in a Gale of Wind they lost all their masts which obligd them to bear away for some of the Windward Islands, to the Northward of Antegua they fell in with a North American Privateer of 28 Guns and 200 Men who boarded them and plundard the Ship of every thing they thought proper, took away all his letters and Ship Papers even ripped open the Ceiling of the Cabin and then put Capt. Brice onboard again He got to Antegua where He sold the ship and came down passenger to Mont. Cay. I am getting the Accounts copied over again and shall forward them by the Dawes or some other ship sailing the first fleet Mr Kennion came to Irwin about 10 Days ago I have been round the Estate with him you may expect to hear from us very particularly by the Fleet in regard to all your affairs The Mills at all your Estates are about and doing very well. I am fearful the old Estates Crops will be short owing to the Dry Weather —

The Arraingement of the Liverpool Ships is prepared as follows

Vt.

Vt. 40 hhds Q. Pks on the Liverpool 40 hhds on the Britania
60 hhds on the St. Peter 80 hhds on y.e Ch. Hall
20 hhds on the Dragon 20 do. on the Ellis

Dear Sir

Point Sam.: 31 March 1777

Since my last of which the foregoing is a Copy I have been kept constantly in this Parish in endeavouring to get the Dawes sent away, but I am sorry to inform you that our plan will be frustrated, owing to some very breezy weather which prevented the boats goeing out of the Harbour to collect the Sugars together, so that we must be satisfied to get her away with next fleet as that is the case and her lying at such a distance as Green Island I have altered the shipment of your 20 hhds of Sugar I formerly wrote you to insure from the Dawes to the St. James's Planter Capt Stewart who will also be ready to go with next fleet — I shall also ship on the Mars Capt Crawford 20 hhds and on the Northampton Capt Moys 20 hhds Sugar Consigned to William Bond Esq. you may therefore Insure accordingly — By this Opty of the Ship Sally Capt Anderson I send you another Copy of your last years accounts, which I hope you'll receive safe, on examination prove free of Errors and meet with your approbation, I have also forwarded a Copy of my letter of the 20th Nov.r last on the subject

after, he goes home again in this Fleet but has not yet call'd on me to settle matters, he is to grant a bond with a security for Mrs Laurences executeing the Title — I hope Mr Kennion has wrote you by this fleet how the Crops goes on I have been confined to the Counting house here in getting all my accounts copied out again which has put it out of my power to make any enquiry about matters, they made a very good beginning at Kirkpatrick the first piece they cut of 12 or 13 acre almost fill'd 10 hdds of strong Sugar tho' rather dark —

I am with respect —

Dear Sir

Your mst obt servt

A Fry Brown

Wm. Barr
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