

between the empire of Great Britain and the United States of America, will be established on the broadest basis; and we cannot but flatter ourselves that we shall be speedily relieved from those distresses, to which our local situation has more peculiarly exposed us, in addition to the burthen and expences of repeated martial laws, and encreasing taxes, during the course of the late war. It is within your Excellency's recollection that the town of Kingston has been in a great measure destroyed by a tremendous conflagration; that the whole colony was injured, and the Leeward parishes nearly desolated, by two most fatal hurricanes—From the scarcity of lumber, and other necessaries, many valuable warehouses and stores of the most respectable merchants; the works and other buildings of the useful and industrious sugar planters, have remained to this hour in a state of ruin, or (for the mere purpose of present exigency) have undergone a partial and temporary repair. With the most heartfelt satisfaction, we have seen the earliest disposition, on the parts of the Americans, to supply us with those articles which we most required, on which the existence of our sugar-works much depend, and which no quarter of the globe can afford with equal dispatch, certainty, and abundance. We cannot but hope, sir, that a branch of commerce, so beneficial to the subjects of the British empire, will not be impeded, or in any respect obstructed, in its commencement in

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