

send out sails and rigging sufficient to bring her home, or take her to Newfoundland, and sell her there. The value of ships in this country is reduced nearly 75s: we shall send you out paint and oil in the spring for the buildings.

You will settle the best way you can with Mr. Charles Stewart. As to his demand of £15 per cent. on the goods, it is truly ridiculous, when he has not paid for them; that abatement was on condition that they were paid for within the year in cash, or good bills.

(On the same sheet of paper this letter is then continued as follows:)

April 7, 1817. *From the present state of the island with respect to cash payments, we cannot persuade ourselves it would answer any good end to send out any goods this spring.*

We have herewith sent you a copy of our accounts as they stood in the books when delivered up to Mr. Pleace, by which you will see there is a considerable difference in his statement to you, which he must explain.

With respect to the bed furniture you mention as deficient in the packages, it must be with the other furniture in the trunks. The furniture expressed in the inventory to be sent to London was not sent; consequently Mr. Pleace must account for it, being left in his charge, except a feather bed, bolster, and two pillows, and two blankets, which Mr. George Bunie brought home, and they were taken from the new four post bedstead intended to be sent here.

We are favoured with your letter of 7 January last respecting Mr. Pleace's accounts, which want considerable explanation; the particulars of which, together with our determination respecting his charges, shall forward by May packet. Enclosed you have a bill of lading of paint and oil, to give the store two coats outside, and all the other buildings necessary to be preserved. Hoping to hear from you soon with a good remittance, we remain, dear Sir, your most obedient servants,

(Signed) A. BIRNIE & CO.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM MESSRS. ALEXANDER BIRNIE & CO. TO MR. FADE GOFF,
DATED 21st JULY, 1817, REFERED TO IN THE PRECEDING AFFIDAVIT OF MR.
GOFF.

London, 21st July, 1817.

Dear Sir,

We have this day received from Mr. Edstrom £17 3s 10½d., balance of his account with you, and which we shall place to your credit. Mr. Edstrom states there is some error in the account, which he will settle with you. We are without your favours since that of 31st May last, and are, dear Sir, your well wishers,

(Signed) A. BIRNIE & CO.

Mr. Fade Goff.

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COPY OF A LETTER FROM MESSRS. ALEXANDER BIRNIE & CO. TO MR. FADE GOFF,
DATED APRIL 8th, 1818, REFERED TO IN THE PRECEDING AFFIDAVIT OF MR.
FADE GOFF.

London, 12, Great St. Helens,
April 8, 1818.

Mr. Fade Goff.

Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 12th and 13th December last, and upon due consideration of their contents, are sorry to observe that with respect to continuing our trade to the island, (although we have a high opinion of your integrity and assiduity,) we feel very reluctant in adventuring any more capital, having been already so great sufferers, even after the seeming flattering prospects; consequently we approve very much of your winding up the concern, by which, we trust, you will be enabled to make us some considerable remittances this spring from the stock, and also from the book debts.

We are much surprised to hear that the debts contracted by Pleace, at Halifax, are not liquidated, as we understood the goods had from thence were saleable articles, by which you would realize the amount in a short time, independent of our stock. We did expect that the produce of the sale of timber on hand last year would have come to us, more especially as your Brothers in Ireland informed us you had got bills for a cargo shipped to their place; but of this we were disappointed. With respect to the houses and lands, we are not disposed to sell any of them at present; and we approve much of what you have done for the interest of both, and make no doubt but you will, by your kind attention, make both land and houses productive.

With respect to the store, we are at a loss what to do with it; if you could let it at a low rent to any respectable person, where the rent would be safe, and the premises with the furniture taken care of, we should be glad; or if the Governor would recommend it for a Government House, as we presume it might be easily converted into a respectable residence for the Governor.