

expedient that the Expenditure should be transacted by them, and the Monies requisite also drawn for by them on the Agent of the Island, whereto they were authorized, and a proper Credit, as I understand, lodged with Messrs. Millegan and Mitchell in London.—This Mode appears to embrace the Objects of your Grace's Instruction on that Point ; and therefore will be continued until your Grace may be pleased to direct me otherwise, or these Funds are expended. In such Necessity, due Care shall be had in drawing conformable to those Directions. Probably this may not soon happen, as I believe the Government of Jamaica are fully and generously disposed to render the Maroons happy in any other Country. Among other Reasons for this Opinion, is the judicious Choice of Mr. Quarrell and Mr. Ochterlony, to accompany and superintend the Interests of these poor People. I cannot do adequate Justice to the affectionate Zeal, unwearied Assiduity, great Judgment, and perfect Disinterestedness, which these Gentlemen invariably exert, under my immediate and hourly Observation, to effect the excellent Intentions of their Constituents ; inasmuch that I have not a Doubt the truly humane Wishes of His Majesty's Government herein will be fully accomplished ; and that whatever Causes may have removed them into this Province, their increased Happiness will surely be the Effect. They daily become more sensible of it, and express to me no other Anxiety than their Fears to be removed. Nothing would create such Distress as to carry them to Sierra Leone ; nor could they be prevailed on, by any Persuasions, to return to Jamaica.

I humbly confide in your Grace's great Goodness to excuse so long a Detail, which arises from a dutiful Solicitude to fulfil the Royal Commands, in a Case entirely new, and comprehending all the Interests of such a numerous Body of People ; which will be best promoted by informing your Grace of their precise and actual Situation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

J. WENTWORTH.

His Grace  
The DUKE of PORTLAND.