

# OBSERVATIONS ON A LETTER

ADDRESSED BY

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TO THE

RIGHT HON. EARL GRANVILLE, K.G.

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Several weeks have elapsed since I received a copy of Mr. Des Vœux's letter to Earl Granville, which contains very grave charges against myself, as well as against various public functionaries, and the planters generally in British Guiana, of which colony I was Governor, from the beginning of the year 1862, until the latter end of January, 1869. Being aware that Earl Granville had determined on investigating Mr. Des Vœux's charges, through commissioners empowered to take evidence on oath on the spot, I had determined to await, in silence, the Report of that Commission; but having recently learned that there is a desire on the part of several of the planters that I should be examined before the Commission, and being unable, without great inconvenience, to proceed to British Guiana, I have deemed it only just to those who desire my testimony, to make some observations on Mr. Des Vœux's letter, which is calculated to do serious injury to a