

Wooden Stuy it is for keeping the Negroe Farm. more is the Iron Boilers was
 for frontier Estate which I dare say you will gett at Carron Works but you must
 see them proved before you ~~buy~~ ^{buy} them & try if they will stand the fire the
 way is thus there is a large hole dug in the ground big enough to hold the Boiler
 then the Boiler is put in & filled trim full of dry wood peats or any such stuff
 & a good quantity of such stuff put round about then its covered up with the earth
 that was taken out of the hole & fire sett to it by a logane left for that purpose
 & when the fire is burnt out the earth is taken off & a great quantity of Treasur
 will ^{well} into the boiler while its red hot & if it stands this way ^{for} without Cracking
 you may buy them & send them in a Lesth Ship. I am
Dr W

2800 Yards Edinburgs

20^d Brown Thread

1100 Yards Blanketing

10^d Thread

100 bolls Herrings

2 Iron Seaches of the best mettall the bottoms to be $\frac{1}{2}$ thicker than Common & formed
 like the small end of an egg to have rims about 3 inches wide like a Copper but
 no ears & to be 2 feet 10 Inches diameter in the flar at the mouth

2 Iron D^o to be 2 feet diameter in the flar at the mouth

1 Carriger to hold 240 Gallons

1 Boiler to hold 210

1 D^o 180

1 D^o 120

} all shaped in the form of the small end of an egg
 In M Leans Ballances Staubs thus

To 1 pipe Madara Wine £ 50, 4s 13y W^m Stirlings Ball. £ 136, 16s 3 $\frac{3}{4}$

Outstanding debts 233, 7s 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13y 9^d 14y 10^d In 26 M Leans 679, 19s 7 $\frac{1}{4}$

To Ballance 835, 7s 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13y n^t Proceeds sales of Edinb. 60, 5s 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

£ 1118, 17s 3

of Hawke 176, 14s 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
 of Calk fact. 165, 14s 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

£ 1219 0s 2 $\frac{1}{4}$

James Stirling late of Jamaica

Letter Book from 1764 to 1772

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Archibald Stirling of New-Castle

Kingsdown Nov 27 1764

Dear Bro^r

P the Name

I wrote to You Sep^r the 10 by the Dear point of Bris

tol covering a copy of a Power of Attorney which Your William was to sign before any two persons that was coming out here & to send it to them

This will be deliverd to You wth a copy of Your Mortgage on Hampden by M^r Walter Murray the Son of M^r Murrays the Navall Officers he goes home to solicit some affairs relating to the Patent Offices in this Island You will find him a very good Young Man & he is the Son of a very worthy Father I must beg the favor of You to do him any services that in Your Power

As to my own affairs they stand thus there is about £ 37.000 of the debts paid off & about £ 68.000 more to Pay which You will say is a pretty considerable sum, but great as it is I am in expectation if it pleases God to spare my life, and gett^{ing} Justice done me by the Gen^l in Philadelphia & M^r Tuckit, & the Frontiers Estate sold which I am now about to be with You next Year keep Hampden & be clear of Debt underneath is a list of debts due to the Est^o of N^s

Baveridge in Philadelphia	} £ 7.000,--
Parks Estate in D ^o	
Tuckit by his partial ac ^{ts} given in	8.000
In Jamaica by Sundrys	6.500
	<u>21.500</u>
Frontier	32.000
Sundry runs of Land	7.500
Weemys debt	5.000
Negroes about Town to be sold	2.500
	<u>£ 68.000,--</u>

Now You see by the above list of debts & c^{ts} that there is plenty to pay off all demands, without mentioning the Insuing Prop^{ty} or Your & M^r Oswalds Mortgage both which will amount to £ 5.000,-- at least. I am now endeavoring to bring Tuckits Attorneys here to an ac^t. & has sent Powers to Philadelphia to gett^{ing} affairs settled there if possible Please make my Compliments to M^r Stirling & all Friends to You & believe me to be wth regard

There is three Negroes mentiond in the Mortgage by mistake Youll please send me out a release under Your own hand for them by just opportunity

A B

Yours & C^{ts}

J S

Mr William Stirling

Dear Bro^r

I wrote to You Sep^r 10 by the Packet of Bristol
which I hope You have receiv^d or now & that You'll be able to send out the Sum^d
mention'd in it by first Vessel from Glasgow & Leith this comes by M^r Walter
Murray a Young Gentleman an Acquaintance of mine (his Father is Navall
Officer here) who goes to London to solicit some affairs relating to the Pat^t Office
in this Island when he comes to Glasgow will You wait on him & give him
an invitation to Cadde and if he comes give him a hearty welcome

As to my own affairs they stand thus £37,000 of the
debts paid off and about £54,000 more to be paid which I hope to get
clear of soon if it pleases God to spare me & if I can get the debts due in
Philadelphia & by M^r Touchet in London collectd. which amounts to 12,000
and the Frontier sold (which I am now in treaty about) for £32,000. & sundry
Tracts of Land ^{to the amount of £7,000} ~~mostly~~ ^{amounting} to about £7,000. with several runs
of Land sold (which I am now in treaty about) for £39,000. I say if these things
can be accomplish'd You may expect me next Year there is also due in this
Island £6,500. and about £2,000 worth of Negroes in & about this Town
to be dispos'd of. so You see by the above that I stand a good chance of being
soon a free man & have Hampden clear now my dear Willy if You have any
for the Family. Your self or me take a Wife as soon as possible if You have
not one already & see if You cant raise up an Heir for us I am sure £200
thos of Sugar & Linⁿ will ^{very} Your Family & me very well to live on. Pray make
my Compliments to every Body with You shall be glad to hear how they
all are & in particular my Mother In

Per the Nature

I Willy

Your Obed^t Serv^t
J S

1289
Lady Harnellton

Kingston Nov 27. 1764.

I wrote to You last July by the Sally Cap Murray for Lett
on whom I shipt a Pece of Madara Wine for You, M^r Cushman, & James Cushman
which I hope You have receed & that it turns out well which I shall be very
glad to hear. This will be delivred to You by M^r Walter Murray a Young
Gentleman of my acquaintance whom I must beg the leave to introduce
to You he is Miss Betty Walkershaw's Nephew & ^{comes} down to Scotland
to see his Friends he is a Good Young Man & worthy of Your acquaintance
I shall take it very kindly of You if You'll let me know how all my
Friends in the East are Particularily M^r Hays Family to whom my
best Wishes are much afraid M^r Hays is no more. You must remembre
me to Molly Johnston & tell her that a Lin from her would give me
great Pleasure. I hope You & Farmer Stewart are improving Your
Farms to advantage You'll remembre to all that Good Family par-
ticularily Lady Blyntue & Lady Mary. Perhaps I may be among you
soon & Purchase Monk Rigg for You & Lully Molly & I to spend the
Remaender of days in at our own ease
Per the Name

M^r Robert Gordon

Sir

I have Your several Tabours now before me I think
the Sugars & Rum turned out pretty well. ^{although the Rum which went to the Lord-Nail sold} the Sundrys for the East came all
safe & in good order but I think the Provisions dear at 40/ 8/ 156. my Good
Friend Your Bro^r tells me that he was supplied to his at 42/ by M^r Hare & very
good which is a great difference. my Overseer at Hampden complains that the
Beef is not so good as might be expected from the Price that which went to
Frontier is very Good how this difference should happen be I know not I think
You should mention it to M^r Hays that they may be more careful in packing
their Beef. I have sent orders to M^r Hays to be shipt on the Windsor to
Your adress & 25 or 30 on any other Vessel lying at Mar. Brae for Your Port
which I hope will come safe to hand & to a good market & that You will dispose
of them to the best advantage for Hampden Est. I am much obliged to You
for honoring my Bills & sending out the necessaries for the Est. so readably

as You did I could have wisht that Your Act ~~had~~ had come out which would
have enabled me to Judge how much I might draw for on the ~~4th~~ ^{6th or 7th} Mt. Sugar and
would not care to draw for more than their Value & I shall be obliged to draw several
Bills on You which I hope You will duly honor

Arch^d Shirling of New Eng^d

Kingston June 4th 1768

Dear Brother

Your sundry favours of Inty the 29 Decem^r Jan^y
the 4 & 28. are now before me the Creditors got nothing done till the Jan^y Offices
when most of them got Judgements against the Est^s for their demands to the
Amount of £52,000. & in Aprill ^{above} Appow there is about 8000 more which is
all the demands that are against the Est^s I know of excepting Yours & Legats
so that there is about 60,000 due a prodigious Sum to be sure but there is enough
to pay every body if the Cred^s will give time which they will be obliged to do
whether they will or not, we have had several meetings to no purpose till at
last proposals were fallen on which seems to be agreeable to them & which they
say they will sign but how long they will be of this way of thinking time will
try indeed You have a copy of them. What ever the Cred^s or the Other Est^s may
say of that Person he has been of the greatest service to me unmaginable & w^o
out his assistance the Affairs could not have ^{been} settled & when once an Est^s Quall^y
he cant resign without forswearing himself & forfeiting his security Bonds
which no body would care to do. the Estates are still advertised for sale & shall be

As soon as any Purchaser offers although at a disadvantage for I long to be at home
 again although I thank God I have kept my Health very well ever since I am
 here I am obliged to You for the trouble You took in writing to M^r Oswald but since
 he wants British Security & I have no thoughts of Staying here shall not write
 him about it. Your Interest shall be sent to You by way of Glasgow if I can get
 any Vessel that will go & take it in at Northside if that cant be done it shall
 be shipped to London to the Care of M^r William James Merch^t there You have £600
 on Your Mortgage & Your Acct was sent You home under Cover to M^r Rob^t Gordon
 of Bristol desiring him to forward it to You which am afraid is ~~never~~ ^{not} come
 to hand as You never mention it, Inclosed You have a Copy of ^{Your} Acct, the Power of
 Attorney I reced which may be of Service to me Wright I say but not Whillup Wright
 has got into Business some where at Spanⁿ Town I wish Willy was well settled
 I have wrote to him about M^r Murray & his Cap^t J^r Lindsay I'm perfectly
 well acquainted wth and what ever service I can be of to him You may be sure he sh^{ll}
 have it the Tum und Madara will be shipped to Leith if any Vessel for that Port
 there is one expected in dayly the Tum was made on purpose and I am promised
 one of the best pipes of Madara in the Island its dear now I am sure nothing w^{ld}
 give me greater pleasure than to be amongst my Friends once more but when
 that pleasure is to be God only knows for it seems to be further off ^{now} than when I
 wrote You last which was in Novem^r I was in expectation of getting the Frontier
 soon sold but the Front^r is off no offer since if any other of the Est^e could be sold I
 shoud be easy and ^{to} You soon the State of the Leguies Stands thus Yours & the

£60000 Deb^t

Stock	£42,000	
Treasure	3,000	
Dublin Phi.	7,500	doubtfull
Wemyss	5,000	
Dindland	6,500	not all good
Ticket	3,500	which is very bad
Lands	9,500	
	<u>107,000</u>	
Ths (prop.)	7	
	<u>114,000</u>	

Legatus Demand is not included nor my own so you see what a revolution there will
 be if the Debt can be collected in I shoud gladly take the half of any body woud take
 it of my hands last Year we made 280 thds Sugar on Both Est^e & this Year I
 expect 270 thds if no accident happens

M^r William Stirling

Kingston June 17th 1764

Dear Br^r

Your favours of Oct^r, Decem^r & then in Feb^r are now before me. The Charlot turned Leaky and was obliged to put into Georgia where she was consigned, but her Cargos, not in the least damaged it was shipped on Board another ^{Vessel} which sailed from thence in January so that I hope that ~~they~~ ^{she} would arrive at Greenock in March & come to a good Market as Sugars would be then scarce & consequently in demand if good which I hope they were being the very Top of Frontier Crop & if they dont turn out well I shall be greatly disappointed; in my last to You I mentioned In ~~the~~ M^r Leans death which was in the beginning of Decem^r. Inclosed You have the Acc^t Sales & a^ccurr^t I have settled to ^{his} Ex^t so You must take me for Your paymaster & when ever You send out Your Red Curt every thing shall be settled betwixt us which I hope Youll approve of. I return You thanks for Your kind offer of Assistance but am in hopes I shant want ^{it} unless for a few months ^{or only} in such accidents hapning as that ^{to the} Charlotie; if I can get a Vessel to go on and to Frontier I will ship ²⁵ hhd^s Sugar for Glasgow on ^{for} Day Keer his ^{part} & Purchase Necessaries if that cant be accomplished must ship to London or Bristol; The Sundrys You sent out arrived safe & in good order but the Treening dear & but indifferent they were selling here at 35^s Currency but no help for such things, I wish the Iron Boylers had come out however as they are not I shall write to Bristol for them & get them out near ^{the} Spring. Your Boy I have sent him to Stampdon to learn the Planting Busines under Kippendavy where he will do very well as he seems to be very good natured & well disposed I have been endeavouring to gett Miller a place in Town to no purpose & he wont goe to the Country on any Acc^t where I could have got him a bookkeepers place the first day he landed, when You recommend any again ask them if they will go into the Country which if they are willing to do I may be of Service to them but not otherwise. I am Just now favoured wth Yours of March the 3rd inclosing the Power of Attorney & giving me the agreeable news of Your going to Edinburgh to look out for a Wife I wish with all my heart that You may succeed in getting one to Your liking & the satisfaction of Your Tra^{de}. The Boylers are arrived safe I have not seen them as they are not yett Landed. they came too late for this Crop but will be in readiness for the next, there is a Ship the charming Jeany Cap. Barmantree belonging to Glasgow going round to St Marys to load, on her I shall ship 25 hhd^s Sugar & 10 Tuncheons of Rum for to pay There his Interest

which at the rate of 18 Sterling p^{r} hhd & 12 p^{r} punch will be sufficient to discharge it & something over this Island has fallen greatly short of their expectations this Year owing to the heavy rains in the months of April & May & still continuing which put ^{such} a Spring in the Canes as to prevent ^{them} from making Sugar from which I imagine that Sugars must rather rise than fall untill next Crop comes to market. Inclosed You have Invoice & Bill of Lading for two Cunch of Rum & 1 Pipe Madara Wine for the Duke of Athole ^{it} must be taken great care off if the Rum seems weak the Pipes must be squeezed

M^r Rob^t Gordon

Kingston May 11 1765

Sir

Your many Favours of Nov^r 20th, 24th Dec^r 14 & Jan^r 22
v 23 are now before me I think the Sugars & Rum sold pretty well altho' the
Rum which went to London rather sold better but that may be owing to the
different qualities of the Rum The Necessaries for the East & Provisions from
Africa arrived safe & in good order but the Beef I think dear & that it went
to Hampden the Overseer writes to me that what he had made use of yet
is not so good as might be expected from the Price but that it went to Town
is very good what that difference in the two parcels is owing to I can
tell my good Friend Your Bro^r tells me that his Beef from Cork is only
charged at 43rd per t^l where as that to me is 48rd 5th which is a great
difference & he assures me that his is very good this I mention to You that
Mess^{rs} Hays may be informed of it I am now to return You thanks for
honoring my Bills & being so ready to send out the Necessaries for the East
that You may soon be reimbursed again I have ordered 40 t^l Sugar to be
Shipt on the Windsor Cap^t Traicer & 30 t^l more on any other Ship for
Port & Consigned to You the Overseer will write to You for Insurance at
the Rate of £13 p^{r} hhd which I hope they will neat if not more as Sugar
increases this Year than they were last & Hampden Sugars better I wish
You had sent out my Acc^t Cur^t that I might have known how much could
be drawn for on the 70 t^l without drawing above their Value. I shall be
obliged to draw on You for the whole amount of them. I wish them safe
to hand & a good market I am

J^o the Dawkins

Cap. Ballentine

Sir

J^o & C^o
J^o

M^r Robert Gordon

Kingston June 11 1765

Sir

The above is copy of my Let^r to You of May 11th by
the Dawson Cap^t Ballantine via London. Your favour of March 1st inclosing
my Acc^t Current I reced by the Hope the acct is exam^d & right for the Ballan^t
You have bred: in Your new Acc^t. I have orderd 70 tunds Sugars to be Shipt
on the Windsor to Your address which I hope will come to a good Market
most of them are on Board & I hope the Ship will sail in 10 days time my
affairs obliged me to draw a Set of Bills on You in favour of Edward
Manby for £60 Sterl^d at 90 days Sight which I desire the favour of You
to Honour although it should become due before the Sugars are sold w^{ch}
I am in hopes will not be the case. I have also orderd 25 tunds Sugar &
10 Punch Tum to be Shipt on any other Ship for Bristol to Your care
which I hope will be got off done, these two parcels, are to pay off Your old
Ballance & to answer severall Bills which I shall be obliged to draw on
You for. as You was so good as to send out the Necessaries wrote for last^{ly}
I shal trouble You wth the same Comission this & You may depend on being
reimbursed by the return of the Ship I am wth regard

Per Lady Juliana }
Cap^t Stephenson } Via London

Sir
y^{rs} & c^o
JG

M^r William Stirling

Kingston July 13 1765

Dear Br^r

I wrote to You in June by Cap^t Cunningham desiring
You to make Insurance on the charming Jeany to the amount of £500 Ster^d
but if You have not already done it, You need only Insure 450 Ster^d as the
Sugars are dark, & wont sell so well on that acc^t unless Your Markets are up
which must soon be the case if not so already for the Sugar crops are great
ly short this Year, & many ships will not get their Loading here & there
for must goe somewhere else, by Cap^t Cunningham I sent home 2 Punch^{es}
of Rum one of Pine Apples & one of Cashews and a Pipe of the best Madara
Wine for the D^o of Athole which I wish may be good & Comesafe to his
Grace. I had drawen on You at 60 days^{ly} in favour of Malcolm Lumsden
for 70 Ster^d which I hope he will honour & You will take proper

The Honourable Secretary
of the Admiralty
To his Grace I mentioned in my last that You would send me out two
dozns of Super fine Blue broad Cloath 3 Inches less in the width of the body 1 doz
Pair Red Stockings, & 4 or 5 P. Salfs Shine Shoes from Hunter which please to see
by first opportunity, as Sugars are likely to rise I think You need not be in a hurry
to sell them which comes in the charming Jeany unless You get a tempting Offer
or that Heir can't wait for his money. Well, You can't imagine how I'm
straitned here for want of money, & ^{being} by being constantly dunned when ever I
go abroad which is every day & to add to my Comfort we shall fall short at
Least 70 hhd of Sugar this Crop owing to the constant bad weather which has
been ever since the month of May. I hope this will find You a Husband in

Dr. Wally

Yours &c^{ra}

M^r Rob^t Gordon
Sir

I wrote to You 11 of June by the Juliana Cap Stephenson
via London. I now send You the Invoice of 70 hhd Sugar shipt from Hampden on the
Windsor Cap ~~Frauda~~ who sailed from Martha Brae the 11th Inst. I wish her well
Home & the Sugars to a good Market, and I imagine that Sugars must rise if a
short crop in this Island ^{will} have any influence on your markets

M^r Rob^t Gordon
Sir

I wrote to You June 11th by the Juliana Cap Stephenson
acquainting you that I had drawn ~~on you~~ ^{on you} a sett of Bills to the amount of £6000
at 90 days Sight in favour of Edward Manby, which I must beg You to honor,
if ^{they} should become due before the Sugars are sold, my reason for drawing on You
so long before the Windsor ^{sails} was that I was well assured ~~that~~ she would possibly
sail a Month sooner than she did, & it would have been so, if bad weather had
not prevented her. Inclosed I send You the Invoice of 70 hhd Sugars shipt on
Board the Windsor to Your adrep, I wish them safe home & to a good Market
which I hope will be the case if the badness of the Sugar Crop in this Island
will have any influence on the Markets at Home, & that our Crops this Year
is fallen greatly short of what was once expected is most true, the truth
of which the ^{several} Gentlemen Owners of Ships will be convinced of by having a
great many of their Vessels return ^{home} not half Loaded, I am obliged to draw sever
al Bills on You which I hope you will duely honor. I have ordered 25 hhd
Sugar & 10 Punch^d Rum to be shipt on the Ark Cap^t Richardson to Your
adrep I hope she wil sail before before the 25 of this month to save the
3 P^{er} Cent Insurance as I was not sure what Vessel the Sugars would be

I am perswaded your bill will be paid

Shipt on I desired the Overseer to write to You for Insurance ^{on the Ship if he intend to sell} which I hope he has done
below is the Acc^t of the Bills drawn on You I am

June 11 Edw Manly £ 60 Ster

July 11 Nat Grant 200 —

13 Dr La Saomyth. 150. —

Hercule's Hops . . . 50

15 Gills Mathison . 200

Duff & Stirling 160

Your last Years Ball. 284. 2. 10

Richards & Gordon 81. 6. 2 1/2

1190. 9. 6 1/2

So — y — 1765

Archibald Stirling of New Cosy

Frontier August 27 1765

Dear Bro

I was favoured th your's of June the 6 by the Bell Aug
15 which give me great pleasure to hear of all my friends being in perfect health. I am
in great expectation of hearing that Willij had taken all ease & made himself &
friends happy but am sorry to find that that is still to do, in my last I mentioned
the great debts which still remain'd due on the Est. and which can't be dischar-
ged for several Years unless one of them was to be sold of which there is not any
prospect at present owing to the prodigious distres that this Country is in
for want of money & credit & to ad ^{to the other} to the misfortunes the Crop of Sugar falls gre-
atly short of what was once expected ^{from} & prodigious rains in ^{one part} & excessive dry weather in the other part of the Island, I expected to have made
at Hampden 250 hhd at least & I am in proportion but we only made 206 & some
of that very bad. & at Frontier I expected 130 hhd but I don't think that we
shall reach 80 and the Quality of the Sugars bad we are at half done here & has
made 42 hhd & 25 of which are shipping on Board the Charming Jane Capt Bar-
nantine for Glasgow with 10 Tunck of Rum, two of which are pure Apples to
pay of Your Int^t it is at 16 p^t but I hope You'll be content wth 15 untill the
Debts are demolished, I wish to God that it was in power to sell ^{my} ^{all} ^{of} ^{property} belong-
ing to me in this Island for money You may be assured that I would not hesitate one
moment about parting wth them & at an undervalue rather than stay from home
where my heart & soul are but since it pleases God that it shall be otherwise
I must submit & do the best I can untill better times comes. I observe what
You say about my making a settlement on Willy & I think Your mentioning

It needs no excuse for what ever advice or proposals comes from You to me I shall allow
pay them due regard & shall look on them as a mark of Your esteem, I believe You'll see that
untill such time as the debts are deminished either by getting one or both of the Estates
Sold. the debts in Northamerica which amounts to upwards of £7000. Collected in
which is not likely soon to be, & other debts in this Country to amount of 10000 including
In Westmipe, or by the Sale of sundry parcels of Land, I say that untill the Debts are dem-
inished by some of these methods it will be in Vain for me to pretend to make a settlement
on Willy as I can have no fund to pay it from & therefore it ^{would} can only be nominal but
You may depend that when ever ~~it~~ my Power to do any such thing that Willy shall
have ~~the~~ settlement You shall think proper out of what is remaining I am sorry if
my answer is not so agreeable as could be wished but there is ^{no} help for it, I hope it will
not be the Cause of putting a stop to their Marriage. Please make my kindest Compl^s
to M^r Stirling & all other Friends with You & believe me to be with regard
Per his Maj^s Ship America

I Bro^r
Your^s &c^{re}
J^s

M^r William Stirling

Frontier Aug^r 27 1765

Per D^o

Dear Willy

I am favoured by Yours of June 7th of The Bell
Cap Hunter bringing the agreeable news of the safe arrival of the Charlotta but
I think that the Sugars sold very low, I fancy Your market is fallen for the Sug-
ars which I sent from here to London & which were not so good by 3rd of the 1st
& went home in the middle of Winter sold there at 8th of 1st now them that went
to Glasgow were the the very top of the crop, however as I'm sure that they were
disposed of to the best advantage I'm content. The Boulders I recd but the largest
was bracht in such way that it is entirely useless I wish You had sent the best
of the pieces of the Arrings & Edinburghs, that I might have got last Years that
settled to the Est^s. the Edin^g were very bad in the middle of the Ducis a David
Scotts Trich, I have sent to Montrop for them this Year where I'm informed that
there is a new Manufactory of them Carryngon & that they are good, Inclosed You
have a memorandum of Sundrys wanted for the Est^s & to be sent out by the Char^g
Jane Cap^t Bonmarilene who is to be at Lathond Ship here she calls at Cork & takes in
Provisions there for sundry Est^s there is You'll write to Cork for the Sundrys ment
in the memorandum which are to be got there, the Tallow must be shipped from
Scotland I'm informed that a great deal of Irish Tallow is imported into Clyde
& that there is a drawback allowed on the Exportation of it again so You will
get it pretty reasonable if that is the case the other things You'll get in Glasgow

& must desire that they may ^{be} good. will You informe Your self of the Price of Bricks a 1000
 & the Price of ^{at French} Sels, & of Lime in Irland, & lett me know it by first opportunity, my reason
 for giving You so much trouble is this I want to Build a set of Works here which will
 require a great deall of Lime & Stone to finish them the getting of which takes a great
 deall of time & Labour up & presents the Negroes from attending to the other Business of
 the Plantation, which makes the Buildings turn out dear, & I am convinced that if Bricks
 could be delivred me here at 28^s Sterling p^{r} 1000. & Lime at 12^s Sterling p^{r} Sugar hhd that
 I would save a great deal of money by it. I want also two large Butts of about 5 or 600
 English Gallons each made of Hamburgh Staves to hold Rum in, there is one Crawford at
 Greenock that makes them will You be so good as to enquire about it. Capt^r Bonnamant
 is now with me, promises to bring them out & to take care of them for me, they must be
 packt up in two bundles, each fast by itself & the Staves & heading numberd that the
 Coopers here may know to put them together again I fancy the price of each will be
 about 3 or 6; if the Sels can be delivred me here at 35^s Sterling p^{r} 1000 they will turn
 out the cheapest Covering that I can gett for my Works, to defray all the Charges of
 the memoranum You will have a Ballance ^{of} near £200 ^{standing} in Your hands of the
 Charlottas Cargo & I am now Shipping 26 hhd Sugar & 10 Punche Rum on Board the
 Charming Swan to pay Neir the Int^r of his Mortgage which is £600⁰ but I hope he
 will be content wth £500⁰ & if they sell well which they ought to do from the Bad ^{of}
 which are in generall made all over^{the} Colonies, there will be a Ballance there, of about
 £80 Sterling but in case it should turn out otherwise You may depend on being reimburs
 ed by the return of the Ship so that any rate You wont belong out of Your money, there
 is two of the Punche I intend to send they are Pine-Apple Rum, one of them for Lady Hamel
 ton & the other for Keir I wish they may prove good they are 3 a Gallⁿ clearer than the
 other & because the Rum was made stronger, all the Rum indeed is made an 8th above pro
 ce in order that it may sell the better which I wish may be the case, when ever You send
 out any things for the use of the Plantⁿ please send out also their Prices with them that
 my Acount with the Estat^e may be settled at the end of the Year and that I may know
 exactly what remittance I am to make You. the last Creef I had from Cork was from
 the Creeps one half of it Good & the other but indifferent, & very dear, it was I think 28^s
 Irish p^{r} 1000 they were recommended to me by Rob^t Gordon of Bristol I mention this to You
 in case they should be recommended to You by any of the Glasgow Merch^{ts}, that if You employ
 them You may mention to them what I now write You

M^r Robert Gordon
Sir

Frontier Aug^r 29 1766

I hope, that the 95 hhd's Sugar 70 of which were on Board
the Windsor, & 25 hhd's to 10 Punch of Rum on Board the Ozk are safe arriv'd before
this reaches You & that they are come to a good Market. (Sugars must be high untill
next Crop comes in, from the badness of this Years Crop all over our Colonys in
General) & that they have readed more than will discharge the Bills drawn on
You by me if it should prove otherwise I hope You will not ^{allow} any of them to come
back Protested as You may depend on being reimburs'd next Crop on the return
of the first Ship from Martha Brae to Bristol both for the Ballance that may
arise from a deficiency in the Sales of the Sugar & Rum to pay the Bills, & for what
the necessaries for St. John's Est^s may amount to, a memorandum of which You have
Inclosed. I am with regard

Per his^t Maj^{ty} Ship America
& the Nelly Cap^t Miller

Sir
Your most Obedient^s to
Command

M^r William Innes

Frontier Sep^r 12 1766

Inclosed I send You the Invoice ^{& Bill of Ladings} of 21 Bags of Siment
& 2 Casks of Old Copper which You'll dispose of to the Best advantage for I give
Frontier Plant Cred. for the N^t Proceeds I intend Shipping the remainder to the
Crop on Board the ^{Charlott} Cap^t ~~Richmond~~ ^{Copper} now lying at ^{Curacabasa} ~~St. John's~~ Bay, to
Adress how many ^{Casks} there will be I cant well ascertain because the Crop is not near
finished yett & the Weather uncertain but I hope they will amount to 30 hhd's Sugar &
20 Punch Rum which I dare say will come to a good Market with You as the Sugar
Crops all over Our Colonies has been very bad this Year, & the Hurricanes which
happned in the beginning of last month amongst the Windward Islands must certan
ly ad to the rise of the price of Sugars at Home, I have sent a Memorandum of

Principal Bearing Interest due Decem^r 1764... £ 56555, 17, 11/2
 Interest & Cost of Suit on ditto due do. 11, 132, 14, 7/8
 Principal not Bearing Interest due do. 13343, 9, 4 81032, 1, 4

Principal Paid in 1764.	Princip	Interest
In Chalmers	£ 1721, ..	£ 170, ..
Rich ^d Watt	606, ..	352, 7, ..
Goyn & Case	138, 16, ..	170, 14, ..
Richards & Gordon	2146, 1, 1	115, 6, 4
Zachary Bayly	131, 16, 4	18, 19, 6
George Paplay	1334, 4, 6	319, 5, 7
Daniel Sawcels	1400, ..	116, 10, ..
Samuel Johnston	2684, 16, 8	60, 8, 4/8
Isaac Desilva	1463, 11, 1/2	84, 4, 10/8
	<u>10626, 4, 7/8</u>	<u>189615, 3/8</u>
		12323, 0, 1

Principal Bearing Interest due Dec^r 1765 £ 15929, 13, 4
 Interest & C^{ost}

Principal not Bearing Interest	<u>13343, 9, 4</u>	68509, 1, 3
Severn Sparce	£ 122, 11, ..	£ 14, 16, ..
Lusada & C ^t	1000, ..	222, 16, 8
Mathew Byndlops	1500, ..	384, ..
In Cruickshanks	1792, ..	232, 4, 2
George Paplay	123, 17, ..	23, 3, ..
Walter & C ^t Ever	437, ..	57, 8, ..
MacLind & C ^t	420, 9, 3	25, 3, 3
Peter Holme	541, 13, 2	18, 1
In Cruickshanks	560, ..	103, 17, 7
	<u>6247, 10, 5</u>	<u>1014, 8, 9</u>
		7261, 14, 2

Principal Bearing Interest due Dec^r 1766 £ 39632, 2, 9
 Interest

Principal not Bearing Interest	<u>13343, 9, 4</u>	61247, 7, 1
		8221, 14, 0

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Gwyn & base. 139. 9.	170. 14.
Zachary Bayly. 441.	18. 19. 6
George Daplay. 1739.	1853

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Gwyn & base. 139. 9.	170. 14.
Zachary Bayly 441.	18. 19. 6
James Murling 490. 1. 10	583.
Jurnell & Hatcher. 124. 11.	514. 14.

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Principal Bearing Interest P^d in 1764 £17344, " 83689
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 Interest ----- 2803, " 6380, "
 Principal bearing Interest P^d 1766 6287, " "
 Interest ----- 2528, " "
 Principal not Bearing Interest P^d ----- 8875, "
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Principal Bearing Interest in 1764 £64056
 P^d Paid in 3 Years ----- 27208
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 In Chalmers ----- 6
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In Chalmers..... £1720, " "	£1890, 19, "
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Jam ^s Johnston..... 2634, 16, 8, "	2735, 8, 9
Lusada & Co..... 1000, " "	1222, 16, 8
Richards & Gordon 2146, 1, 1, "	2580, 7, 5
Watson & P..... 280, " "	336, 11, 8
Hibberds & Co..... 884, 17, 3, "	1081, 15, 10
Isaac Dislop..... 463, 11, 1, "	547, 6, "
Lusaba & Fernandes 143, " " "	182, 9, 8
Severn Sparre... 122, 11, " "	137, 7, "
Mailland & Co... 380, 12, 3, "	403, 15, 8
Waller In River... 487, " " "	544, 8, "
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Mathew Byndlops 1500, " "	1834, " "
George Pappay... 1160, " "	1574, 14, "
In Cruickshanks 2350, " "	2637, 18, 9
George Pappay... 280, " "	335, 16, 3
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Brought Over	£ 39,682, 2, 9	£ 8221, 14	£ 133,43, 9, 4
Wilson & Gregory	£ 280, ..	£ 56, 11, 3	
Hibberts & Jackson	834, 17, 3	165, 13, 7	
Lochar & Baylay	307, 13, 8		
Maulland & Co	260, 3, 2		
Maas & Co	1000, ..		
Arthur Forrest	174, 13, ..	88, 9	
Furnell & Hutcheson	2114, 10, 5	514, 14, 1	
James Sterling	490, 1, 10	583, ..	
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Principal Bearing Interest due 1766	£ 34,170, 3, 5	32241, 14, 8
Interest	6833, 1, 1	7703, 1, 7
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Sundries wanted for Frontier from Your Port which I must desire the favour of You to send
out by first Vessel to Port Maria Bay, and what ever advance You are in for them You may
depend on being reimburs'd by the return of the Ship, or some of the other Port Maria Ships
for I intend shipping most of Frontier Crop ^{near 7000} to London & to Your address if I find that the
Sugars answers the market this Year, I should be glad to know how Trade did or what the
Sells will be with You my reason for this enquiry is that the Sugar Plantations make
use of a good quantity of Oil to burn in their Boiling Houses & Mill houses during a long
time & they have no other way of being supplied ~~of~~ from North America which makes
it often come dear to them when it is dear there, & very often they are disappointed although
now if You could vend me out ~~to~~ ^{to} 2000 Barrels each of Train or Roped Oil I should
them here at ~~4~~ ^{9 1/2} this (surely I should save money) by it & have the Cost well supplied
which I desire You will please to do if it can be done at that Price, I use Oil to Charcoal
~~to~~ Frontier I am with Regard

Yours
For the Nelly Cap Miller

In

P.S.

Your most Obedt^l Servant

I believe Capt Pringle will be the first Ship which I
will come to I have sent a copy of the memorandum
to our Friend M^r Mathews desiring him to forward it to You
there is some alterations in the Inclosed, but by which You'll please
be guided, I must desire the favour of You to forward the Inclosed

M^r William Innes

Frontier Sep^r 29 1765

In

The above is Copy of a Letter for the Nelly Cap^t Phillip
Miller Inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for 21 Bags of Periments & 2
lbs of Old Copper & a Memorandum of sundry Necessaries for Frontier Plantation
This serves to acquaint You that I have now ready to Ship 24 hhd of Sugar on the
Royall Charlotte Cap^t ~~James~~ Cooper now lying at Anacabasa Bay, and as I am
uncertain how many more I shall be able to Ship I think You had better Insure
to the amount of 2500 Sterling Sugar at 15 Sterling per hhd & Rum at 10 Sterling per
& in case there should be more Casks on Board than will amount to the 2500
the Insurers are to be paid for them ^{but} if there should be fewer the Insurers then
must refund allow for what N^o of Casks are deficient I am with Regard

In

Yours &c^o

J S

M^r Rob^t Gordon

Jamaica Oct^r 1765

In

This serves to acquaint You that I have drawn a Set of Bills on You in favor of Gilt^{ts} Mathison to the Amount of £200 Ster^l which is ab^t £36 Ster^l more than what I have already drawn for & the N^o Proceeds of 95 hhd^s Sugar at £13 Ster^l p^r hhd & 10 Punch^{ts} of Rum at £12 p^r Pun^{ts} as Youll see below, which I hope Youll duly honor & in doing so Youll much Oblige In

Yours^r &c^t
J S

Sugar & Rum Shipt to M^r Gordon of Bristol 1765

To 70 hhd^s on the Windsor at £13 p^r hhd^s . . . £910. . .

25 P^{ts} on the Ark 325. . .

10 Punch^{ts} on P^{ts} £12 p^r P^{ts} . . . 320. . .

£ 1355. . .

Per the S^r James of London. Bills drawn on M^r Gordon
Cap^t Mathane

Viz Manby . . . £ 60. . .

Math^r Grant . . . 200. . .

M^r Rofs . . . 50. . .

Jam^s Naomys 150. . .

Duff & Stirling 160. . .

Gilt^{ts} Mathison 200. . .

Richards & Gordon St. G^r 8%

Old Acc^t 1764 . . . 289. 2. 10

1190. 9. 6 1/2

Ballance . . . 164. 10. 3 1/2

£ 1355. . .

Trenton Oct^r 15 1765

M^r William Surling

Dear Bro^r
P^r the charming Jean
Cap Bannatine

Inclosed I send You Invoice & Bill of Lading for 25 hhd^s of Sugar & 10 Punck of Rum the Sugars I hope will turn out better than the by Walkershaw did. the Rum is an eight above proof. two of the Punck^s I paid did the one Pine. 1 pp^{le} Rum one of them for Lady Hamilton & the other for Meur I wish they may be good, when You dispose of the Sugar & Rum Youll pay Meur the Int^r of his Mortgage which is £ Sterling out of their N^o proceeds. I hope he will be content with £ 5 pp^{le} which I have wrote him about what Ballance is remaining after paying a Small Bill of £ 7¹⁰ Sterl^g which I am Obliged to draw on You for, & which I hope Youll duly honor, will help to Purchase the Necessaries for Frontier. send the best Court of ^{say supply} ~~last~~ by first opportunity for I dont know what enterys to make in the West not knowing the cost & Charges on the Steerings Bonaburghs & Wendall Cottons

I am resolved to try Plouging at Hampden if You could gett me a good Plough that can come out here under Indentures for 3 or 4 Years I would give a good blisimⁿ Man if understande Julls method. of Farming £ 20 Ster^g a Year meat drink washing & Lodging if You can gett me such a Man there must be sundry Ploughs sent out. two Iron ones made that furrow ~~the~~ by Bull at Luth to break open the Ground. with a double mouldboard one to make the furrows to plant the cance in, & two light horse haringⁿ to weed the interstaces ~~the~~ weers^o with Oxen & the Soil is light there must be a Pair of Harrows ~~the~~ Iron tines; I believe that Man who made Our double Mouldboard Plough for us at Cadaver will make me one of that kind very well the horse haring Ploughs must be very light. Inclosed You have a letter for Melly Johnston which please to forward to her I am

Dear Willy

P.S

I have desired Cap Bannatine to bring me Yours & C^t out a Sacle & Blocks for hoisting large Timber with. If he should draw on You for money to pay for it please accept his draft what ever Ballance is due to You shall be remitted by the Ship send me some Garden seeds of all sorts 2 Oz of each kind, & some Garden pease Red & White Cabbage, Ice & Cabbage Lettuce, Savoy, Green Nale, Sprinage, Colly flower, Broochie, Turneps, Carrot Parsley of each two Oz. they must be put in to Thials & well corkt & sealed to keep them from the Air I shall want some more of my Pills from D^r Cook

M^r David Milner

Nov^r 10 1765.

Sir

I am informed by M^r Mathison if You have lodged in; Provoost Marshals Office a writ of Vendition on a Judgement you Obtained against him as Indorser of a Bill of Exch^t which was drawn by my Deid Bro^r Rob^t Stirling in his favour on Andrew Selon of London for £606, 5 Sterl^d & that you have agreed to insure him is time for the Payment of the same till the beginning of Next Crop on condition that I engage also on his behalf if this debt shall be then paid in Bills of Exch^t on Europe Great Britain as its very hard for M^r Mathison to be distressed for a debt of this kind nature I do hereby engage myself that You shall have Bills of Exch^t in payment of it so soon as Sugars can be Shipt from Hampden Est in S^t James is may serve as a fund for the payment of such Bills We commonly begin to make Sugars there at the end of Jan^y & the first Sugars that are made on y^e Est shall be applied to that purpose I am

To the Care^r of M^r M^r Lean Acc^t
Gent^r

I am informed by M^r Mathison if You are Willing to honour a deal of mine on You in favour of M^r Chalmers to the amount of £150 I have therefore drawn on You to that Amt^t which I hope Youll accept as it will pretty near Balance Acc^t to the Est of the late M^r M^r Lean & me I am

Frontier Nov^r 15 1765

Gent^r

Yours & C^{rs}

J S

M^r William Innes

Frontier Nov^r the 20th 1765

To the Abbot
Cap^t Shaffer

Sir

Inclosed I send You Invoice & Bill of Lading for 28 hhd^s Sugar & 6 Punch^s of Rum on Board the Royal Charlott Cap^t Cooper which I hope will come to a good Market You are to give Frontier Est^t Cred^t for their M^r Proceeds I expected to have Shipt 20 hhd^s & 14 Punch^s more on her to Your Adrefs but the Rains which has constantly fell^d & still continues falling put an end to making Sugar & Rum^s ^{for this month Past} to my great dis^tappointment M^r Mathison will draw on You to the amount of the Sugar & Rum I am

Yours & C^{rs}

J S

M^r Rob^t Gordon

Kingston Feb^y 22 1766

His Maj^{ty} Ship Epee

Sir

Yours of the 11 of Novem^r with the Sales of the
 Sugar & Rum of the Ark, I am vory that the Sugars were so bad but
 no help for it. The Goodness of them by the Min^{is}tor to the high price you
 for them will make up for the bad quality of the Sugars of the Ark
 as the Sugars of the Min^{is}tor were so dry & in good order I am hopfull of
 that they will at 20 ^{or} 25 ^{or} 30 ^{or} more I have there for drawn on You three
 Sets of Bills as ~~was~~ below which I hope Youll duly honour & in case
 I should exceed, the Net proceeds of the Sugars & Rum shipt you last
 Year, £200 Ster I hope that you wont refuse being so much in advance for
 me as You may depend on being reimbursd by Cap^t Trazer, by whom
 I shall ship my Sugars for Your Port I am wth regard

In favor of Gilbert Mathison £150

do 100

In favor of George Taplay & Com^{rs} 150

400 Ster at 60 days sight

Sir
Yours & Com^{rs}
G S

M^r William Innes

Sir

Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for
 15 Tons of Barbican Sugar, there was 23 intended to be Shipt on the
 Fanny but was disappointed, the other 8 will come by the Annera Cap^t
 Shilling who sailes on to W^h as the Ship is New & good Season of
 Year I dont think that there is any great occasion for Insuranc but
 act in that as your prudence shall direct the Sugars being for to pay
 of in part the last years Rent which I suppose you have already
 paid the remainder of the Sugars that are appropriated to indemne
 fy You shall be shipt as fast as they are ready I am

Sir

Our Friend G Mathison is in the Country

Yours & Com^{rs}
G S

Dear Bro^r

Your two favours I recd & am glad to find by them that all friends were well & that William had taken a Wife it will be a shocking affair if his Temper grows worse on Matrimony but I hope the young Lady will reform him I wish he had a liggall for a few months of my life in this Country to weatne his Temper a little & lett him know the troubles of the World. I observe what you say abt the Mortgage, & your remarks are Just but it cant be aliterd now I have an offer for Hampden of £12,000 which nothing prevents me from accepting of but untill I hear from you whether or not if I part wth the Estate youll be content with the present security on Hampden at £6,000 & take security from the purchaser who is on Campibell for the payments of the Mortgage in Britain when due or will have British Security for the payment in Britain if you choose the last youll only get £10,000 for the money I told Campibell that untill I heard from you ~~that~~ I could not part with the Est I believe hes going home abt the affair & I dar say will wait on you I woud advise you to insist on British security both for Principall & Int^t & have done wth Jamaica please lett me have your answer soon M^r Stirling may depend on having a Bag of Cotton shoud have sent on by Cap^t Murray but was at Bath when he sailed. Since my last to you there has been a dangerous rebellion amongst the Slaves in St^t Marys which was happily & speedily quelled in the begining before it came to any height but Gentlemen were murdered by them & some houses burnt thats all the mischief they did I wish to God I was once more amongst them that I might sleep in peace & quiet & not be afraid of losing ^{my} ones head before ~~they~~ ^{every time} as they intinded me that favour the last time they rebelled. I can see no way of getting soon from hence unless youll be good enough to open me which I think you may doe without any Retrenent to your self & its what my Dear Brother I may expect from you as a friend the way which I propose to doe it is thus for you to transfer the Mortgage from Hampden to Frontier which will enable me to pay to the Cred^{ts} £18,000 more by which means I shall only owe £10,000 to the ~~cred^{ts}~~ ^{cred^{ts}} & which sume is to be paid this way by this Year Crop of Land which will amount to near £7,000 by which means

I shall owe nothing to any Body ^{but} to You & for your Security You shall have 1400 Acres of as good Land as any in the Country 212 Six 2000 & 80 head of Stock which Composes the Frontier Est^{ate} & which Est^{ate} of properly managed & pushed is Capable of making 500 ^{Barrels} of Sugar & 1000 if you consent to this Scheme you shall have £1000 per Annum you annually untill your whole Demand is paid by which means your Demand will be as soon paid & I have the pleasure of seeing you & my Friends once more this I think you may do without hurting your own Interest I am wth regard

Dear Bro

Your most Obed^t Serv^t
Jas Stirling

M^r Bro^r Gordon

Sr

I have drawn a Set of Bills on you in favour of Malcolm Laing Esq^r of this date for £100 Sterl^{ing} at 60 days Sight which I hope you will duly honour & place to my Acc^t I thought to have had the pleasure of hearing from you ^{on} an Acc^t of Sales of Sugar of the Windsor by Cap^t Trauer who is now at North Side & on whom I shall ship 70 hhds Sugar to your adre^{ss} the Consuer will write to you for Insurance when the Windsor begins to take in Sugar I am with regard

Sr

Yours & C^o
J S

Kingston May the 5th 1766
In the Falcon Cap^t M^r Intosh

M^r Bro^r Gordon

Sr

I wrote to you from Kingston May the 5th of the Falcon Cap^t M^r Intosh via London acquainting you that I had drawn a Set of Bills for £1000 on you in favour of Malcolm Laing Esq^r Merch^{ant} in Kingston which I hope is come to hand & that you have honoured my Bills. the Goods by Trauer is come safe I understand but no Invoice or Let^{ter} to them nor any Acc^t of Sales of the Sugar of the Windsor, so far I wrote at Frontier but before I finished this Let^{ter} as intended & to send it via London was obliged to come down here where on my Arrivall

Frontier 5th May 1766

I was informed to my great grief that your most Worthy Brother & my very good Friend
M^r William Gordon was dangerously ill at M^r Jⁿ Erskines House Montego Bay, where
he ended the cares of this World the 9th Inst early in the morning lamented by all who
had the pleasure of his acquaintance, there is not one since I remember this Island that has
died it is so generally regretted, his goodness of Heart & Benevolence of Temper made him
belov'd by all I was a sorry full Spectator amongst many more of his last obsequies at
Windsor the 10 Inst I wish God rest his Soul & grant Comfort to his Friends, I would
have wrote you sooner but was taken ill the day after the funeral & has not been able
to put pen to paper before this Day I am sorry for the Melancholy part of my let-
ters what I thought my duty to mention to you although I know youd have from
other hands before this reach you

Please order Insurance on the Windsor to the Amount
of £910 Sterling at the Rate of £13 Sterl per Cash, & in case the N^o of Cashes does not
turn out so much the Insurance to be returned as the N^o of Cashes falls short & the
Insurance to be made good encase the N^o of Cashes turns out more I am wth regard

Hampden June 20. 1766
W^m the Lucia Captⁿ Glasford

In
Yours & bet^r

Arch Stirling of New Cos^d

Dear Bro^r

Your favours of Novem^r 11, 1765 ^{4 Dec^r 17} I recd the Cred^t

~~would~~ not come to any agreement whatsoever but has put me to all the trouble & expen-
ce they could, & after all they will be oblig'd to have patience for the payments of their
demands; untill one of the Est^s can be sold ~~off that that Est^s~~ to satisfy them, but if
that can't be accomplished they must wait untill the produce of the Est^s pay^{off} ~~off~~ ^{them}
Debt in the months of March & April I thought I had a fair chance of selling Sturdon
to a Gentleman who said he was empower'd by Gent^l in London to make a purchase for
them in this Island to the amount of £10,000 Ster^l if he could find an Est^s to their liking
& worth their purchasing, accordingly he takes a Tour round the Island to look out for
an Est^s at last he comes to Hampden with which he was much taken & said it was
the only Est^s he had seen in his Tour that would answer his purpose I told him it
was ~~if we could agree at the price & the Cred^t satisfied wth~~ if it was to be sold I told him
it was for Sale & that he might have it if we could agree about the price & he make
the mode of Payment agreeable to the Cred^t pay the Int^l of your Mortgage ann^l in any
part of Great Britain you should desire & when the Mortgage became due that it should
also be paid, clear of all expences, & I was to draw off my Trades Negroes, as your
Mortgage is at £6 p^{ct} I imagine that if the sale took place the £10,000 Ster^l would
immediately pay off ~~it~~ rather than continue to pay the £6 p^{ct} untill the Mortgage became due

I had a Valuation of the Est^s taken which amounted to £50,000 & shew'd it to the Gent^l
he thought it dear but People who knew the property thought otherwise however to satisfy
the Cred^t secure the payment of your demand in Great Britain, & to be an Inducement
for him to make the purchase I offer'd it for £12,000 which he agreed to & every Body
thought he had a prodigious Bargain which to be sure he had if he could have accom-
plish'd it but the payments could not be made agreeable to the Cred^t so there it dropt
I am very sorry the Mortgage is not to your liking it was drawn by the same hand who drew
the former & as for the ^{payment} Payment of it in Britain it could not be done but by the Recu^{rs}
being the Securitys for the payment of it there but you may depend that we shall take
all the care in our power to secure the payment, of your demand, at Home

It vexes me greatly that the Duke's Drum after so much pains taken with it does not give
satisfaction there was 3 dozⁿ large Pipes in one bunch & a great many Castaws in the
other, I hope the Wine turn'd out well, the £75 was a mistake, & the £2.15 was a charge
which I recd after the Bills was drawn, I shall send M^r Stirling a Bag of Cotton
by Cap Barinatyne who sails from St. Maria Williams Marriage gives me great
gives me great satisfaction & I hope the Goodness of her Disposition will amend^l
I wish I could change Quarters with him for am almost tired of this Country

where I have neither peace of mind or Body. The last Novem^r a most dangerous rebellion
broke out in St. Marys amongst the barrabantes Negroes belonging to Sunbury Plantⁿ in which
I had thirty or concerned their Plan was well laid it was thus, in the Months of June & July
which is the time of our driest weather & the light of our Crops in that Parish they then were
to begin their Operations (The Commander in Chief with all his under Officers & how they were to
act ^{being} settled & every thing agreed on) what would have been the differentⁿ the Negroes on each
Plantⁿ was to set fire ^{in the middle of it} to that which they belonged to ~~was~~ surround the Houses where the Whites
Sleep, blow the Alarm Shells call out Fire, which would make the White People turn out
in Confusion, by which means they would be easily killed & the arms on the different Pl^{ts}
with the Ammunition secured then they were to join at some place appointed for that purpose &
from thence to proceed through the parish & burn and destroy where ever they went if this plan had taken place I do only know what
would have been the consequence but however the Almighty ~~to~~ frustrate their designs, in the
manner some time at the end of Nov^r their General on Sunday had a Council called at
which two of my People, under officers were sent by Windsor, another fellow of mine, who
was to be Capⁿ of the Frontier Rebels, as Messengers & to bring him the Generals Instructions
in to their Council they had admitted very luckily for us some Corro that had been long
in the Country who were young daring Fellows & warmed with Liquor, they insisted on
fighting the Backaras (for so the term White people) that night otherwise they would dis-
cover the whole then General an Old Veteran who ought to have been hanged for being
concerned in the last Rebellion used many arguments to convince them of their rash-
ness but all to no purpose, so early ^{on} Monday morning was the time appointed for to begin
my two Fellows ^{was} dispatched away to give notice to their Capⁿ & the neighbouring Comm^{rs}
to begin their operations at the same time, proceed forward & join the General with
the forces under their Command at Whitehall a Plantⁿ about 5 miles further up the
Country than Frontier & to which the General belonged but luckily again for us
them two fellows got drunk & slept till day light in the first Plantⁿ they went to
without delivering their message by which Frontier, Albion & several other Plantⁿ <sup>ap-
pearing</sup> on which the strength of the Corro were knew nothing of their Gen^{ls} intentions, so
remained quiet, ^{and I perceived} the attack was made at Whitehall at the time appointed by setting fire
to the Trash houses & blowing the Shells, which occasioned the Overseer & the other Whites
to leave the House & goe where the fire was. M^r Beckford, to whose Daughter ^{is}
the Pl^{ts} belonged & her Bro^r saw one M^r Byndlops slept there that Night ^{when}
upon hearing the noise ~~he~~ went into the Piazza & were standing there looking at the
fire when the Negroes rushed in took possession of the House & Arms, & would force
Byndlops to pieces M^r Beckford she Jumped over the Piazza ^{calling out rebellion} to where the Corro
was standing to the other White people & Negroes that were not concerned in the affair
endeavouring to extinguish the fire, upon which ^{they} immediately look to their huts
^{to see how they}

Mr Bickford ^{they} sent off under the Care of some trusty Negro to a Plant at some Distance
& the Overseer wth the others went to the Plant ^{near} them which is ab^o 4. a mile distant
where there is a good strong house & putt them ^{they} on their guard, & after some persuasions the
Overser of Whitehall got the other Overseer wth his people to Join him with a design to go to
Whitehall wth if they could not surprize the Rebels, accordingly they went out of the house
but had not gone far before they were fired on by the Rebels from amongst the lanes which
grow on each side of the road, ^{tho} which obliged them to return to the house, but without recovering any
damage where they were no sooner enterd than they were closely besieged by the Rebels who made
several attempts to sett fire to the house & might have succeeded in their attempts at last if they
had not lost their Courage by the death of one of their most daring Leaders who was killed in one
of the Attacks, his fall, day breaking, & no Succors from the Sea Side wth quite confounded em
so that they separated, the New Negroes went into the Woods where most of them in despair killd
on another & party went out after them killd the remainder the Old Dogs returned to their
respective Plant ^{no went to work as usual} & as they acted this affair under the Cover of Night they thought that they
would not be suspected went to their work as usuall imagining that the whole blame would
be laid on them that took to the Woods, as it really was at first, for as it was in the Night
time that this affair hapned, no body but them which ^{were} conceald (& they had all taken an oath
of Secrecy & fidelity to one another) could inform against them so they thought them self secure
how many was at the Attack of ^{both} the Houses is not known or how far this Rebellion which
was quashed in the bud reached. You who I dar say is tired to this long tea will see how preca-
rious our lives & fortunes are in this Country & what good reason I have to wish to home ^{but} again
on the 11 of June last we had several most severe Shocks of an Earthquake they began ab^o
midnight & continued near three hours & on the 13th there was another Shock ab^o. Now
I shall weary Your patience no longer so conclude to my Comp^{ts} to M^r Shering & myself
and am

Hampden July 8th 1766

P^r the Orgile Cap^t Mathinshaw

Dear Bro^r

Yours most Obed^t

J.S.

Hampden July 19 1766

M^r William Stirling

Dear Brother

Your favours of Nov^r 8, Feb^r 20th & March 14th I have
receivd that by the Britania came to hand a few days agoe it seems she call'd in at York
in her way out here & was detained a long time there she would have been a good oportu-
nity to have sent my Provisions by for Frontier, the Sundry Acc^{ts} I have not time to exam-
in yett but dar say they are right, when you examine the Acc^t of Sales which I receivd from
M^r M^r Leans Executives & sent you home in June br, & if you find them right, please Debit
my Acc^t Cur^t with you with one half of the Ballance due I Wth the Whole Ballance due
to Wth S as I have receivd them Ballances & made use of them on my own Acc^t, & I should
gett Credit for 1/2 of the N^o Proceeds of what Remittances were sent home on Acc^t of Wth
I am sorry that you delayd offering the Frontier Sugars ^{to us} after the samples were shew'd but
no help for it; This is the last year which I shall ^{send} Frontier Sugars to Glasgow as I
find they dont answer that Market, therefore as the Origile Captⁿ Walkinshaw (by whom
youll receivd a Tuncheon of Rum from Pat^r Stirling) a Small Cask Sugar & a D^r Shrub
from me, if could have got any Cotton here would have sent it allso) is to be a Variation
Vessel at Montego Bay & Tort Rust by I intend trying how Hampden Sugars will
answer your Market, & youll please order out the Ploughs & Ploughman & C^o by her, send
the Ploughs & harrows out whether you gett a ploughman or not, as I have a man
here that was bred up a Farmer, & understands Ploughing & betⁿ he says, but
neverthelefs if you can engage a good one is a Boy to drive send them out by
Walkinshaw & the Sundrys mention'd in the Inclosed memorandum if to be
had in Glasgow, youll know by the Cask of Sugar which Walkinshaw brings
you how Hampden Sugars will answer your Market which please inform me
of as soon as you can the Cask weighs about 270 lb N^o when you receive it gett
weighed and Valued, the Valuation here is 28s 6d a present to M^r Stirling & the
Shrub which I wish may be good, ^{is} to you. The Sundrys of Damazone are
come to hand I believe but in what condition I know not as I have had no
particular Acc^t as yett abⁿ them youll please order Insurance to be made on
the Charming Jean for 30 hhd^s Sugar at £13 Ster^l p^r hhd & 3 Tunchⁿ Rum at 10
Ster^l p^r Tun the Rum I intend shall be very good & 1/2 Dozⁿ Pines in each Tunch
in case any of our friends should want any. The Provisions from Ireland not
coming out as expected has been a great loss & disappointment to me this Year
as I had 40 or 50 Trades Men working there for severall months past whom I
was obliged to buy Provisions at Kingston for at a great expence to feed them
with, youll please order the same Quat^r of Beef, Pache & C^o from Ireland

for Trouber next year out from the same house to be shipped on Board Capt. Hoys of the Lache-
ry Daily from London to Port Maria in S. Marys or in case of his not coming to Cork,
on any other London Vessel which Loads there for P. Maria Please send out by Walker
what the sundrys in the Inclosed memorandum the Stockings sent me out last Year
by M^r. M^r. Lowan were dear coarse, & rotten, went into holes the first wearing there was
good Madara Wine in Kingston Just now the best safest & cheapest way for my Lord Gray
to provide himself with the best Madara^{is to try to} wine March in Leith or London to write to their
Correspondent in the Madaraw to Ship a Pipe of the best London Wine on some Scots
Vessel, Loading there for the West Indies, & to return with Sugar & Rum on his Lordships A/c
which is not to be Land'd untill the Vessel returns to Scotland the Capt. must be carefull
please make my Compl^{ts} to him & Family, I am

I send out one of Robin Boyds Ploughs

Dear Willy

Yours & Co^{rs}

don't forget the Plough Irons the Wood of the Ploughs I must be well season'd & the Iron ones carefully packt up send out a good Carp^{ter}
that understands Framing & two good Masons of Walkinshaw for Hampden
if they are sober & Industrious they shant want for any encouragement

M^r. W. Rob^t. Gordon

Hampden July 22 1766

P Windsor
Capt Trauers

Sr

This serves to cover Invoice & Bill of Lading for 60
hhds Sugar on Board the Windsor Capt. Trauer & consigned to Your Adress thins
18 of them very good, the other 12 not so good, I wish them safe & to a good Market
although I hear the prices of Sugars are much fallen yett I hope these will N^o
2 1/2 Sterl^g p^r hhd as I am convinced You will use your utmost endeavors to dispose
of them to the greatest advantage, I thought to have Shipt 10 or 15 hhd more on
Windsor to Your Adress but was prevented by the Rains setting in which shord
Our crop 30 hhd Sugar & 15 Punch^l of Rum at least but no help for such things
as what Farmers every where must expect. It would have given me great sat-
faction if you had sent me out my last years A/c Cur^{ts} for by it my drawings
You would have ^{been} regulated & if I have or shall overdraw on You to your amount
of 2 or 300 Sterl^g I hope You wont allow any of Bills to be returned as you may de-
pend on being reimburs^t next Crop & as its owing to Your self if such a thing happ^s
for I would not willingly overdraw on You without your consent. Inclosed you
have a Memorandum of Sundrys for the use of the Est^{le} the Beepe & Casidles was
amongst the worst that ever came to the Island the Bus Barrels packt in
large p^{ts} of board meat full of great Bones, & the Candles its a great difficulty

can get them to Biron Cap^t Frazer, ^{will inform you} what sort of stuff they are the Barley is
also very Independent of its kind, the two Iron Boilers mentioned in the memoran-
dum must be very good, the best place for getting such Boilers I am told is some-
where in Wales the name of the Place is out of my memory at present but it
ends in Dale which please enquire for & get them from thence if You can but if
it is not to be done get them some where else I have given Cap^t Frazer an Order on
You for his freight Bill £21, 15 which please accept I am

I
I have drawn on You in favor of M^r George Richards Yours & C^{rs}
March In Kingston for £22, 16, 8 Sh^s which please
Honor J Stirling

M^r William Innes

Sir

Hampden July 23 1766

Your favor of March 15 with Invoice & Bill of Lading
of the Mouths & Plates of Cap^t Millar I recd. every thing by Cap^t Fortescue
came safe, but some of them he carried to Martha Brae with him they being in
the Bottom of the Hould, so could not be landed at P^r Maria but what was
wont of it was that they were the things most immediately wanted at Frontin
& they could not be got from M^r Brae till after Cap^t Fortescue sailed for
England indeed I believe the Lead is here still, the Judgion was too short
& the Cage too long, I hope the Sugars ^{& Sugar} of the Charlottes came safe to hand & to
pretty good Market, this Inclosed you have a memorandum of Sundry necessa-
ries for Hampden which please send out at first Opportunity if any of your
Cap^s of the Ships that Loads in S^t James who You are acquainted with ^{is}
going to Gibraltar or any other P^r in Spain before they return here I would be
much Obliged to you if You would speak to him to bring me a good large proof
Sack of so from thence, he is fit to Cover Mares to Breed Mules, & if he is large &
answers that purpose I will give for him to the Cap^t £100 or 50 Sterl^g. I am

I

Yours & C^{rs}
J Stirling

Frontier St Marys Sep^r 5 1766

Dear Willy

Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for 30 hhd's Sugar & three
Punchons of Fine Rum which I wish to a good Market, and also a memorandum
of sundrys for Frontier of Cap^t Barnaby to be deliver'd at Port Maria, & if
of the Tartan comes out cheap I will have all my Negroes decked with it as it
will help to encourage our own Woollen Manufactory, instead of Sackets make
a sort of Short Coats which I dont imagine will stand with the Philadelphia about
the Tartan must be strong & the cloaths well shewed that they may last two years, the
Herdial Cottons which came out last dont keep the Colour they turn purple & the
white in a few days wearing, no Shovells as mention'd in the Invoice, which
is a great disappointment as I have a great deal of trenching this year on hand
there is not any Trap seeds but that is no loss the Garden Seeds mostly bad none of
them good but the Turneps & Cabbage, the things from Ireland order to be shipped on
Cap^t Hoze from London for Port Maria, last year I wanted twenty hhd's Beef but
only got two, two L^d Park, & 4 firkins Butter, please send out for Stamford 4 Bottles
of Catchup by Cap^t Walkinshaw, Cotton none to be had this year owing to my being
benfined nine Weeks with the Court, & the Person on whom I rely'd disappointing me
but you may depend on having next year which please acquaint Hur with, to
whom you'll please pay three hundred pounds Sterling, the Int^l of the money due
him, I shal draw on you for £100 Sterl^g which I hope you'll punctually honor as you
have money of mine in your hands. There is several Gentlemen and Mrs Parish who
wants to have a Glasgow Ship come ~~there~~ to their Port with necessaries for their Est
such as Herrings, Edinbur, Nails, Bulls, hoes, Linen & C^l but being unacquaint
ted with any of your Merch^{ts} in Glasgow I was oblig'd to recommend one to them
I did not care to do, as am unacquainted wth them myself, if you know any Merch^{ts}
who has a mind to be concerned with thes^e Mrs Planters, & that you can recom
mend me know in your next & I will send you a list of the Planters that want
Supplys & which of them are to be trusted, please make my Compliments to Mr
Stirling & all friends with you I am with sincerity

D Willy

There's a mistake in adding up the sume in the Invoice your most Oly Bro^r
of £10 to your disadvantage you'll please open an Acc^t for Frontier Est for your
Credit for all the Sugar & Rum you have recd & Deb^t it with all the Receipts
sent out & with what you pay them you'll deb^t my own Acc^t with you
for the Bills I drew on you last year in fav^r of Mr Stiller & with them
Drawn this in fav^r of Mrs Parishes keep the Frontier Acc^t by themselves

James Stirling

William Innes Esq^r

Frontier Sep^r 7 1766

Sir

Inclosed You have Invoice & Bill of Lading for 10 hhd^s Sugar on Board the Nelly Cap^t Phillip Miller to your Adress, which I wish to a good Market. the Ship being Good, & only 10 hhd^s on board of her I thought it was not worth while to write for Insurance, this Crop has turned out worse in this Parish than last years, but if the Weather continues favorable a few weeks longer I hope to Ship 20 or 30 hhd^s more to your Adress by the end of Nov^r. You have also inclosed a memorandum of Sundries wanted for Frontier which please send out by first Vessel for Port Maria you'll also please send me out on my Own Acc^t a Light Carrabin with a Keyen in the Butt end, the Barrel Saps, & a Bullet mould for it, at all 5, 5 Shill^s Value a Powder Flask, & a Silver mounted hanger with a Belt to ride with. the Caprosses which came out in Cap^t Fortiscue are a great deal to soft I have therefor sent 12 of them back in the Nelly to be new pointed & hardened which please direct about both for them & those mentioned in the memorandum that they may be well hardened for if they are not the worst be of any service, the Mill Case which came out at the same time being much longer than mentioned in the memo makes of no service to me if the maker would sack it for one of those now wrote for it should be sent home next year I hope care will be taken that the Mill Work answers the directions

I am S^r

Your most Oble Serv^t
J. Stirling

Frontier Nov^r 3^d 1766

William Innes Esq^r

The above is copy of Letter of the Nelly Cap^t Miller who Sailed from here the 8th of Sep^r but is still of the Island if this reaches you before him please make Insurance on him to the amount of £130 Shill^s. Inclosed You have Invoice & Bills of Lading for 20 hhd^s Sugar on the Royall Charlot Cap^t Cooper which I wish safe to hand & a good Market as the Stormy Weather amongst the Windward Islands must have damaged their Cargoes very much am hopeful Sugars will rise againe shall ship you 10 or 12 hhd^s by a Ship coming round from Kingstons to Land here her Name have not learned but have desired M^r Mathison to Write you for Insurance on her 113 Shill^s & 6 p^{ts}. You have the ~~directions~~ of a Mill Brass please send out two

two the metal which they are made of must be hard Jam

Ser

Your most Obedient
James Stirling

M^r Rob^t Gordon

Ser

Since my last to You which was in July from Brax
pdr, Yours Inclosing my Rec^d Com^t Treced which is not yett examin^d
by my not being in Town since last May, but I dare say its right
I hope the Sugars of the Windsor will come to a good Market as this Island
has fallen so short of their expectations & the Windward Islands have suff
ered greatly by Stormy Weather for which reasons I imagine that Sugars
must rise & dare venture to say that Crops with ^{not so much} ~~as~~ will fall short as there
has been much bad weather in several parts here I have drawn severall
Bills on You which I hope Youll duly honor & what ever Balance may
be due You may depend on being thankfully reimbursed next Crop the Bills
are undermenthand I am^{ly} regard

Ser

Your most Obedient
James Stirling
Frontier Nov 3 1766

July M^r George Richards £221. 16. 8

Aug^t M^r Gilbert Mathison 200. --

Sept 18 M^r George Ogilvie 196. --

Sept M^r Gil Mathison 100. --

Nov 7 9^o 100. --

my bill on you in fav^r of Isaac 21. 15. --

839 11. 8

60 hhd^s Sugar I hope at
£15 p^r hhd £900. --

have the last Last

Jamaica March 5th 1767

I am sorry that the first Occasion of my writing to you should be to inform you of the Death of your Relation & my Oldest Acquaintance ^{in this Island} Mr John Weirmyffe ^{who} Died the 17 of Oct^r last ~~Year~~. I must beg of a Polyplus he had all the Assistance this part of the Country could afford but to no purpose he was sensible when first taken sick that he should never recover that fit of sickness & accordingly prepared himself for that Change which we must all ^{undergo} his disorder was without pain and ^{was} sensible to the last moment his remains ^{was} decently Interred on his Own Est^{ty} by Mr Patrick Stirling (being in another part of the Island 100 miles off) my intimate Acquaintance of his, one for whom he had a great regard & is left one of his Exec^{rs} as you'll see by the Will a Copy of which you have inclosed with a brief State of his Debts & property, when ever a Just Stat^{em} can be ~~made~~ ^{made} out which wont be easily accomplished as he never kept any Books without a great deal of time & trouble, it shall be transmitted to you, none of the Exec^{rs} has Qualified yett, but Mr Patrick Stirling intends doing it soon, as for myself who am another of the Exec^{rs} I must be excused from Acting having more intricate Business of my Own than I can well manage, the two other ^{Gent^l} Exec^{rs} who will write you soon are Gent^l of undoubted good Characters & who will ^{do} all the Justice in their Power Mr Stirling has taken the management of the Est^{ty} ^{disposing of the produce & paying off of the Debts} under his direction being ^{the} a ^{planner & Learning} Just by it. Mr Cleland I hope will take the direction of the Law affairs ^{in this Island} ^{in case he being} well versed in the management of the Law ^{in Courts here} ^{in Chancery} ^{in Common} & in Chancery, so I think Mr Weirmyffe could not have left the direction of his affairs in better hands, & as your one of the Ca^{ts} & Residuary Legatee & Desave you'll have occasion to appoint Attorneys to Act for you in this Island if my Advice may be taken it would be for to send out your Power of Attorney to the above mentioned Gent^l to act for you here. I must ask pardon for not writing to you immediately on your Cousins Death & hope you'll excuse me when I tell you that it was intirely owing to the multiplicity of my Own affairs & not out of any disrespect to you or my de^r worthy friend I am with regard

Su

Your most Obedt Serv^t

Gentlemen

Jamaica Hampden May 1. 1787

Being Obliged to leave this Island on Ac^t of my health
must beg the favour of You to take the management of ^{my Affairs} ~~them~~ under Your
directions & for which reason have left You a full power of Attorney to act
under; I think I ought to have £500 Sterling ^{from my Dec^r Bro^r Ed^d}
Hampden & Frontier £300 of Ann my Anny & £200 of Ann for the rent of
87 Negroes purchased by me from the Marshalls 83 of which are now on
the Frontier & 4 on Hampden the Sugars I would ^{have} them shipped to Glasgow
on half from Frontier & the Other 1/2 from Hampden, as to the management
of my Dec^r affairs I need not say any thing about them as Mr Patrick
Stirling who is a Planter will undertake the direction of the Planting
Int^l and Mess^{rs} Laing & Mathison ^{the} that of the other Affairs I am with
great regard

P.S. what things comes from England or Dear Sirs
Scotland on my own Ac^t please dispose
of for my Advantage accepting some Wine
which I expect from Glasgow that if good
please drink. ~~at~~ the best from my Female
Correspondents please send the home to me those from my Bro^r open & if In
M^r Leans Ac^t which were settled by his Exec^r wth me are in them send the
Ac^t home

To Mess^{rs} Laing Mathison & Stirling

Mr Gull Mathison

London Sep 29 1767

Dear Sir

Your favour of June the 29th I recd. when at the Hot Wells where
I saw Mark Davis who is very impatient for a payment. I think
he was to have had a Remittance made to him this Year of £200 bhd
in case there is none, for Gods sake remit him the whole next Year as
his cause is hard for most of the Ballance due him was Cash paid out
of his pocket. I find there is a Ballance due to Rob Gordon of £331.17.6
I hope you have not drawn to the full amount of the goods Consigned
if the Sugars which was first Shipt from Hampden had come to Bris-
tol in place of London there would have been again of ^{to 14} £1000
which is a great deal being upwards of £230 Sterl on 100 bhd at 13⁶ ea
by which you may plainly see the disadvantage of being mo⁵re exp⁵
to one Marketh & that for 4 years past the worst in Brittain. The
Bristol people has this year purchased 2000 bhd of Sugar to send
London at 14⁶ ea ^{lower} cheaper than the Bristol market to supply their
Demand. Mr Innes will be upwards of £4000 Sterl in advance for the
Est⁵ this Year for which we much obliged to him; its a great sum of m⁵
& untill its paid Mr Innes will with a great deal of Justice respect
the Consignment of most of the produce therefore must beg you not
to overdraw on him any more but rather losing the Dist. your getting
Duth to build the Bowling & dancing House pleases me much, the time for
them I had later advised me ready & you may remember that Orisk was sent to
Frontier to make time long to bring it home before I left Kingston but so y⁵
time cant be wanting. I have not seen or heard from Sir Jam Murray since my
coming home as he left Bath & went to Scotland much about that time therefor
has had no Conversation wth him about his affairs but from what Mr Innes says
he must be of a very suspicious nature and very much afraid of being im-
posed on in the sale of the Estate therefore I think it will be better after laying before him
a full state of the affair not to mention any thing about making a Purchase of
the Estate from him but give him ^{leave} to consult with his Friends what he is to do
whether to sell or raise money to pay ~~of~~ the Debts if he asks my Opinion I
advise him by all means to sell if he cant raise money sufficient to pay of the
most pressing Demands & come with me to Stirling in the Fall if he will do
that I think it would be for your advantage to purchase when sold by a decree
of the Chan⁵. Our friend Mr Murray who is now in Scotland asked me on day

about Memy's Estate & said he had heard that I intended purchasing it for £10
I told ^{him} that I never had any such intention but by a letter which I had from M^r Lasong I
understood that a Friend of his whose name he did not mention intended to make a
Purchase of some Ships from Kingston but not a scrape from you I am

I hope you have discharged my Bond to M^r Graham & yours & mine ^{to London} & M^r S^r
to Gusteris, as also my note to M^r Treble & Bond to Lunine, should be glad yours & C^o
I hear how Grant the Mill Wrights affair was settled pray dont neglect J^r Stirling
binding over a state of Glendaloch with us a state of my Bro^r demands against Suchel & then
affairs of the Kibetta to M^r Innes, & an list of the payments made to the Jugerment (God know
you have settled to M^r Rob^t Graham & M^r Senclare) to me. I suppose you have enquired at
M^r Wallace ab^t Crawford's Bond

Dear Patrick

London Sep 29 1767

Your two favours of June 12 & 25. I recd, the Sugars of the Hancock
brought down M^r Band refused to receive as he had no Bills Lading or any advice at
them but what I he had from Brown who I think has not behaved well you may
mind him next year, but if you had delivered the Sugars to M^r Michen at 25/6
as a payment to Banco & Southbert you ought to have taken M^r Michen's receipt
for them & left him to settle wth Brown about the Bills of Lading, however M^r
James is to sell the Sugar & pay the great proceeds to Banco they weigh from 14 to 15
and M^r Innes expects 33/ for them which if he does we shan't lose by them, the
Sugars by Fortescue does not weigh much about 11 neat so they won't clear about 13
the 23 punchion lost 200 Gallons by leakage the Punchions was very bad & the 14
very light you must make them larger neat crop & the Punch lighter, I am surpris^d
at the prodigious growth of the Corn & Banco and am hopeful that ploughing will
answer wth Hampden very well I wish you had mention'd something about the Turn^{to}
& C^o & if you think any of them will answer the trouble & expence of sowing them
I find by M^r Mathisons Letter to me of June 29 that you & he
had agreed to Duthie to build the Diling & burning houses at Frontier for 11/3
perch which am very well pleas'd with, there is a new invented Mill for grinding Banco
in agitation Just now its to go by fire only & to do as much execution as a Windmill
& a little mill the fuel which serves the mill boles of the crop also, most People here
that I have convers'd wth ab^t it think that it will answer J^r Alca^r Grant I am inform^d
has order'd two out of which if it does it will be a fine affair, shall if possible get them
if you mention wth out to you, Sir James Memy went down from Bath to
Scotland wth ab^t the time of my coming Home so that I have neither seen
or heard from him & consequently know nothing of his Intentions but by

what M^r Innes says of him he must be a very suspicious Man & is afraid of being
cheated. M^r William Murray has some thoughts of making a Purchase thereof & has our
Friend Gilbert. but I am thinking that if M^r Murray is in earnest about it that he will be the
Man as his money is ready M^r Mathison writes to M^r Innes that one Pied Attorney to Baillies
Intends filing a Bill in Chancery against S^r James Murnys & the other Executors of S^r W^m to bring
the Est^{ts} to sale for the payment of Baillies Mortgage & he thinks that S^r James & I ought to
Join in it for the payment of my Bro^r debt, unless S^r James can raise money enough to pay
off the most pressing demands against the Estate, one of which S^r James ought to do in my opi-
nion; when I was at Bristol M^r Nisford was talking to me about his demand against M^r's
Estate I told him that you was Acting Exec^r and that I should write to you about it you
& get it discharged neat bro^{ts} which you'd endeavor to do; I wish wth all my heart that the
Sugars which came home in Fortescue & others had gone to Bristol for there they would have
sold from 3/6 to 4/ of the weight higher than here which makes a great difference in 300th
but M^r Mathison has so entangled the Est^{ts} wth M^r Innes by overdrawing on him to the amount
of 24000 Sterling which is a great Sum to be in advance & much more than M^r Innes likes
to be however until this debt is paid M^r Innes will with great Justice expect the Consign-
ments of most of the produce to be sent to him by which means we are confined to the London
market the worst for these last 5 Years in England & thereby deprived of the advantage of trying
the other Markets this I have mention'd to G^r M. there was a payment to have been made this bro^{ts}
to Mark Davies in Bristol which am much afraid has not been done you must send him 100
20 hhd^s Sugar neat bro^{ts} without fail even although there shall be a payment this year made
to him his case is some what different from most of the other bro^{ts} as the Balance due
to him was cash paid out of his pocket to discharge a debt due by my Bro^r to some
Merch^t in Bristol as may be seen by his letter book, let me know if you ever mention'd to
M^r Innes ab the Commissions and his answer I shall set out for Scotland soon I wish you
well and am

Dear Patrick

Y^{rs} & Co^r pro
J Stirling

Gilbert Mathison Esq^r

Monk Regg Jan^y 21 1768

Dear Sir

I am assur'd to yours of Sep^r 9th & Oct^r 18 with sundry papers in it, that of the 8 never came to hand. I wrote to you from London Sep^r 29 which I hope you have recd. In the list of Debts you make no mention of Strangways which is near £8000. or M^r Innes which is about £4000 Ster^l & James Stirling his settdown £700, less than the Acc^t which you settled with him in May or June last which Sums put together makes up wards of £9000 Jamaica Curr^{nt}. I do assure you that I would have no scruple in waiving the Payment of the Admiralty affair if it possibly could be done. James Stirling has been very pressing on me to grant him my Bonds for the payment of his demand in 6 years which I think is a very kind offer, but as I found by my Calculation of the Debts upwards of £6000 including my Bro^r Still due & not knowing what engagements you Gen^l might have enterd into since I left you I refused Complying to it untill such time as I could hear from you & be assur'd that I should be enabled by regular Remittances being made me to pay off the Annual Bonds without being distressed my self on that Acc^t which you'll please let me know if I may safely do. I am to give him my Bond for the payment of the Interest which is £120 Sterling so I hope you'll make me Remittance by the Glasgow Ship from it on legs way to discharge that. Maiden Sugars sold at Glasgow for 38s 6 & I hope the Frontier Sugars will come to a good market; as there's a stop put to the distilling of Graine in Great Britain its suppos'd that Sugars will keep up, I fancy the Bill in Chancery against Miss Bechford is not yett determin'd otherwise you would have mention'd it. I have wrote to M^r Innes to speak to M^r Lascelles & see to gett him to accept of the payments you propos'd of 4 years if possible & allow to make an Inquiry into that affair of the Nesbetts if he thought any thing could be made of it. I hope you have made some enquiry about that Bond of M^r Crauford, & that something will be recorderd from M^r Pinnock, how have you settled with Sarah Morris as to y^r Silver plate & Nanceys Childs. I have no Note of the Debts due & shall be Oblig'd to you for One. As to them two Gentleman Taylor & Grathame am much Oblig'd to them but hopes their Schemes will be presented by your Vigilence. I am now endeavoring to Borrow £12000 Ster^l for 8 years, & I believe it may done at 4% if a certain Gent^l can be perswaded to come in the Security to me but am much afraid of his refusing it, however in Case he should comply I should be glad that the title to Frontiers was got & that Lease of Mellys reduced & a Copy of the deeds sent over to me with any other papers which you think may be necessary to convince him that he runs no risque by joining in the Security this money if I can borrow it is not from Merch^{ts} so shall not be confin'd to any One Mart wth the produce

I am glads you have gotte the Start of Baillies Attorney in getting Prior Judgements against Weemyss Estate. some time after I came down here which was in Oct^r I saw Sir James Weemyss & had several Conversations with him about his Jamaica affairs he was very undetermin'd what to do but I could plainly see that he would willingly keep the last

to pay of the debts of his friends would advance him a sum of money which I dont know
but they may do as they have money enough amongst them I told him the absolute necessity
of his coming to a determination of either keeping or selling it for that the debts were very
pressing & must soon be paid I begg of him at our last meeting it was at the 16 Dec^r when
he was on his way to London to meet & consult wth his Friends there, to lett me know his last
determination which he promised to do but have not heard from him since I fancy the bad
Weather which has been ever since prevents his friends from being in London. I also told
^{James} that if he could gett his friends to act was resolved to keep the Estate & pay off the debts
by the Assistance of his Friends I believed that a way might be fallen on to make the payment
of our demand easy to himself & agreeable to us which was by applying to People in y^e B^o
who had demands against my Bro^r Estate of whom there was several I dont say would
be very glad to change their security on a Jamaica Property for a landed security in y^e B^o &
give along time of Payment. if he could discharge the demands by taking up the debts
of my Bro^r to that amount the payment would be easy to himself & agreeable to us, but in
case he declined keeping of it I desired him to lett me know before he made any bargain
about the sale of it which I hope he will do, if this should be the case I shall then make
him y^e offer which I think is enough, but in case he should insist on ready money I hope
you have wrote to M^r James on that head, please make my ^{comf} to the Doc^r & Walter Murray who
Father I have not seen since my coming down & since I have been confined all the time to
this place to the Lord & Com^d I am glad that Downers is an agreeable purchase for M^r M
Wishing you & all my other Friends the Compl^t of the Season I remain

Dear Sir

I have wrote to M^r James to write to the Mademoiselle for
a paper of the best London Wine for me & sent to your care when
it come please direct it to Glasgow to my Bro^r Welles care at
Calder. M^r James thinks us needless to speak to the Nicobeths without having the Invoices
sent them & to M^r Andrew Seton & altes an Acc^t of Sales from both which youll please send to
M^r James by first opportunity to a State of Touchets affair, is in value to speak to M^r Lassells
at his affair unless I could give him security for performing the agreement which I cant do

Yours & C^{rs}
J. Sterling

M^r Patrick Stirling

Monk Rigg Jan 20 1768

Dear Pat

Yours of July the 15 I recd. am glad the things from Glasgow came safe & were in good order the Sugars on Walkinshaw sold at 38/6 which was a good price & we imagined that they will keep up as thus a stop put to the distilling of Grain by an Act of Parliament which I wish may never be repeated untill all our debts are paid off. the Weather which you complain of has been universal I believe for such continued rains, was never known in last years, in G^r Britain. I wrote to ^{you} from London Sep^r 29 which I hope you have recd it was by Laird. I have not seen him yett having been confin'd here ever since Oct^r to the Cough, Gravel & bad weather its now very bad & the ground intirely cover'd wth Snow, I also wrote to you by Cap^t Robinson some time in Aug^t I think acquainting you wth hisers desire that you might take your own time of paying your Debt^s but he expected, & I think he meant to be made for the discharging the Mortgage Interest which I hope you will do. as also mine, I am much afraid that the debts will never be paid unless by selling the Lot for by M^r Mathisons List of Judgement debts exclusive of my Bro^s the Admiralty Affairs & sundry small demands, to the Securitys, made up to Oct^r last they amount to upwards of £46,000. I am surpris'd but by my Calculation including every thing excepting the Securitys & the Admiralty demands, I make them near £65,000. £20,000 of which bearing 6% Int^r & what to discharge this prodigious Sum besides the Ann^{ty} produce why not above £10,000 debt, & some Land, & when the one will be p^d & the other sold God only knows, so you may Judge if the produce not exceeding £7,000. of Ann^{ty} will soon discharge such a load, without some help once I could gett £10 or 12,000 Sterling here at 12% Int^r for 6 or 8 years if my Bro^s would come in the Security to me which I much doubt, but he shall be fairly try'd, & if it succeeds it will be a great help to ~~make~~ things easy. In Jam^s Wemyss would willingly keep the Estate & pay off the debts which I don't ^{know} but he may do by the Assistance of his friends who are money'd people he is now at London consulting wth them what to be done, & is to write to you, from there, his determination; if he pays off the debts & keeps the Estate you must Act for him if he applies to you for y^e purpose, as his Nephew J^m Marys Seton is imagin'd to a first course of mind & on all like likelihood will be his Heir I imagine the Sugars to pay the Mortgage Interest & me must be all ship'd this year from Hampden as also some to discharge my Bond which I am to give to J^m Stirling for the payment of his Interest due wth £120 Sterl^g untill his principal be discharged; it being doubtful if any Glasgow vessel will go to J^m Marys this crop. I hope so or be ship'd at least will also be ship'd to J^m Gordon of Bristol by Cap^t Traver, those sent their last crop ^{was} 17 q^{rs} of the & the Rum £10 q^{rs} of Bunch which was very well I am to give my Bond bearing Int^r & payable in three years to Mark Davie for his demand but that need not hinder a small remitt^{ance} being made to him this crop. the Swely sailed the 12 of Dec^r but no Jack Apus or Station for what reasons Cap^t Fortescue I suppose will inform you, am very sorry that his conduct has been such

as to displease M^r Jones so as made him write to me that Fortescue had done nothing right
You must speak roundly to him no servants of any sort to be got. Please to buy as much Sugar
as will fill a Flour Butt wth good Clayed Sugar make me 20 Gall^s of Cassia & 40 Gall^s Pineapples
make them both very rich of the juice & a Pin of plain Brim from the 20th 1/2th I dare mark them
18 and consign them to my Dr^r Willy send me also 3 or 4 B^s of Guinea Grass seeds. please my
Comps^s to all friends to you, wishing you & them the Comps^s of the Season I remain

I should you may Buy as many Mares as will amount
to £100 Ster^l which is to be charged out of my £500 you know
mark them 18

Dear Patrick

Yours & C^{are}
Ja^s Stirling

Malcolm Laing Esq^r

Dear Sir

Monk Legg Jan^y 26 1763

I was p^{er} favor^d wth yours of Sep^r 28 which give me great pleasure
Our friend W^m Murray I have not had the pleasure of seeing him since my coming to
this Country which was in Octo^r owing to my being confin^d with the Gout, Gravel & bad
weather ever since, when I saw him in London he was longing much after the flesh P^{er} of
Jamaica & intended then to set out for thence this ensuing Octo^r but whether he continues in
the same way of thinking I know not am glad to hear by M^r Matheson that Walter Murray
has lighted on a good purchase for him which will hasten him over I suppose, I wish he may
find his speech there for I am told that his dumb here, I must confess that there is not that
freedom here which is so agreeable to our Libertine way of acting in Jamaica but that owing
to the Men being more in company wth the fair Sex here which is a pleasure far superior to any
of Ours in Jamaica, no doubt but there are wth you a great many worthy People but you have all
so your selfish greedy interested heat too & who some who under pretence of generosity act wth
an intention to deceive, there's good & bad every where, I heard of no such thing as Do^r Gordon's
word to you at Albion's Eden & I saw the Elector of Hannover, who managed that affair for
the Concession, since Gordon left England, & he told me no such thing, I was informed by a friend
who saw Alexander (answer to the Chancery Bill that he has cleared himself & thrown all the
blame on his Namesake, Our friend J^m Lindsay was disappointed in his Election & Geo^r Johnston
is endeavoring hard to get a seat in Parl^t what will be his Success I know not he is thundering
away in the India House against Lord B^live & his measures & expects to be Thundering P^{er} in
the Senate next Sessions, where all his future hopes of greatness are centered

I recd a letter from M^r Matheson inclosing a list of Debts which amounts to upwards of £26,000
exclusive of my Bro^r's demands, the Admiralty affair & some small demands not worth naming
he says that the Bro^r's are very pressing & especially M^r Graham & Taylor who Acc^t for Captⁿ M^r
Lean in that affair of M^r Lauchland they have been endeavoring to persuade some of the Princi-
pall Cr^d's to file a Bill in Chancery to bring the Est^t to a Sale but was refused & it is very
Convenient for L^d R^y I think M^r Graham has no right to act in that manner Considering that
his indebted a large sum to my Bro^r's Est^t & has allow^d declin^d coming to a Settlement he has all
so been offer^d to ~~have~~ take up M^r Lean's demand, by discharging his own Debt to the Est^t of B & de-
versing his, M^r Douglas, & M^r Gordons Joint & several Bond & paying the Ball if any due & under
writing. I am now endeavoring to borrow £12,000 here which I think might be had at 4½% p^{er} C^t
for 6 or 8 years if a friend of mine would come in the security to me if I dont succeed here shall
then try my Interest in London which I would not willing^{ly} do if it could be by any means advi-
ed, for by Borrowing money from Merch^t you are confin^d to them & prevent^d from taking
advantage of your produce selling higher at other markets than theirs which is often a great
v if that fails me altho I shall then embrace the offer of one who has already laid me under so
many Obligations that I am afraid it will never be in my power to return them, let me hear from
you I am wth great esteem

Bel my kind compl^{ts} to all friends to you

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t Friend &c
James Stirling

Sir

Yours of Feb^y 10th I reced & am very that I had not the pleasure of seeing
you when I was in London that we might have settled the affair. since my coming here
I reced two States of the Debt to Mess^{rs} LaFolles & Maxwell one as made out by Rowan &
Murray who insisted on deducting £50 Sterling for the Starois Commission on the 1st Nov
Serj Bill & on having also the advantage of the Reexchange Int^r & C^t on that Bill by
means of which they would have another Commission on the 1st Bill for their own
benefit on the 1st Bill to the accumulated Charges on it. The other is as Stated by my Bro
Rob^t who gave the Starois that Bill at their pressing & solicitation & tho he had
not effects in M^r Setons hands was in expectation from Setons Sons that he might probab
ly pay it, & had taken a conditional receipt from Mess^{rs} Starois for the Bill not desiring
to have Credit for it untill paid. I also received a Letter from my Bro to you of the 30th Decr 1763
which not having been forwarded before he was seized wth his last Sickness, was found
after his death, enclosing a Bill of each^o of M^r Laings on M^r Pirrie for £511. 15. 2. The
Mess^{rs} Rowan & Murray had refused this Bill & had brought Actions against my Bro
a few days before his Death on both the Bond & the Bill the Bill therefor was returned
to M^r Laing who as one of my Bro^s Exec^{rs} had a right to demand it from M^r Mathison
another of the Executors & who had the Bill in his hand. In Oct^r 1766 Mess^{rs} Thomas &
Will^m Starvie applyed to M^r Mathison who told them of Mess^{rs} Rowan & Murrays
having refused to take M^r Laings Bill not that they had any doubt of its being good, but
because my Bro^s would not agree to a Settlement in their manner ^{of Making it} which he thought
unjust. & M^r Mathison offered to come to a fair & amicable Settlement wth them to pay
up the Debts in 3 Years viz^t 1st year ¹⁷⁶⁷ 1/3 ^{2^d year} 1/3 ^{3^d year} 1/3 & the Ballance the year after, but
M^r Starvie declined coming to any Settlement & insisted on having a large paym^{nt}
immediatly which then ^{was} impossible to be done, I hope Sir you will be more favorable
& accept of M^r Mathisons proposals & take your payments in London which if you
will do I shall write to M^r Gilbert Mathison & Patrick Stirling two Decring Letters
to pay off your demand in 3 Years viz^t 1/3 this year, 1/3 in the next & the Ballance
but if you would grant the term of 4 Years for the payment I should be obliged to you
as there are many of the Cred^{rs} who are in distress circumstances & cant well be
long without their money therefor would willingly discharge their demand if
I cant help thinking but that your demand is perfectly secured by having a
Charge on the Estate for a part wth a Judgment for the other the Estates are in
good Order & I hope will produce this Year 400 hhd^s of Sugar & be increasung for
some Years as one of them is in its Infancy & very improvable. I am therefore

hopefull that the Debt which amounts to £5000. will be discharged in 5 Years
as all the Produce is made use of for that purpose excepting what is disposed off
to pay the Contingent charges of the Est^o & the Turn with the produce of a Pen
Colonny to ⁴ 8thth will be more sufficient to do that so there will be 100 hds of Sugar p^{ann}
with £ 12000 Jamaica Currency of good Debt due to the Est^o to pay off the £
5000

Writ Feb 25 1768

Daniel Lascelles Esq^r

Gilbert Mathison Esq^r

Dear Sir

I wrote to you Jan^y 2^d via London which I hope you will receive in due time since which I reced a letter from M^r Lascelles wanting to know why no payments of either principall or Interest had been made to him, when he may expect any & what security I would give him in London for the payment of his demand in a certain time if he would ^{not} distress the Estate in answer I wrote to him that paragrafe of your letter to me of Oct^r 18 & made the same ^{to} him as you say you made the same & to know if he would receive his payments in London at 3 equal payments viz^t 1st in 1768 & the last in 1770 which I hope he will agree to & if ^{he} does I must begg your private atty in making him remittances, I have come to an agreement wth Mr Sterling to pay him his Interest regularly untill the principall is paid off & he is not to distress the Estate the payments to be made in coin so there must be a few more shillings sent to Glasgow on that acct. I hope you'll send me as soon as possible ^{your} last years acct of the Produce of the Estates & how disposed of & of the expence acct (unt^d with the Estates please be very particular & minute in the acct as my Bro^r will want a sight of it, I believe he will be induced to Joine with me in the Security for the sum of £10 or 12000 Sterling for 5 or 6 years if its absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Estate to borrow such a sum & if there is a certainty of the Estate being able to discharge that sum when due that my Bro^r own property may not suffer by his Joining in the Security, in my last to you of Oct^r I pointed out near £9000 Curr^t more than mentioned in your acct which if I am right will ^{make} the debts £56,000 besides the others you mentioned so that untill the real sum amount of the Debts are known by me that I may inform him of them to prevent any future reflections & that there is a certain feasibility of that money being repaid at the proper time I can not think of being very pressing on him in such an affair of such consequence by w^{ch} in case of the Estate not being able to discharge the Debt my Bro^r might be greatly endangered there is another thing to be thought on & that is in case the money should be got w^{ch} are the most pressing ^{to be discharged} w^{ch} it M^r Innes will certainly expect a great part of his demand to be p^d ^{as his complaints are such of overdrawings on him} him as I hear that he had made one of your Bills wth out for none Acceptance you'll let me have your thoughts by first opportunity w^{ch} a list of Debts due the Estate Sir Jam^s Wemyss ^{who is in London} has come to a resolution to dispose of the Estate & offerd it to be disposed of his rights to me for £200 Ster^l of Ann^y during his life he is past 60 & in bad ^{an} indigent state of health, I immediately wrote to our friend

M^r Innes about it but have not yet receiv'd an answer

Ma^y 9 1768

S^r I was favord^d wth yours of the 5th Inst^t & am pleas'd that you ^{what} have ^{conceiv'd} ^{in my meaning} and I agree to your Settlement as mention'd in yours viz^t the prodic^t acct^t sent over dated 15 Oct^r 1768 amounting to 517^l 8^s 5^d.

S^r I was favord^d wth yours of the 5th Instant & am glad that what you have wrote to me conceiv'd so much with my meaning, the Ballance due Mess^{rs} Lascelles & Macawel by my Dece'd Bro^r on April 30th 1768 including the Interest of the Mortgage to that time was 226^l 9^s 4^d Sterling or thereab^t now I suppose wth the Mortgage £800 I now I suppose these two Sums wth Interest ~~and~~ on them until paid is your demand besides the Charges of protesting the £1000 Bill & suing for a Judgement which charges to be sure m^y be allowed you as also the expences of proving the Acc^t this is the way I presume a fair way of stating the Acc^t. if you have any Objections to it please mention them & state the Acc^t in your way which I shall comply wth. I have wrote to Mr. Mathison that I have come to an agreement wth you on the plan he propos'd to Mr. Mathies of paying your demand by 3 equal paym^{ts} 1/3 this year and 1/3 of your demand wth upon the 1st of April & the 1st of Oct^r in 1770 the Ball^l in 1770 & have desired him to be sure to fullfill the engagement int^r into by my wth I hope he will be care^d to performe

Malcolm Laing Esq^r Dear Sir

Thurs March 14. 1768

I wrote you Jan^y 25 via London w^{ch} I hope you'll receive in due time; some time after I rec^d yours I had one from J^r M^r w^{ch} is a list of the Judgements Debts settled to the 1st of Oct 1767 amounting to £46,778. exclusive of my Br^r demand, that of the Admiralty, the Secretaries, & some small Deb^t not on Judgem^t & not worth mentioning; but if I am not much mistaken he has made a mistake of more than £9,000 which consists in 3 Articles Viz Strangers demand near £3,000 Mr Innes's near £4,000 Sir J^r & a mistake in Sam^l Stirling's Acc^t of £700 (viz) so if I am right the Debts will amount to £56,000, of w^{ch} £43,000 bears £6% & this makes a great difference; I have been speaking to my Br^r ab^t borrowing £12,000 for 5 or 6 years to pay off the most pressing demands & shew Mathewson's List of Debts to J^r M^r. I believe, that if such a transaction is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Estates & that he was sure of the money being punctually p^d when due that I could persuade him to come to me in the Security, but until I have a real state of the Debts to lay before him to prevent future reflections & that there is a certain possibility of the money being refunded in due time I can not think of pressing my Br^r on J^r M^r for fear of a failure in the payment w^{ch} might occasion him to much distress & perhaps to sell some of his landed property. I have come to an agreement wth J^r Stirling to his Int^t p^d him so much annu^l until the principal can be paid, & also wth M^r Lascelles on the plan proposed by M^r Mathewson to the Starves viz in 3 equal payments 1st this year & the last payment in 1770. There is this difference that the payments are to be made to M^r Lascelles in London I hope J^r M^r will take care to fulfill my engag^{mt} to punctuality & I must begg the favor of you to refresh his memory now & then & write me soon I am wth regard

Y^r Obed^t Serv^t
J Stirling

Gilb Mathison Esq

From Mar^h 14 1768

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 9th Ins^t informing you of my pro-
posalls w^{ch} I made to M^r Lascelles they are the same mentioned by you to me in^t
of Oct^r 1767. M^r Lascelles has accept them the paym^{ts} are to be $\frac{1}{3}$ this year's neat &
the Ball in 1770 I hope there is no occasion of recommending your utmost punctu-
lality in making him payments. he states his Acc^t from Oct^r 15 1761 the time
when the Dec^t was proved & sent out the Ball then including the Int^r of the Mon-
gage to that time & the expence of proving was £517^{rs} 5^{sh} 6^{den} so that his Dem^t
is now as he states it £517^{rs} 5^{sh} 6^{den} & £800^{rs} w^{ch} Int^r on them from y^e time till paid
it will make a difference in his favor of £40 or 50 there is 8/6 for noty & profit &
£1000 Bish^p's Charges on getting Judgement in Law besides Jam

D^r Sir

Dear Patrick

I wrote to you some time ago by one Minot a young man recom-
mended to me by a particular friend, & I to your care. This comes chiefly to acquaint
you of my having come to a Settlement wth M^r Lascelles, whose demand is about
£1740 Ster^g, on the same plan mentioned by G. M. to me in Oct^r 1767. w^{ch} M^r L. to
receiv^e his payments in London & his whole^t discharged by three equal payments
 $\frac{1}{3}$ this year's neat & the Ball in 1770 w^{ch} I must begg of you to see punctually
performed. I have also settled wth J. Sterling to whom I have given my obligati^on
to pay him his Int^r, w^{ch} is £120 Ster^g, regularly in Edin^{burgh} until his prencipal can
be discharged. I have mentioned to you & in former L^{et} my agreement wth A. Darn
I hope you will remember him w^{ch} 12 or 14 hhd^s at least this year, if my engagements
are not punctually fulfilled I must once more return to Jam^{es}
I. Wemyss has come to a resolution of selling his rights to Wemyss Castle for an
Annuity of £200 Ster^g for his life w^{ch} I refused how he intends settling wth Baillie
I know not but its him & not I that must do it or whoever makes y^e purchase
Your fav^r of Dec^r 8 I have rec^d & shall answer it by Darnantyne Walkinshaw
has the herrings I wish a good crop & am

D^r Sir

Dear Sir

I was favord wth yours of the 7th Instant and observd what you & M^r Davis objects^{ed} to my offer in answer to you. in Jamaica no ~~open Acc^t bear Interest~~ Intⁿ is by Law recoverable ^{from Exec^{rs}} excepting by Law on ~~open Acc^t Debts~~ Debts contracted there excepting for Negroes & ~~Mules~~ ^{those} Debts contracted ^{in England} by Jamaica People in England bears Interest untill such time as Judgement is obtained on them & no longer unles they are Mortgages, Bonds, or Promissary Notes bearing Interest & if any Executors pays Intⁿ on open Acc^t after Judgement is obtained on them before the Bonds & Mortgage ~~beid~~ ^{paid} off they or their Securitys are liable to be sued for it such a transaction as mine was threatned to be a little before I left the Island, & if the Deed Estate should prove not to be sufficient to pay off the Debts bearing Intⁿ by Law & if the Ex^{rs} had allowd Intⁿ to be p^d on Acc^t not intitled to any Law they would then be Obliged to make good the deficiency occasioned by such payments out of their own property this I believe you'll find to be pretty near the case if I am not much mistaken, I know that I was refused Intⁿ even on a Mule Acc^t due to my Br^r Estate & on enquiry I found that although it was just & necessary to allow Intⁿ on such Acc^t yet it could not be recoverd by Law. It would be hard for ~~me~~ ^{me} to pay Intⁿ on Debts not bearing any by Law & at the same time to recover any but such as are due by Law at the same time I do assure you that I have no intention of availing my self of this Law (if it should ^{prove} to be on enquiry as I have represented is to the prejudice of M^r Davis ^{but} when the Bonds & Mortgage debts are paid off he shall have every farthing of his Intⁿ paid him. thus £9000 M^r Deb^t on the same footing wth M^r D

Dear Sir

I am favord with yours of the 7th Inst & observd what you & M^r Davis thinks of my offer to him what you say is very Just when the Debtor is alive but when dead and his Affairs in Executors hands otherwise for althow the Ex^{rs} would allow Intⁿ on open Acc^t when he is alive yet his Executors cant allow any ^{unless on British Debts} unless they are on Mortgage, Bond or Note bearing Intⁿ & if the Exec^{rs} pays Intⁿ on Demands not bearing it by Law before the Debts which bear Intⁿ are discharged they or their Securitys are liable to be sued for such a transaction (as mine was a little before I left Jam^a) and if the property in the Ex^{rs} hands should prove insufficient to pay off the Debts bearing Intⁿ by Law then they would be Obliged to pay out of their own property to pay the deficiency occasioned by paying the above Intⁿ this is the case wth Ex^{rs} as I understand it but perhaps I may be wrong but if I should be right I do assure you that I never intended to avail my self of the Law in prejudice to M^r Davis, but when the Debts on Bond & Mortgage were discharged I was resolv'd I should have been p^d the outmost farthing of his Intⁿ but D^r Sir you & M^r Davis must allow it will be hard on me to pay Intⁿ not due by Law when I can recover none but it is so for on settling a Mule Acc^t on it there was a Ball due my Br^r wth some years Intⁿ on it w^{ch} was refused payment of & on enquiry I found that although it was the general practice

to allow Intⁿ on such Acc^t & I could not recover it by Law & especially from an
Exec^r which the Gentleman was to whom I was to selling the Acc^t. there's Deb^t
to the amount of £12,000 or thereabouts on the same footing as M^r Davis & would the
proprietors of them expect the same Indulgence to M^r Davis surely they will
& make a great noise if they are refused it & I am sure is not in my power to
Comply wth how willing so ever my Inclinations may be to please them, w^{ch}
of the Case should be as I have represented it I can't think if my Offer was unreason-
able but to make M^r D easy for whom I have a great regard on Acc^t of the friend-
ship w^{ch} subsisted betwixt my self & him & out of deference to your advice I will
settle to him according to your proposals but I must have four years at least for
the pay of his demand as I know it can't be done sooner if then & I would not easily
enter into engagements but w^{ch} I could performe if M^r D will agree to this plea-
se lett me know & send the Obligations w^{ch} I am to give & they shall be signed
this transaction must be kept private for the reasons above, the Deb^ts are many &
pressing which makes it a troublesome task to please every Body. There is an er-
ror in M^r Davis's Acc^t of £6 Law Charges twice Charged please my Com^{ts} to
M^r Gordon & am wth regard

Dear Sir

Dear Patrick

Thursth Mar^{ch} 30 1768

I wrote to you the 1st Instant informing you of my settle-
ment wth M^r Lascelles, who is a bred^d since 1753 on Mortgage, & begging you to be true
equale in fullfilling it; his demand is ab^t 1700 Ster^{ling} payable at 3 equal payments
to this year & the last in 1770, & also recommending to you the payment of M^r Davis
in part he has been often promised a payment but never had any he should have
had on last year if I had stayd on the Island but Mathison neglects my engagements &
fullfills his own, ^{but} perhaps may turn out more for his Int, ^{but} in all probability will occa-
sion my return; there was only twenty hhd^s sugar & no Rum from Frontina by Bannantyne
ne, the Sugars very bad they only brought 33/9; no demand for Provisions for Frontinson
are sent; Judith was to have had two bbls herrings last year on my Acc^t & there was two bbls
extraordinary on it Acc^t sent out but I neglected mentioning it & they were not deliv^{er}d
she has two this year & a ff^{er} of Turlan; the Herrings for you & Hampden went by Mathison
shaw & wish them safe to hand & if they may be good, no trad^s people to be had at least for
me, bind Jerry to some trade or another, dont send him here, I have mentiond to you in a
former Letter the fate of the Opus & (Ist so news say nothing more ab^t them only ^{I shall} try to sell
them for real opportunity; wth the double moldy bred plow answer for trenching ^{the} ^{the}
engured ab^t if I thought you mention & send one out. I have spoke to my Bro^r ab^t his join-
ing ^{to me} for in adsecurety for borrowing £12,000 Ster^{ling} at 4% p^{er} cent for the term of 6th years
to pay of the most pressing demands, ^I believe he would doe, if there was absolute necessity
for it to prevent the Est^{ate} from destruction, or if there was a certainty of the money being
repaid when due; & indeed untill such time a certain State of the Debt ^{can be had} to lay before
my ^{him} ^{Bro^r} & also assure visability of the money being refunded when due I cannot
think of pressing him to enter into such an engagement for fear of fute^r reflections
in case of the debts turning out more than ^{they are} represented by Mathison to be, & in consequ^{ence}
of that failure in the payment when due; which accident hapning might occasion my
Bro^r to be greatly emberrassd in raising the money to discharge it. your thoughts on it
head by first opportunity. Sir J^{ohn} Miermyss who has been long in determining ^{what}
he was to do to his Jamaica concern has at last come to a resolution to dispose of his right
to it for an Annuity on his life of £200 Ster^{ling}; so much by one half, this he offerd to me &
I refused it, you must know very well if I have no right to intermeddle in that affair
when the St^{ate} is allow^d & degate deuse is allow^d & takes upon himself the management
of Affairs all ^{that} I shall say is that I hope all the Debts will be p^{aid} by the Sale of the Est^{ate}
I'll let me know when you think any Additional strength of Negroes will be wanting
on any of the Est^{ates} what sort & how many, remember the Sugar & Rum for Lady Hamilt^{on}
& to buy £100 Ster^{ling} worth of Hares, ^{if you have a} ^{good} new Eng^{lish} Station
for them. When I was at Edin there was a lady made me a visit who biggd the favor of
me when I wrote to you that I would desire you to be so good as to write a few Lines
to her & her sister & give them some information ab^t the State of their dead Bro^r M^r
Gads affairs she said if they had wrote to ^{you} two or three times but never recd an answer
I promised to mention it to you they are Women in good esteeme & you'll Oblige me in

writing a few lines to them on y^e head

Rob^t Gordon Esq^r

Dear Sir

Tues^d M^o 30 1768

Yours enclosing M^r Davis his Ac^t I have rec^d, & now
send you Inclosed adv^{ce} to M^r Mathison as you desired, & an Order on you in favor of M^r
Davis for Seven hundred & two Pounds seven Shillings & three pence Sterling payable
the 15 of Augst Comethward Seven hundred & Seventy two. I must observe that M^r Davis
by adding the Interest £ 116, 4 to the principal £ 697, 4, 10 and mak^g them too sum
a Capital gets Compound Int^l but as the sum wont exceed £ 30 Ster^l in the 4 years &
perhaps its the method of Settling Ac^t in England I only mention^d it to you as I dont
think its the practise in Jamaica. I should think that my Order on you in favor
of M^r Davis is sufficient to make me & my Law^r liable to you for Accepting^g the
Order in case of your having no Effects belonging to y^e Est^{ate} when the money becomes
due but in case it should be otherwise, I do hereby Acknowledge my self & Law^r Account
to you & your Law^r for the sum of Seven hundred & two pounds Seven Shillings and
three pence Ster^l it being the amount of my Order on you in fav^r of Mark Davis Esq^r
of Bristol for a Debt due to him by the Estate of Rob^t Sterling Esq^r dec^d

Yours

Dear Sir

J^r G

Gilbert Mathison Esq^r

Nov 26th 1768

Dear Sir

I have come to a settlement with M^r Davis of Bristol
as you'll see by the undenied copy ^{of} which has given him an Order on Bro^r Gordon Esq^r of
Bristol payable on the 15 of March 1772 which he has accepted & you will please to
make provision against the time my Order on him becomes due to pay him or his Ex^{ec}
cut^{or} the sum mentioned in the Order this I must beg you'll punctually comply wth & oblige

D. Sa

Gilbert Mathison Esq^r

Cudder Mag

Dear Sir

I wrote to you some time ago by way of Bristol
Informing you of my selling wth M^r Davis to be paid on March 15 1772, allowing
him Interest as you would see by the Act sent out to you, I have Drawn on
M^r Bro^r Gordon for £702^{..}7^{..}3 in favor of M^r Davis payable in 1772 wth he has
accepted you'll please make provision to discharge the demand when it becomes
due this is gaining some time & will enable you to comply wth my Agreement
wth M^r Lascelles. I hope there will be good Crops on both States this year wth will
reduce the £5 or 6000 Sterling, & if Affairs can be settled wth Graham, Bascovize
Sinclair and others there may be as much more taken from the Load wth will make
it some what easier. This comes by your Indentured Serv^{ts} whom you'll send to
Hampton where they are to stay until they have finished wth I want them to
do there, by wth time they will be pretty well seasoned and fit for Frontiers, the
two Carpenters In Arthine & Bro^r Spark must not be separated they are well
recommended to me by M^r Hay Drummeiller the two Masons Ja^{ms} Campbell &
Brady seems to be very sober young Men
their Indentures are sent you wth their receipts for the money they reced here I
hope they will answer Expect^{ation} and give I S Satisfaction I long to hear from
you and M^r L to whom please make my kindest comp^{ts} & to M^r Murray
you'll see by the Act sent you that I am in advance ^{of} your Bill of Exchange for the
four Serv^{ts} which you'll please order me a remittance by Walkershaw to re-
burse me. Your Bill of Exchange for £100 Sterl^g in fav^r of Cap^t Barnatyne

was taken up and £ by my Br^r Will^m it having been Noated for non Acceptance

Dear Patrick

yours of May 3^d of the Lovely I recd and am glad that things are going on so well, as for the weather we must be thankfull for such as it pleases God to send us the Sugars, M^r Innes writes me, are very indifferent & the London Market very dull, he has sold 30 hhd of the 50 of the Lovely for 33/6, the turn at 2/8 I wish we were once blessed of that D-d Market Place, which swallows up every thing, that we might have our share of what Marketts we pleased, M^r Innes was Obliged to allow a 1000 Sterling of Mathison's B^{ills} to be protested which I hope will prevent him from Over drawing this Crop, & I wish M^r Lascelles may not be neglected this year, & that my Ann^y may be sent to Glasgow as I did and 10 hhd more for to pay James Stirling's Int^y which £ 120 Ster^{ling} Ann^y every May unless the Debt be discharged, & for the payment of which I am bound, of last years Ann^y there £ 104, 6s 8d ^{of last year's Ann^y} and this year I have advanced £ 96, 15. 6 Ster^{ling} for Act of the 4 Inden Serv^{ts} a weel kept from Leith on Cap^t Murray for Hampden I hope you have recd them safe before this time & that they're doing well, Dassy arrived safe & is now at the fair just you had not sent him, but as his head must make something of him: as to Sir James Weir my self I dont know what to make of him he is a tender Old Man & does not like trouble therefor he is excusable in some degree however let what will happen I am hopeful that we shall lose nothing by that demand, & I think that you ought to let it be brought to a sale as soon as possible providing none of the Cred^{ts} will suffer by it as for James by all that I can hear or see he is quite easy which way it goes yours of June the 10 by the Dinnerhead I recd and observe what you say about the debts being soon paid off If I could borrow £ 10 or 12,000 Sterling to make the most pressing Cred^{ts} easy my Br^r had consented to Joine wth me in a security for that Sum so that I am now waiting to hear from G^o M. which are the most pressing demands to be paid off first, as to my mistake about the N^o proceed of the Crops not exceeding £ 7000 of Ann^y I shall be very well pleased to find my self in one but I am still of opinion, that for all the Sugar which you send home this year that the N^o proceeds will not exceed the above Sum owing to the bad quality of the Sugars & dullness of the Marketts indeed turn is high just now 3/8 at London how the Sugar comes to turn out so I don't understand if you think that a boaler brought up in the Sugar houses here would be of any service I would send you a good one sent out to you James Stirling did not impose on me for he told me

Gentlemen

I wrote to you in Dec^r last desiring Stampden might be sold for the payment
of the debts & I hope it will if sold for near its value which I take to be £50000 with the assistance
of the debts due to the Estate which by this time ought to come in to pay, discharge the whole, but in
case Stampden is not sold before this reaches you & that you cant get near its value for it, I would
get as far as £22000 Sterling for it providing my Bro^r Claim to Sir Stirling's Apportionment, w^{ch} is £25000
my Annuity valued at £3000 Sterling & my open debt which is at £2200 Sterling be deducted out of the
first end of it & the remainder payable in three years at three equal payments the first payment
to begin at hand after the sale or at least to have time enough for the crops following the sale to be
at market to help to pay the Bills which must be drawn for the first payment, two for the
second & third payments, Bills to the amount of the crops to be drawn on whom its consigned to
& the other Bills to make up the moiety of the first payment to be drawn on me which last ought
to be applied to the Scots debts in order to prevent trouble & expences in remitting money
to England, but if you cant get this scheme to bear & that the sale of Stampden wont pay all
the debts then let Fronten be sold for which I will give £25000 Sterling providing my Bro^r Claim
& mine as mentioned above be allowed out of the first end and the payments as above. I think
the Cred^{rs} can have no objection to my just proposal if both Est^s are set up for sale for if they
bring £60000 which is not near their value it will pay them all their demands

Gentlⁿ

I wrote to you in Decem^r last desiring that Stampden might be sold for the payment
of the debts which I hope will if well sold with the assistance of the debts due to the Estate pay of the
whole demands as I take the value of Stampden to be at £50000 Sterling & the debts when got in near
£10000, and after this crop the debts wont be above £57000, but in case Stampden is not sold before
this reaches you & that you cant get near its value for it I will give £22000 Sterling for it providing
my Bro^r Claim w^{ch} is including Sir Stirling's Apportionment £25000, my annuity valued at £3000
& my open debt which I make at £2200 Sterling be deducted out of the first end of it & the rema-
inder to be paid in three years at three equal payments the first payment to be made ^{at hand} after
after the sale or at least in such a time as the crops after the sale will be at market to help
to pay the Bills which must be drawn for to make the first payment, the second & third pay-
to be made the two following crops, Bills to the amount of the crops to be drawn on them to whom
they are consigned & the other Bills to make up the moiety of the first payment to be drawn
on me which last ought to be applied to the payment of the debts in Scotland in order to
prevent trouble & expences in remitting money to England. that the Cred^{rs} may be entirely
satisfied let Fronten be sold ^{at hand} & in case you cant purchase Stampden for me by more
being offered for it or the terms of payment not being agreeable to the Cred^{rs} then I desire you to
endeavor to purchase Fronten for me on the same terms as I wont value £25000 Sterling
for it & my Bro^r Claims & mine as mentioned before to be allowed out of the first end

end of it and the remainder to be paid in three Years at three equal payments. I hope the
Cred^r when they know both Est^s are to be sold for the payments of their debts will have no objection
to my proposals for the purchase of Hampden as the money arising from the sale of both
Est^s allowing that Hampden sells for £28000 New & Frontier at £25000 Curr^y will be enough
to pay them and I am sure that is far short of their value. If by the sale of Hampden & by
the help of the out standing debts which I hope are nearly recovered by this time all the debts
accepting my Own should be extinguished then there will be no occasion to sell Frontier
but if my Bro^r Claims should remain unpaid then I would have it sold & I would buy
it for me as cheap as you can but I'll go no higher than ^{my Br^r claims are mine being all paid as above} £25000. In this means I
hope I shall get clear of all my Br^r Cred^r I must recommend this to your serious thoughts
& hope you'll act for me as if for yourselves if I am the purchaser the same Gent^l is
employed now care to continue the crops to be sent to the best markets

for he shew'd me M^r Mathisons Act settled with him when he left the Island & he
me of the £500 Bill but I think he said that it was notted, and that he would be
content if I would pay him the Int^l of his demand (which by the Bills not being for
10 £2000 Sterling) annoy here to stay untill the Est^l could conveniently discharge ~~the~~
the principal I am sorry the Mares has been so barran this Year I wish it may not be
been partly owing to their being wrought in the Mill there a few Stallion bought
& Cap^t Fortescue, two fine Ases but M^r says he does ^{not know} what to think about them for that
he cant get Fortescue to bring them round from Cornwall that he may send them out
your self the Illgood of July the 20th I recd, the Sugars very bad they wont fetch above
30 of the Turn is not come from Glasgow yett no word of the Must Ducks I wrote to you
all and the Graps seeds is not yett come to hand. It gives me great pleasure to hear that
the Negroes has got clear of the small pox to so little loss. I am chiefly convinced of the
honour integrity and ability of the Gent^l Concerned for me but G. M. is sometimes forgett
full that engagement with M^r Lascelles was at the desire of G. M. & that one £1000 Sterling
was no more than w^h I offer'd to him in Jam^a how came not to give directions to his attorney
to prevent them from distressing the Estate I know not but shall write to him ab^t it. as for
my engagement to M^r Davies is I may say the only one w^h I have made w^out the knowledge
of the case you may be sure that I will make myself as easy as possible for I thank God
if had but my health there is very little in this side of time shall make me otherwise

Dear Sir

I am favour'd with yours of Sep^r 7 covering an Act of Maj^r M^r Lane & desiring
me to pay it You may be sure if it was in my power to have done it. I should not have made the
least hesitation in doing it. but as I mention'd to You before in a former Let^r that all my hopes of
Assistance in Britain was gone it would be absolutely necessary to dispose of one the Est^l to make
things easy as I can & give no help from here

Galleman

I wrote to you in Decem^r last desiring ^{Hampden} might be sold to pay the debts which I think

it might do to the assistance of the debts due to the Est^d if well sold. I imagine that this Crop will
reduce the debts to ab^t £52000, & if Hampden is worth £30000 & the out standing debt £10000
If this comes to hand before Hampden is sold and you find that you cant get near the value for it I
will give £22000 Sterling for it providing my Bro^r Claim is so including in Sterling a sum of £85000
my annuity valued at £2000 Ster^l & my open Acc^t as I make £2200 Ster^l be allowed of & deducted out
of the first end of it & the remainder which is £20000 only to be paid in three Years at three equal pay^{ts}
the first pay^t to be made 12 Mth after the Sale or at least in such a time as the Crop may be at mart to help
to pay the Bills which must be drawn to make the first pay^t, the 2^d & 3^d pay^{ts} to be made the two
following Crops. Bills to the amt of the Crops to be drawn on them to whom the Crops are consign^d
& the other Bills to make up the mosty of the first pay^t to be drawn on me these last should be
applied in paying the debts due in Scotland to prevent trouble & expence in remitting money
to England. that the Cr^d may be entirely satisfied sell Frontier allia & incase you cant buy Hamp^d
for me by more being offer^d for it than I do or by my proposalls not being agreeable to the Cr^d then
I will endeavor to purch^e Frontier for me I want about £25000 Cur^r for my Bro^r Claim which he
allows to be transfer^d to my Cr^d if I am the Purch^r & my own to be deducted out of the first crop
& the pay^{ts} remainder to be p^d as above. I hope the Cr^d when they find that both E. I^s are to be sold
in order to satisfy them will make no Objections to my proposalls for the purchasing of Hamp^d
incase of my being the highest bidder especially as by the Sale of both Est^d if they should only
bring £60000 which is not near their value these will be enough to pay them all their Demands
I must leave the managment to you who I am convinced will act in the same prudence for me as
it were for your selves. If I am a Purch^r the same Cr^d to whom the crops are now consign^d to
continue & the Sugars & Rum to be sent to the best mart but if I am not a purch^r & cant £3000 Ster^l
for my ann^y I will not allow it to be trans^f to Frontier as I dont think it secur^e to be regularly pay^d

& I my Bro^r to be my Sec^y

To Mess^{rs} Mathewson Sterling & Leung

London Feb^r 1770

Dear Sir

I wrote to you in Decem^r last desiring You to get my Act which I sent inclos^d properly drawn out & signed by the Exec^r inclos^d You had a copy of it wth some additions w^{ch} a pay^t made to me by a Bill of Exchange from Stirling & Crawford for 85 Stg^s on 17th of Sept^r of Bristol in favor of my Bro^r William & 19th from him & £148, 6s. 11th Sum^s Cur^r. Int^r charged me in Your & M^r Innes's Act which in my opinion ought to be charged to y^e Lot of R^{ts} as my Bonds to M^r Graham & Luman the two articles in Your Act on w^{ch} Int^r was charged was granted by me for debts due by the Estate & the money rec^d from M^r Innes was in part of my annuity as I think it not right to be charged Int^r on these articles had these been taken cr^t for the Int^r my Act is settled to Jan^y 4 1770 I have made no mention of the Sugars & Rum of the Bell as their Proceeds are not payable till March next & even then there will not be any thing coming to me. If my Act is right there is a Balance due to me of £8673, 17s^s 7/4 Cur^r. I can't allow any more to be charged to my Act for Charlot^t until I see how the Col^l sells, You'll endeavor to get payment from Morris for her Bond to me as soon as possible in settling wth M^r R^h Graham You'll remember the £150 which he rec^d from me it was on Act of his being spent secretly wth my Bro^r for M^r Leckie & Marshall & M^r I was to get a Mortgage on Leckie's Est^{ate} for the what money was p^d for him by his Sec^{ret}. I will be sorry if my Lev^y of 100th to You & the other two Lev^{ys} should come too late for my Purch^{se} of Stampden especially if its sold for less than my offer which I hardly think will be the case as it would not be near its value w^{ch} I take to be £50,000 and that You would not willingly part wth it for less or at least for w^{ch} You thought was near its worth. I fancy this Crop of Stampden is not already sold will bring all the debts here excepted to ab^t £58,000 which if by the sale of Stampden & the outstanding Debts You can discharge then there would only remain the Leg^g's & Corners p^d to be paid in which case I don't know if it would be necessary to sell Frontier for the pay^t of them; the Leg^g including S. M. which belongs to me amounts to £5600 w^{ch} Int^r included what the farm will be I know not if its found necessary to sell it You'll endeavor to purchase it for me I wont exceed £25,000 Cur^r for it. my Bro^r claim which is, J^{am} Stirling's Affg^t included £3500 he will transfer to my Cr^t in case of my being the Purch^{er} & my own including S. M. Leg^g & what has been p^d on her Daugh^t act is £9100 Cur^r these two Sums makes £21,000 my Bro^r claim by being transferred to me leav^{ing} the whole Purch^{se} money of Stampden for the pay^t of the other debts & Leg^g by which if it only sells for £42,000 y^e sum^s w^{ch} the out Standing Debts will pay the whole then there will be no claim on Frontier but my Bro^r & mine w^{ch} y^e Corners I don't know if any lawfull advantage can accrue to me from my in the Purch^{se} of Frontier from my having so many of the Nigros now on it from the Marshall or if it will be any disadvantage in not having the title to the Col^l made to M^r Oswald whose demand is not for the Nigros belonging to y^e Lot under Mortgage to M^r Oswald whose demand is not for

Said these things must be advised ab^t before the Court is made for me; In case I am not
a purch^r then my Bro's Claim & mine must be paid immediately in England on the sale of
the Est^t in the winding up of affairs there must be some regard paid to the Security w^{ch}
I shal^l give to M^r Sinclair in order to make good the difference arising between
the payment of M^r Oswalds Mortgage in Jamaica & recording it in Glasgow thro^{ugh} us. Ought
to be relieved of. As Your abett^d Judge of such things & knows much better how to man-
age any thing that is intricate. I must therefore leave to you to find out the properest
method to make a purch^r of one of y^r Est^t for me & I hope that in case I am not a pur-
chasee care will be taken to remit me home what is my own

To J. Mathison Esq^r in Jamaica

Self 12 1770 Montserrat

Dear Patrick

Montrigg Feb 24 1771

see Glasgow

I am at last returned here where my papers are ^{sent} after 10 mon

absence) which enables me to send You a state of my Acc^t with the Estate since Jan^y 1767 to Jan^y 1771 by which You'll see if my complaints are Groundless the Sugar & Rum sent home in 66 are included in my Acc^t because I am charged with them by G. M. in his acc^t with me for 1766, the article of £109.10. 1/2 is for sundry things cha^{rged} me by G. M. from 1767 to 1769 such as Rum from Hamptⁿ 2775 G. Cotton from W^m Anderson goods charged to Frontier by W^m 10 should have ^{been} to my Acc^t & sundry other things in the Article wth W^m James I have only charged the money & C^o Commission & Int^r are not included because my Annuity is to be p^{aid} clear of all expences. So me, in this I have only had ab^t £120. a Year in the place of £460. You may Judge how I have been Obliged to live since my coming home. I have the name of great Est^{ate} without reaping ^{any} the advantages ^{from it} & am straining to raise one for God's knowⁿ whom and perhaps w^{ould} thank me for it. I wrote to You & G. M. in Nov^r last from the West via London which I hope You have rec^d. Yours of Sep^r 27 1770 is now before me and observ^s the Crops on both ^{places} are fallen greatly short of expectations which is a very great disappointment but no ways to be helped I wish they may turn out better this Crop which You'll be a Judge of by the time this reaches You. Your plan of proceedings on both Est^{ates} are very I think very good. I would be very glad to hear You had got the m^oor^s on the eastern side at Frontier cleared drained & planted which would be a great addition to the Est^{ate}. as for the dividing of them into smaller Enclosures the advantages will be many in doing of it such as keeping some of them to be cut in hay every Year to be preserved in Store against a dry season & keeping the breeding Cattle by themselves, which I'm informed is of great service to them. I wish You may be able to get 2 good Oxen I hope the Horse & Bull are good for something. no Sugar or Rum from Frontier by the Low, nor any Acc^t of the recovery of the value of the 7000 Sugar swamp by M^r Larty or if any thing is done in it. as to what You say with regard to the Value of Hamptden it gives me great pleasure to know that it is so much better now than in 1766. I don't see why You should be surpris^d at my offering only £20,000 for it when I'm inform^d You that I could go no greater lengths for it for want of a more extensive security. but if by selling it to me (who I think if any advantage is to be reap^d from it ought to be by me) at that price the Cred^{itors} will their money in 3 Years. what more is to be asked, and if the Acc^t of the debt transmitt^d me against the 20,000 which I am to pay, with the produce of the Crops 69, 70 & 71 & the £10,000 debt ought to pay off most of the debt if not the whole in 1774 the state of the debt in Ham^{pt} Dec 31 1768 is

£13,200. Their demand ^{12,500} £12,500 and W^m Juness is at £10,000 which in all is
£65,800. long Br^d demand is to be settled by our selves so theres only £53,000 to be p^d
to do which theres the amount of three Crops which I shall sell down £15,000. the
debts £10,000 & my £20,000. ^{ch} makes £45,000 so there remains £8,000 to be paid
which I think may be done by the fronted Crops in 72, 73 & 74. now if this calcula
tion is just with regard to the produce of the plant^s & if the debts can be collected
in by the 74 which I think may be done especially as I^r Wierrys has given orders
for the Sale of Castle Weerri which I wish may fall to G. M. by which half of the
debts will be paid why should I offer more than £40,000 or why should there be
any hesitation ab^t accepting of my offer. G. M's long silence to me ab^t my Affairs
is surprising not ^{having} heard from him since Nov^r 1769 so that I am an entire Stranger
to the State of them from Dec^r 31 1768 to this time I dont really know what to think
of it as You intend coming home in 74 must desire You to use your outmost endeav^r
to get them settled by that time I wish M L may purchase Some Spring I wrote to
You in my that Wabsted would not go to Jam^s. Crawford who is now gone for Bristol
would hardly ever stay above 3 hours wth us at a time although much pressed by my
Bro^r to stay a day or two. I hope You remember M Devis & should be glad to hear the
demand against Do^r ^{Henry} ~~him~~ ~~is~~ ~~out~~ ~~my~~ ~~head~~ ~~but~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ I have sent You a letter to
Brown the Meln Wright from his Mother w^{ch} please send to him send me 30 Gall^s shew^{ing}
the way to make it is to every 15 2nd Drum put 3 2nd Lemon Juice & 12th sugar & Walker
shaw brought out some things for me in 1767 to the am^t of £116 what's become of them

Rob^t Gordon Esq^r
Bristol D S

Inclosed you have a letter from my Bro^r & me by w^{ch} you'll
see that we took on Hampden as our own property, we was to get possession
last Aug^r & our payments are to be made in Aug^r 1772, 73, & 74 each year as
as the Sugars wont be horrid time enough for our payments I hope you'll agree
to be in advance for us as mentioned in ours. We have sent writ orders for erecting
a new sett of Works & intends putting on 100 more Negroes being resolved to put
it as much as we can for wth improvements I hope the produce will soon be much
increased & as half of the Sugars will be consigned to You will be an inducement for
you to agree to our proposals I am sorry that there was no remittance made to M^r
Devis last year but I find there's 10 thid^s sent this Crop which I hope will come
to a good mart please send me the sales of this & last years Sugars. what has
come from Hampden to Glasgow this year has sold at 40p

We pay for the Balance £40000 (curr) out of w^{ch} my Br^d demand & mine is deducted
which reduces the sum we are to pay to ab^t £17,000. My Bro^r Shilling wrote to
you for the necessary wanted from your place for the Plant use I am

D^r
yours &c
J^s

Montreux Nov^r 1771 direct for me as formerly

Dear Patrick

yours of the 3^d of May p^r Watkinsshaw I recd. the 20th Sugar
by him sold at 100. & Yours of July the 6th p^r Cunningham came to hand ab^t two
weeks agoe with a letter from M^r Hugh Wallace on board the Friendship at Sea
the 20th on the Glasgow are not yett sold but M^r M^r Doune who has the dis-
posal of them expects 100. I am sorry to find that Hampden is rather annually
decreasing instead of increasing for it has never yett answered expectations
this Crop which was to have been largest is the smallest which has been for
some Crops past. but no answering for seasons I hope Frontiers will answer better
from whence you say You'll endeavor to ship me some Sugars on the Brown Love
which will be very acceptable; my reason for being so punctual in paying my Br^d
Int^l was that I faithfully promised it should be so. I don't chuse to break my pro-
mise if it can be avoided. Marks death affects his Friends greatly they would be
much obliged to You if you would make an enquiry into his affairs as he owes ab^t
£100 Sterl^g to M^r Alex^r Munro a good Br^d of his & who can't afford to lose so much
his a Merch^t in Glasgow to whom You'll please to write; You'll also please make
a Purch^t of good plain Rum for Davy Erskine. Since my last to You I have been
at the point of death with the gout on my head & eye was confined to my bed ^{feet & hands}
Weeks and was so imaceded that when I gott up could not stand it was on the 12th
of July I was taken ill and am still very very weak but thank God who has pre-
served me from this last & many other ~~other~~ dangerous Scenep^s that I am recovering

My Br^d & I approveing of Your Plan of operations on Hamp^r
and looking on it as ours from the 1st of Aug^t from what M^r M^r wrote me July
the 26th in answer to Ours of May the 12th which you had not seen when you wrote Yours
of July the 6th it was saying that it was his opinion that ^{our} offer should be accepted of
we say in Ours to You that M^r Laing had also approved of it which is a mistake as
M^r M^r mentions no such thing in his. We have wrote to You via London Oct^r 30th under
cover to M^r James to be forwarded by first Opportunity desiring & Authorising
you to proceed according to Your plan mentioned in Yours to me July the 6th what
ago

you draw on us till the Bills be payable in Glasgow if You can possibly get it done
and at 60 days sight this would be a great advantage to us & I think you may get
it done in your bargains for Negroes, there is one thing in your plan which seems
to be attended with danger which is putting on such a number of New Negroes in so
short a time as two years this you'll please consider of. the furnaces will be had
easier from Bristol & ever other thing is wanted from Glasgow as we find great
difficulty in getting our things shipped from there to your place I refer you to
Ours for further particulars wishing you health & my Compl^{ts} to all wth you

Monkregg Nov^r 2 1771

Jam D^r

J S

Rob^t Gordon Esq^r
of Bristol

Sir

Monkregg Nov^r 29
1771

I am favor'd with Yours of the 12th Instant enclosing the
Sales of 50 hhd's Sugar p^r the Windsor 1770 and a L^{tr} to my Bro^r & me which after
perusing I forwarded to him. I observe what you say about the sundrys who
will be wanted for the use of the Plantⁿ & Shipping of the Sugars to your port
M^r Patrich Stirling shall be writ to immediately on that head & you'll please
to write him also about them and mention the proper time for ^{his} writting for y^r
Supply. what you mention ab^t sending our whole Crops to Bristol by it
we would gain £3 p^r hhd I ^{am very sensible of} believe is very ~~low~~ & perhaps that may be the
Case in a few Years in the mean time allow me to return You our most ^{sincere} great
thanks for ^{the} kind offer You have made to us of Your Credit our Connections
wth London cannot well be entirely brokⁿ of for some time I see you intend to pay
off M^r Davis in Feb^r next for which I thank You, at which time You'll please
me have busⁱⁿess the Sales of both parcels of Sugars are very agreeable I wish the
prices may continue Your acct^t our^t is right I am with regard

J S

Yours & C^{ore}

J S

Gilbert Matheson Esq^r In
Jamaica

D^r Sir

I am favord^d to yours of the 18th of Sep^r and observe
what you say about the settlement made to the heirs of J^r Graham if you had
sent me a slated acc^t betwixt the heirs of J^r G and my Bro^r Exec^{rs} which
would have been a good forme to act by the settlement might have been otherwise
that's all I shall say at it. Neither my Bro^r or I rightly understands the mean-
ing of Tenants in common & Joint Tenants Our meaning is and allways was
that the Estate was to be on our Joint acc^t & that we should be put in full posses-
-ion of it. from the 1st of Augst last clear of all incumberances agreeable to the terms
stipulated in our l^{et} to the Exec^{rs} of the 1st of May 1771. Your Bills are all accep-
and that in favor of J^r Williams shall be taken up. M^r Innes is to be paid
£3500. & we are at taking up Lapscelles & Maxwell's demand which is abou
£2000 it would have been finished w^{ch} now if Young Maxwell had been in
England so you must not draw upon us for any more we having already takⁿ
up as much including our own demands as will pay of the £4000 I am fur^d
as you'll see below. I am very glad you're so near finishing with Bewidge
You mention nothing about our demand against Richards & Gordon on acc^t
the Snow in whose cargo it was said my Bro^r was concerned. when you send
over a slated of the Debts due by my Bro^r I pray be so good as to send what
of third due to it I am glad to hear that Castle Weempe has turned out
so well I suppose Patrick Stirling will acquaint you that we have desir^d
him to push Hampden as fast as he can according to his own plan

I am D^r Sir

yours & C^{rs}
J. S.

Monkrygg Dec^r 5 1771
via London

J ^r Stirling Jur ^{Principal & Int^r}	£2264		
Heirs of J ^r Graham	3484 ¹⁰ / ₈	3434 ¹⁰ / ₈	
To: Baxter	2551 ¹³ / ₇		
J ^r Cruikshanks	1951 ⁵ / ₋		
J ^r Bane	2000 ^{..} / ₋		
J ^r Buchanan	550 ^{..} / ₋		
J ^r Williams	360 ^{..} / ₁₇ ⁶		
Will ^m Innes	3500 ^{..} / ₋		264
Lapscelles & Maxwell	1976 ^{..} / ₁₆	1941 ^{..} / ₁₆	126
J ^r Stirling	6587 ^{..} / ₁₅ ¹⁸		390
J ^r Stirling	3300		31
	£28504 ^{..} / ₁₁ ¹⁰	28451 ^{..} / ₁₇ ¹⁰	359
			28092

Dear Patrick

I recd yours of the 31 of Oct^r 1771 of the Crown Cap Lov^r
of whom you have not sent any sugar for which I am very sorry & more so for
Cause of it with regard to the Cattle you intended to preserve for the use of
out of the Stock on Hampden I think we give You leave to dispose of certain
Number from which you may keep some for Frontier or pasture them on Ham
Your Cree^r of Frontier Crops is not at all agreeable but no help for it I heartily
wish that both Estats may turn out to a greater advantage this Crop than they
have for the two last I am convinced of the truth of what You say about the daily
decaying of the Negroes on Frontier but am hope full that as the debts which at
the 31 Dec^r 1768 amounted to £64000 Currant including J. M. ^{or my Bro^rs} ~~my Bro^rs~~ ^{debt} ~~debt~~
by the Crops 69, 70, and 71 of which I have not the smallest acc^t the sale of Ham
at £35380 Wernys Estate 5600 from Beveridge at £2000, & from R. Graham
at £1000 I shall say 9000 for the 3 Crops: these sums added together £53980.¹
which will reduce the debts to ab^t £10000 and there is due to the Est^t at £4000
which is good but not yett received I say that I am hope full that in a few Years
a good supply of Negroes may be put on Frontier & the whole debt discharged; if
you have no opportunity of sending me sugars from Frontier to Glasgow You may
send me Bills on M^r Innes to the am^t of £300 Sterg. please my Com^{ts} to all
Friends with You

I am D^r

yours &c^{ra}
J. S.
Monkigg. Feb^r 14 1772

Gilbert Mathison Esq^r
Jamaica

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 5th of Dec^r last of which the above is
a copy You'll please observe that there is some mistakes in the list of debts taken up
by us viz^t Sam^r Stirling of Edinb^g ought only to be £2000 the Int^r on it being charged
in my Acc^t to the Estate of P^r & my own Acc^t should only be £3172.19.8. in
my Acc^t I charged the Est^t with £114.12.3 as having paid that sum to my Bro^r in
part of his open Acc^t to the Est^t of P^r & £12.8.1 paid by for Law Charges here
both of which are wrong, but You may let my acc^t stand as it is & You may apply
Lucas Morris Bond to me for the use of the Est^t I think it was for £229.11.6 due
the 22 of Nov^r 1770 I shall send You my acc^t to the 1st of Aug^r 1771 soon. My
Lascelles & Maxwells Acc^t is £1979. I think, if You have no opportunity of sending
me some Sugars from Frontiers to Glasgow You may give me bills on M^r Carr to
the amount of £300 Sterling I am longing much to state of my affairs having had
none since Dec^r 1768. at which time there was owing ab^t £6000. & there is 3. Cropp
the Sale of Hampden the recovery of Boderidge & Graham's debts & Mernyeff's wh^{ch}
must make a great alteration in them I think the debts ought to be reduced to ab^t
£10,000 now and I hope the outstanding debts will help to discharge them.

Y^r the Champion Cap^t Murray of Leith

I am D^r Sir

Yours & C^{ra}

J^r Stirling

Monkings Feb 9 1772.

Gilbert Mathison Esq^r
Jamaica

D^r S

As the Champion is longer of sailing than I expected
I embrace the opportunity of writing to You a few lines more by him & send You
my Acc^t by which You'll see that there is a balance due to me of £3444.6.5%. It is
the 5th of Aug^r last exclusive of the £114.12.3 & £12.8.1 mentioned in my last so that
after the £3300 with 10 I have ~~paid~~ you there will be a balance due me of £144.6.5%
from the 1st of Aug^r last. the Sugars which came from Hampden the first 10 hhd's was by
payable the 26 of Jan^y & the other 20 hhd's in April next I don't charge myself wth
them till they are paid. We have taken up L^d Maxwells demand the principal is
£1978.1. he wanted my Bro^r & me to come under an obligation to pay him what for the
Law Charges & C^{ra} his Attorney has been at ^{since they were obtained & for Commission} since they were obtained & for Commission
if his Attorney charged any which I refused to comply wth if he has a right to any
such Charges he must apply to You for the payment of them I am D^r Sir

Yours & C^{ra}

J^r S

Monkings Feb 26
1772.

Dear Pat

I wrote to you the 6 of Febr^y by the Champion by whom you'll
receivd two Carpenters whom I had^d will answer, the Shrub which you sent
home was stopt at the Customhouse where it now is & for which we must pay
the forring duties before we can get it owing to your not entering it in the Plans
Certificate. Your let^r of the 15 of Oct came too late for to get the Herring & men
in it the Ships for your ports being sailed before yours came to hand I hope you
have receivd Our Sunday too wrote by A. S. Stirling about sending home the Produce
of Hampden one half of the Sugars to Bristol & the other & all the Turn to London
or near of Nov^r tho^{ugh} desiring you to Apply to R. G. of Bristol for the necessaries which
you used to be supplied with from Glasgow I think them from London for Hamp^{den} ^{is} ^{now}
greatly exceeds what used to be had from there you'll please writ me or my Br a memo
of the supplies you send for to London & Bristol every year for the no you'll also send a list
of the Negroes & Cattle that were on the 1st of Augst last not to mention the Cattle
which you had leavd to sell & the 11th of Acres of Land now belonging to it since that was
sold to you & C. I am surpris'd at delaying of you & G. M. not sending us the title Deed
to Hampden which ought to have been done ^{long} ago remember the Pun of Burn from Trotter
I hope you'll make fine Crops this year Jam

Rob^t Gordon Esq^r of Bristol

Dear Sir

I am favour'd with yours of the 2 of May Inclosing Your Ac^t
with my Bro^r Lucca which is right, there is a Ballance of about £366 due by my Bro^r
to the Exec^r of the Purchase Agency of Hampden which Ballance I shall desire
Mr. Pat Stirling & Mathison to draw on us for Payable to you in 3 years at 3 equal
Payments (unless they have dispos'd of it otherways) which I hope will be agreeable
to you. Yours of the 18 of July inclosing I. S. L. I have receivd. I hope the Sugars will
sell well, that we will have a good Crop, there will not be any demands on you from
the till January. It makes me very happy that you have escaped free in the late
Confusions. I fancy you'll soon receive a Commission from I. S. about the Mill Works

Jam Dear Sir

Yours & C^{ra}

J. S.

Monkney Aug^r 1772

J. S.

Yours & C^{ra}

J. S.

Monkney Ap^r 15 1772

Exchange for £

At Sixty days Sight of this my just of Exchange Pay to
Gilbert Mathison Esq^r or Order the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling
Value received & place the same with or without advice to Act of

To

M^r P^r A

£

List of principal Sums, owing by the late Arch^d Stirling of Keir at this date Sept^r the 3^d 1788 -

John Anderson, Duigs	£ 55. 11. 1/2	Liab. of Debt Br. for	£ 15332. 10. 2
J. Bryer, Bridgehallan	300. 0. 0	at acc. bur	
A. Christie, Inverellan	33. 3. 6	Br. over	£ 72. 10. 0
R. Curriet, Drummond	450. 0. 0	Davidson's	
Dumblane Kirk Session	381. 2. 2	30 June 78	154. 5. 4
ditto Library	100. 0. 0		1896. 15. 8
John Christie Inverell	386. 0. 0		<u>£ 17229. 5. 10</u>
J. Haldane, do	261. 2. 2		
J. Hergruening	55. 11. 1/2		
Ann Hall, Keir	56. 0. 0		
Mary, Kempt, Cumberland	166. 13. 4		
Secoth Kirk Session	98. 0. 0		
J. Millars, Keir, Dumblane	144. 8. 10		
J. Monteith, Duigs	222. 11. 6		
J. Robertson, Dumblane	222. 11. 6		
J. Robertson, Kippure	222. 11. 6		
Th. Russel, Cumberland	166. 13. 4		
Rob. Stirling, min. brief	200. 0. 0		
J. Stirling, Dumblane	100. 0. 0		
	<u>£ 17221. 2. 10</u>		

J. Toward, Duigs	133. 6. 7	Liab. of Debt owing in	
D. Watt, Stirling, Stirling	2112. 10. 0	Jamaica which are not	
Major Arch. Cathine	1000. 0. 0	yet accounted	
Thomas Stirling Glasgow	200. 0. 0	A. Toward	£ 577. 2. 0
Mag. Stirling do	200. 0. 0	S. J. Macleworth	577. 12. 0
Marion Stirling dec ^d	235. 11. 1/2	Jos. Manely	266. 0. 0
Wm Stirling of Keir	£ 2550. 0. 0	Hunt & Cleber	320. 0. 0
Marg. Stirling	060. 0. 0	J. Galt	4338. 11. 0
Mag. Stirling	1800. 0. 0		<u>£ 3099. 1. 5</u>
As there was	every £ 51		
overcharged in the bond	of Mag. Stirling, for the late		
Keir's book			
Mrs. Somervell, Gordon			
& Co, Glasgow	2000. 0. 0		
Car ^r over	<u>£ 15332. 10. 2</u>		

Debt owing by acc^t
Car^r in
Inquest Fisher to 31st
of December, 1787 -
Jam^s Car £ 2048. 12. 11. 1/2
Mrs. Gordon, Bristol } 270. 11. 0
May 1788 over } £ 1778. 10. 1/2

List of Debts Owed by the late Archd. Stirling of Aird
at Whit. 1790. vii

Dame Marg ^d Stirling my Sister	£860	
Margaret Stirling	1800	£ 2660
Will ^m Stirling of Aird	2550	5210
Lillies Stirling my Cousin German	£200	
Margaret Stirling	200	
Marion Stirling nees ^e	200	
Ditto	55	ii 1 ^s	655
			ii 1 ^s
			£5865

By judgement of the Court of Session

in the Month of July 1789. Pursuant the
Tannaica Property with the provision to the
Children of Will^m Stirling's first Marriage and
that being the sum of £1000

and the Interest for the said sum
Commenced at Martinmas 1782.

So there is seven years interest and

at Mart. 1789. a sum of £1400

to the Children of Will^m Stirling } 5400

by his first Marriage and at Mart. 1789

£150 to the Children of Will^m Stirling

by his second Marriage each of them

to have £500 and at Mart. 1789 1500

6900

