

to purchase one hoghead even if I have to draw upon the Society in payment. We can only purchase from outward bound American vessels, when cash or bills of exchange alone is demanded, hence the possible necessity of my drawing.

Our semi-annual accounts are now due and might be forwarded but owing to the want of energy in the Colonial Secretary I do not expect to have them prepared in the expiration of three or four months.

Two N. States ships if ever an one at anchor in the roadstead the "Germania" flying the Commodore's flag - and the "John Adams" It has been visited on shore by the Captain and Officers of the latter vessel, and I presume Commodore LaBelle will honor us with a visit before he leaves.

An unexpected opportunity offers for forwarding the letter via Bristol England, and as the vessel does not anchor I am forced to bring it to a close. I trust that another chance will soon present for writing.

I cannot close this letter without naming to you the individuals in the Colony who are the best qualified and the most likely to perform the duties of the Agency to your satisfaction. Mr. Prout is undoubtedly the best qualified as an accountant and Correspondant. With Cassell you are well acquainted, for straight forward, upright honest manly abilities he is incomparably the superior of Prout. With Mr. Cassell as Agent, Prout as Secretary, and the appointment of the best man in the Colony as Assistant Agent we might trust that in time every thing would work right. I have named the above two gentlemen to you fearing that otherwise you might not be able to select any one.

I remain Respectfully your obed^t Servant
Gentl. J. M. Gillet
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A. Letter Books

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