

For the Colonists' feelings are influenced by a sense of right, it is not for me to say, as I was solicited by them to make known their wishes, but from personal considerations have declined.

The people, generally, are not entirely in want of a spirit of independence, but any attempt at national pride or republican liberty, is often overruled by their utter dependency on the Society's Agent. They are in want of decision of character, and the little spark that flickers in their breast from time to time, and might with a little encouragement, prompt them to manly action, soon disappears upon consideration of their total destitution.

In writing this letter, I must beg your attention to a subject which relates to myself. You must certainly have been informed that I have served the Society in various ways and on many occasions, for which, in my opinion, some consideration is due me. The doubtful recovery of your Agent's health in '47 while suffering from hemorrhage of the nose; his absence at Leeward in '48 during a period of over two months, and his subsequent want of bodily ability to discharge efficiently Colonial duties — These wants and defects were supplied by my own labor and exertions. You may think it strange that this demand was not made on your Agent; but when from feelings of delicacy, I forbear to detail certain differences between Gov. P's family and myself which might have influenced him against making any requisitions, except such as he was unequivocally bound, you, I hope, will indulge the propriety of my present claim — besides I had not seen Gov. P. for about three weeks before his demise,

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