Sept. 6. To my surprise George McGill arrived here yesterday in one of Messrs Kings vessels from Bristol. It appears that he applied to the Messrs Kings for a passage out, they being in constant correspondence with us permitted him to take passage out in the Bordanier as Steward — the chap professed to be able to make light bread, pastry and puddings and actually did do up certain compounds to the great disgust of the Captain — he wound up by inducing the Capt to come in here to be filled by us (a 300 ton Bark) with Palm oil.

It winds up thus: the Captain thinks well of him, but not exactly for his capabilities as a baker, pastry and pudding maker, and will continue him in service as a seaman, and will afford him instruction at sea in Navigation — when in port will afford him the advantages of attending a school for Nautical instruction — on the Coast he such a stock will place him in charge of a coasting boat with commodities for trading, allowing him sufficient wages for his support. We are to give £20 to facilitate his instruction when in port, of which said George is not apprised.

He is now Steward, works diligently, is steady & obedient, but as arrogant, proud, jealous & boastful as the d— I want him to be — His liberty of two days on shore has expired — the Captain treats him kindly but means to get rid of him.

Enclosed find a letter for Mrs G. L. W — We have information not direct from George, of his lady's having given birth to a son: please accept our congratulations on the happy event, — the little fellow will afford his grandpa the pleasure and satisfaction of petting, teasing & spoiling him.

Please present all of our respects to Miss Carrie of whose improved health we have heard with great satisfaction.

All with us are well — Mrs McGill begs to be remembered to you — George can report upon the appearances that exist here of her commendable qualities, and how thoroughly satisfactory they are to her husband.

Thanks again for the portrait —

Yours most truly

Sam. F. McGill

J. B. Anderson died in the S. last.

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