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St Pierre Martinique Mar. 14. 1777.

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On the Representations & early solicitation of Mr. Vanbibber, I wrote you the 8. of Decem. last, offering to move from this Island down to St. Eustatius in order to oblige that Gentleman from the West Indies, he being exceedingly desirous of removing his Family & friends to Maryland. — From what he told me, at that time really thought that such a measure would not only oblige him but tend to promote your Interest also. But, notwithstanding I am still of opinion that Statia is by far the best place for purchasing & selling Merchandize, I find that the great number of Cruizers continually hovering about that Island & the Instability of its Government

MD. ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.