

My Dear Sir

I am in rec^d of your kind letter of 3^d inst^l, observing
that when Doctor Coates advanced you the money to purchase the
Island, I was unaware of his expectations of being paid his advance.
but I can assure you that I never had any communication with
that good Gent^l on the subject, as when you were friendly
enough to invite me to be interested in the purchase, I would
not accept your offer, as I did not think it correct or prudent
on acc^t of my situation with the Creditors of W. V. S. who
have tacitly consented to make an abatem^t of their claim
in the conviction that there will not be sufficient funds
to discharge their claims in full, after deducting all expenses
of the suit; so that untill my Creditors are satisfied,
it would be an act of glaring impropriety & reprehensible
to enter into any responsibilities whatever (which did not relate
to the liquidation of W. V. S.) untill I am released from my O^b
therefore when you reflect seriously, I think you will be con-
vinced of the flagrant impropriety of such an act, as you
request, altho with the most honourable intentions; it might
be

or would be very prejudicial to my future prospects, as well
as in regard of my hopes in fulfilling my promise to you if I am
successful, as if I am not, you wd be sorely disappointed, as
well as myself. Had I been free from such a burden of
debt at the time when you proposed to me a joint interest
in the Island, I wd have accepted it, with all my heart, but
under such circumstances in which I was, & still am; have
endeavoured to avoid any ill natured imputations to
my prejudice, which I am sure you will consider as being
proper.

There is no one would be more grati-
fied in pleasing the Doctor than myself, his friendly
generosity to me on occasion of my necessities, I hold in
grateful remembrance. — The hypothecation which
the Doctor holds on the Island & buildings, I think is
far preferable to my single responsibility, even if I was
free from debt. Be assured that I am & hope always will
be desirous of contributing to your comfort & prosperity
when I have it in my power, I am truly yours
Wm Young

Rec^d 7th Nov^r 1840



Frederick John Rogers
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