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Rhode Vranina, ~~Oct~~, 1848.

My dear Sir,

Whenever Dr. Coates has been so kind as to make the several advances to me of Cash, on interest, for effecting the purchase of this Island and for making Repairs & additions to the House, &c, you are aware, no doubt, it was under the expectation that he would be repaid on receipt by your Firm of William Young Nos of their Claim on the Brazilian Government. In consequence however, of the late Sepion of the Legislative Assembly having unexpectedly passed over without the order for the payment of the said Claim having been obtained, and taking into consideration at the same time

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the uncertainty of human life, the Doctor has expressed a desire, to be put in possession for the sake of security under all circumstances for the amount advanced & the Interest up to the present time, of your acceptance of any Draft on you, to his order, at 9 Months date, with the understanding that, should the claim not be recovered by the time of its Maturity the Draft shall be renewed at a similar term.

I have therefore to request you to be so good as to join me in giving to Dr Coates the required Bill, and waiting the favor of your Reply, I Remain

My dear Sir, Yrs aff.

Wm Gowing Esq.

C. L.