

Bath. Jamaica

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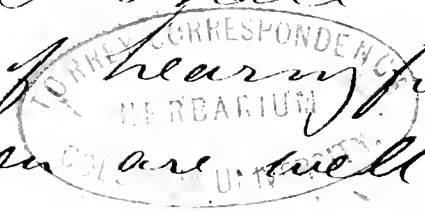
My Dear Son

As Mr. Allen is now here and has promised to deliver this with a parcel containing a few specimens of Ferns &c. I readily avail myself of his kind offer. I often think of you and the very kind reception you gave me, when I had the happiness of seeing you in New York since my return I have after thought of sending something which might interest you, but in truth I am at a loss to know what would be the most interesting but few of our plants are novel to you, — I therefore purpose getting up a small collection of fibres (and sending by & by) I have

contributed for the London  
Exhibition 125 Fibres and 17  
Basts. (and am informed that  
the collection is the best there,  
and which ought to lead to new  
sources of industry and of considerable  
commercial importance, which  
will most certainly not be the result  
of native or Creole enterprise, nor  
do I suppose England will en-  
courage industry or make much use  
of this fine Island, in the hands  
of America it would be like a  
Paradise; — Our Botanical  
matters are all but at a stand still.  
I have prevailed on Government  
to purchase land for a New Botanic  
and a commencement has been  
made, but as I am allowed  
no skilled assistance, it is doubtful  
if the place will not be abandoned  
our Niggers in the Legislature

Assembly have no great taste  
for ~~Flora~~, consequently will not  
support an efficient grant to  
carry out designs or conduct  
practical operations, so that I  
may say our advance, Botanical  
is but little if any more than when  
I saw you in 1833. We are  
in common with other Tropical  
Colonies, endeavoring to establish  
a Cinchona plantation, and I have  
proved complete success in rearing  
some 300 plants from seeds, direct  
from Peru & Guayaquil. The Red-  
bark comes from the latter place  
on the Chimborazo: about 2600 feet  
altitude & admirably suited for  
extensive cultivation on our cool  
moist mountains. I observe the  
bark is now selling at 1/6 p. lb.  
and as a tree will yield from 250  
to 300 lbs. an acre of these trees at

full maturity would realize  
over \$500000 Stg. nevertheless  
I have my doubts of this cultivation  
meeting with encouragement  
with us. — An attempt is also  
being made to grow Cotton by  
a Manchester Company, the samples  
sent home are said to be sup-  
-erior to that grown in the  
Southern States of America (and  
it has been valued at 1/6 x 2/3 p.  
lb.) The tree grows to great  
perfection (and will continue to  
produce good crops for 10 or 12  
years. — I hope I shall  
have the pleasure of hearing from  
you, (and to hear you are well



I am Dear Sir  
Yours Most Respectfully  
Wm. Wilson

Dr. Jory

P.S. Should you have any duplicate specimens to spare  
Pray let Professor Gray have them