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Norant Bay - Samoua

9th April 1842

Sir Henry

I imagine you have had many Applications, of the
nature of the one now made to you - Dr. Cooke's long continued
indisposition, awakes the Attention of all those, seeking to advance
their own interests, - and I therefore feel less delicate in addressing
you, - than I should under other circumstances -

Dr. Cooke is on the eve of leaving the Island. - The prospect of
my present Application to you, is to solicit a Dormant Power
for the management of your Properties in this Island of the
Island, in the event of your not having made other Arrangements.

With reference to my qualifications for the Office, I seek - I
beg to state, that since my Marriage, I have for the last five Years
had the entire management of the extensive Estates, for which
Mr Scott is concerned - and as a proof that my Services have not
been unappreciated, - Mr Milner - the Superintendent of the
Branches of the Colonial Bank in these Islands - has given me
a Dormant Power for his society of Wharfedale Estate - and Mr
Lee, the other Proprietor has done the same - Mr Milner has a
personal Knowledge of me - an advantage, which few Proprietors possess.

Should I be fortunate enough to be entrusted with your confidence
- it will be my study to conduct your interests in every respect - and
with Apologies for the Liberty I have taken -

I have the honor to be

Sir Henry

Your very Obedt Servant

R. L. Marshall.

Sir H. Fitzhugh Bart.
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Morant Bay, Jamaica.
14th May 1842

Sir Henry -

When I last had the honor to address you - I had no idea that circumstances, would so soon call upon me, again to write you -

My former letter, of which the preceding is a Duplicate, was written in Kingston, - wherein I had been called by business. On my return home, I found a letter from Dr. Cooke, urgently requesting to see me - I waited upon him - He was extremely ill - told me of his anxious desire to leave the Island immediately - which was prevented by pecuniary considerations - and opened a negotiation with me - to transfer to me, the Farms of Attorney for Morant Estate - the property of Sir Hilson Turrell & Ward - and your Properties of Blue Mountain & Grange Hill - on condition that I should assume a very heavy Balance which he had incautiously, allowed to accumulate at Morant Estate - together with considerable liabilities due by that Estate to others -

Notwithstanding my anxious desire to obtain the management of your Properties - a due regard to the interests of my Family, forbade my taking them - when hampered with the responsibility of the Debt due by Morant Estate - and the negotiation failed -

During its course, however, an expression fell from Dr. Cooke's Mouth - [Dr. Alex. Cooke] which has led to my troubling you with this letter - In the course of conversation, he mentioned his Brother's expressed desire, that I should be left in the management of Blue Mountain Estate - as by so doing, - he believed he would

be only carrying your wishes on the subject into effect - I am thus led to infer, that you have been kindly induced to give expression to some request in my favor - in your correspondence with Dr. Cooke - If I am in error, I can only apologise for the mistake - but - if correct in my surmise, I beg to tender you my sincere thanks, for the consideration, which prompted you to put an interest in my welfare - and to concur that interest by a desire to place me in a situation, long coveted by me -

Dr. Cooke leaves the Island in a few days - and I believe has made an arrangement with another Person - but whether successful, or not, in my application to you - I do entertain a deep feeling of Gratitude, for your kindness -

I have the honor to be,

Sir Henry

Your very obedient servant

D. G. Marshall

Sir Henry Fitzland Port.
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