

Gales Valley, Barbadoes

20th March 1845

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 29th January, and am glad at being able still to report favorably with respect to our crop. We have now made between the 2 Estates 100 hhd's Sugar and 40 puns Rum, and have shipped on the Calypso which sailed on the 18th inst. 60 hhd's Sugar & 20 puns Rum. I am now shipping on the Castle Luchlan, to sail to Barbadoes by the 1st of May, by which time I expect to have on board of her 100 hhd's Sugar and 50 puncheons Rum. I was obliged to stop both Mills last week in consequence of the wet weather we have had for the last 8 days, but I shall lose no time in commencing Sugar making again.

I shall attend to what you say about the Leasing of Gots pen; and I do say, now that you have sanctioned my reducing the rent, I will have but little difficulty in obtaining a good Tenant.

I have recovered the Guano and am now making use of it - as I mentioned to you before, it was some time before I could get it down to Patmouth, owing to the severe Breeze we had on the Coast.

In my letter to you of the 20th ult. I mentioned that I had abandoned the idea of visiting England this year, except really compell'd; - as my health continues to improve, I dare say it will in a short time be restored by going about in this Country.

V. Sermain

Dear Sir

My very obedt^t
John R. McDonald

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