

Selfe: 8th I have kept the ballance of yo^r former an^d sent of
 my barque byall w^{ch} is 14. 13. 0. 8. at the last due, & should
 not have taken it at present but sent you the full returns
 of all you sent back & not had more than ordinary occasion
 at present which I doe almost presume you will not take
 unkindly 8th I understand ^{that} the negro was not disposed of
 when the vessel came away & have here fore given order to
 Stephen Bond to dispose of her because he is a serving Con-
 sidered in her as my selfe to dispose of her for there is an
 betwene him and me and I would willingly have been
 cleared here fore have ordered him if ready pay to not to be
 had in vint^g to bring her home and now can sell her here
 for ready money but if not Stephen cannot dispose of her
 for ready pay and you have desired to be negro and can give
 but halfe the pay in hand and give him yo^r bill for the rest
 next year she shall not be brought home you may receive
 her any other order to be contrary notwithstanding, the plantation
 I would willingly have sold because I would clear my selfe
 of having any thing further to doe with Stephen, & should have
 intreated you if you know of Chapman that is able to make
 good pay the next year that you would advise Stephen of it that
 he may treat with him, & thought to have found you my selfe
 this time but I finde my selfe as yett unfit for the seas and
 the spring now coming on I hope I may see some means to
 clear