Mr. Ed. 

W. S. Consulate, Hertford Ju. March 16, 1871


Sir,

After the U. S. S. Indiana, left, I received from W. D. Nathan, Esq., the enclosed book, intenred for you, which be wished me to present you, with his compliments.

You will find, in it much that will interest you. If you will allow me to suggest a personal matter to you, I would say, that it would be a capital idea if you would prepare a lecture on Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago, or other chief cities, a lecture on the West Indies, interweaving with it, such reference to Emancipation in the West Indies, to the late so called Negro rebellion, as you deemed proper, for which this is O'Leary's book, which you have, will furnish you the material.

The benefit of such a course would be two fold, at least: 1. It would correct prevalent history on the subject of that rebellion. 2. It would draw public attention to the Dress, thus hastening Emancipation & increasing its popularity.

I trust you will have had a safe & pleasant return and that all things are moving mo...
The visit of the Decatur to this port will yield useful fruit. I am very glad you came, not only for that reason, but also, as it has proven me, what I have long desired, the opportunity of a personal acquaintance with you, which I regard as a high honor. Which has certainly been to me a great pleasure. I shall be gratified to hear from you, and if in anything I can serve you, you may command me. Wishing you every blessing, I have the honor to remain, Dear Sir,

[Signature]

Thomas H. Pearne,
U.S. Consul.
Am. Frederick Durbin.

Washington, D.C.
U. S. Consulate, Kingston, Jan.
Nov 17, 1871

My friend, Douglass,

Dear Sir:

Since writing the note of yesterday, I find a letter for you which came to the Consulate before you left, but which, from some cause, failed to reach you.

Mr. Nathan has also added another installment of Jamaican literature for your collection.

The telegram of yesterday states that New Hampshire has gone Democratic! I hope this is untrue; but if true, it only adds emphasis to the importance of Emancipation, early.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas H. Pearne,
U. S. Consul.

P.S. Please send me all reports of the Commission, your own speeches, or extracts, on the subject of Emancipation, sent there through the State Department. T. H. P.
Frederick Douglass Esp
U.S. Ship, Warr. Master
Huntsford
Dear Sir,

I very much regret that my professional duties in Court, since your arrival in the Colony, have prevented me paying some attention to you. To gather reliable ample information about Jamaica you would require at least a month or two.
I visit places that would repay you the trouble. I, a native of the Island, feel cheered by your most tender expressions about the Country communicated to me by Mr. Burke to whose care all wish your stay had been confided.

I enclose a few samples, and my friend Mr. Peares, will send you a pamphlet on the horrors of

Martial Law here in 1865 under the accursed rule of a British Governor.

With great respect,

I am, dear Sir,

Your faithful,

D. Nathan