

the feasibility of that - Whenever I return you shall certainly hear from me - & I shall then be better prepared to chalk out a Plan - ~~than~~ I shall have an Oppⁿ. of getting information in England respecting one part of the System at least - In the mean while dont you omit to write to me at this place - to the care of W^m Chipman Esq Recorder of the City - & inform me particularly of the prices cur^t. of Tobacco - Indian corn - Pitch & tar - beans & Rice - Turpentine - The am^t. of your Port charges in all your Offices - the am^t. of your Pilotage in & out - whether Tobacco goes by the 100 lbs or 200^{lb} - quintal the same of Rice & how many bush^{els}. a Boll of corn contains - Inform me also of the prices cur^t. of ~~Proof~~ high proof rum - Sugar - molasses - Cocoa - chocolate - coffee - Pimento &c - also the cur^t. adv^t. on British manufactures & what species you consume most of - also whether you consume

any Spanish & Portuguese commodities as wine & fruit &c - & what kinds are most in request is brandy in demand among you - & what would probably be the prices these commodities sell at - If you raise rice is it as good & as well cleaned as the I. C. rice ~~you~~ used to be - how large are your hhds of Tobacco not only in w. but in actual measurement - & the size & wt of your Rice Casks. - what is your Curr^t.

As to the State of Commerce in this Country I am utterly unqualified at present to give you an adequate acc^t. of it - Ever since the Peace & the Arrival of the Loyalists - I have been most ^{my} of time employ'd in the Surveying Department - but as the great Crowd of Settlers who first came are all long since provided for - I have quitted that business - ~~I having lately had a Compensation~~ ^{but} am now returning to my old profession - I have not yet had time to look about me & to get any commercial information - We can receive nothing from the American States but Flour