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Lydenham, near Philadelphia
November 8. 1833.

My dear Sir:

If I go on with the "Memoranda," I shall, sooner or later, come again to the West India trade question, and should like to know how low it stands, de facto, just now.

Have we or the British had the best of the bargain as to tonnage, within the last year; or, taking the average of time since Mr Mc Lane's arrangement?

If you could enlighten me on this point in the fewest words or figures possible, I should be thankful. Take your own time; I simply want general results, touching the competition of tonnage. I of course make the inquiry with no view or disposition to impeach the present administration, which I believe to have done well in this matter; that is, to have obtained from Britain as much as she will ever be likely to yield in relation to it, under

her present colonial circumstances.

Inform me, if you please, at the same time, for how long a period the commercial convention with G. B. ^{of 1818} was renewed. In the letter you were good enough to write me once before on this point, you said, simply, that it was renewed, but not for how long.

I went into town lately on purpose to visit your sons at Mrs Swadi's, but missed them. They had previously been out here, when, to my equal regret, ~~they~~ I was from home. Nothing but my unsettled state, for our house is still undergoing repairs and we are surrounded by rubbish and discomfort, has prevented our commanding other opportunities of seeing them. Mrs Ruth saw Francis yesterday.

With our united remembrances to Mrs Richards, remain, my dear Sir,

Always sincerely yours

Richard Ruth

A. Richards Esq.