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Dear Brother Isaac Mendes Seixas,

My last to you was per Cap. Skimer with some *emcomendas*. I hope you are in good health. We are pretty well and very much at your service. The prints of the seasons are ready and shall go p^r Bryant on board of whose ship Mr. Tavares intends to go to you in his way to Jamaica, where by the dead of his father in law his presence is much needed and desired by the coexecutors. His business in your place is to settle some accounts with his correspondents and some affairs of uncle; we have talked over the affairs of the Estate and uncle seems now come into temper of effectuating something there. The account of De Peister with the Estate, you know, is brought into a balance of 2123 and out of which £130 Strⁿ sent from Jamaica here and £460 d^o given to you is to be deducted and any bad debts that may have happened in the Invoice, which if you could had immidiatly, it would be of service to the Estate; as to the balance, I am sensible it will be difficult to come at it in ready remittances but I could not think the sending provisions to Jamaica could be to advantage, now that by God's blessing we are in the eve of a peace, I shall readily promote ye sending all to Lisbon or any other European Port and am further ready to take any hint you can give me upon this affair. The power that Ben. is to carry from us, whether an Epistolary or Notarial, is not settled. God direct us for the best, and now the grand Ridle of De Peister's excuses will come out, for I had an oportunity to tell to Uncle so much as they said to you before your coming. The Estates present income is some shill^s above 52 pound and so I have credit your account with £52 which is a year due, I think, last fall; if you think so may send advice and if any mistakes shall be retified and I should be glad to have an account of the annuity that Uncle sent to you on account of the Estate, and in what times, I believe I told you so much when here but suppose you forgot it. Some little remittances have now come from Pernambuco am^t. to ab^t. 70 pounds which will increase your next annuite. We expect something from Rio but according to *costume* the letters are not come yet; when peace comes I shall either by hook or crook settle with Danigues who I think have not shown themselves friends. I am sorry European goods are such drugs with you, I can't imagine

but (if the case should so continue) it will be more to your advantage and the Estate also to receive as much as you can of De Peister there at a favorable exchange to you and that same shall yearly be deducted from your account, so by those means you have several years annuity advance and the Estate here accumulating interest upon interest, if you think it to your advantage, tho I have no authority from uncle for so doing. I would have execute it upon the credit of this Letter and I will take upon myself the risk that may come thereof. I have not talked of this business for a long time with you and now I could fill sheets with it, but you are so acquainted with the nature of them that you may suppose all that I could explain to make you understand. I have nothing in view but your interest and I dare say uncle will not oppose the motion, specially as I say I take the risk upon my Self. By Bryant shall be more particular. Politicks are at present very considerable topics. The French this year opened the campagne with y^e siege of Maestricht and so eager they were of having it in possession that it was undertaken very early in April when the rains natural to y^e season retarded their works and entailed diseases upon their troops, however after losing near 300 men they got to the covered way by 27 or 28 last, and some preparations for an assault being rendred useless by a Saly, the thing was postponed till the 4th instant, but between the time viz on the 30th April N. S., the preliminaries for a peace were signed at Aix La Chapelle by ye ministers of Great Britain, France and Holland; private history say that France undertook for Spain, and Sardinia weighted a particular answer from his master, they say likewise that the Empress Minister protested. However, is the opinion of everybody that we shall have a peace. I suppose you would be glad to know the conditions and I should not be backward to impart them to you if I had'em. The common opinion is that all powers shall remain with ye possessions they had before the war except Parma and Platentia, that is to be ceded to Philpe and one or two places for the King of Sardinia, the Emperor is to be acknowledged and Spain is not to shear – as soon as I know anything for certain shall impart it, for the above is not too much to be depended upon. Our Stocks are got up finely at least 10 p¹⁰⁰, and its said that as soon as the ratifications come, we shall have cessation of arms by sea as there is already by land. In the meantime our men of war are not idle, for out of a convoy y^e sailed from S. Domingo with 16 Ships loaded, 10 of them are safely in our ports, besides the affair of Knowles at Port Luis in Hispaniola, of which no doubt you heard before and y^e chance of what he may do at Cuba. Our sanguine expectations are in Boz Cawen in India where any Cecesiation cant come in time to prevent the mischief that can be done before.

Comodore Coats took away from the protection of 9 Spanish men of war only with 4 ½
5 ships richly laden valued at 200 thousand pound. I suppose you have heard the dismal
news of the fire that hapened here on Lady day it began at our Grand Eldrige whose
family was burnt and a new bob of mine that was for Pezah besides my romanim wigg –
its a dismal sight to look from the south gate of y^e Ex^e down Corhil from Change Alley
to St. Michael's Church is all levell and as far as Lombard Street deep, except the last
row of houses whose being bankers great care was taken of them and Escaped with
some damage in y^e backs. Many tradesmen that were burnt out of their abitations are
removed to the Ex^e above, so by that we gott the roof of it, that was upon ye falling
mended and beautyfied. God deliver us from such misfortunes and have you in his
keeping. I am your loving and affectionate Brother,

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