Sir

George Town February 1st. 1769

I have received yours of the 29th of August last, and return you my thanks for the Account you give of Affairs with you. Matters continue in the same way relative to Doctor Crokats Estate as at the Time I wrote you last, Mr. Lynch still persisting in his demands which are large and therefore not to be trusted by me to an arbitration, as the Law would not warrant me safe in so doing, and as to his claim upon the Lands which I formerly wrote you could not be settled. If I remember right the Lawyers in Charlestown informed me that as Admr. my Business was to keep possession which if by any means Mr. Lynch should obtain, The Minor would have a Right to renew his Claim when he came of Age I think this is the footing it is on at present. I shall Do my utmost to settle this matter with Mr. Lynch soon But in the mean time must provide all the Money I am able, That in case of his establishing his Claims I may not be obliged to sell any of the Negroes, I wish the Young Man was of Age as that would free me from a very troublesome piece of Business, For what with the Claims of

Mr Lynch and what with that of Edwards If I
do not act with great circumspection, I shall run
the Risque of embarrassing my own Affairs

I shall endeavour to procure you some Tree
Seeds & flowering shrubs and send them according
to your direction

As to political matters they are what I dont
well understand, I can see in the English papers
many things published against the Americans
which I believe to be without Foundation and
many things asserted as Facts which I know
to be false, The Inhabitants of this Province
are incapable of making any resistance were
they ever so much inclined, and I believe
would allways be glad to have a Regiment in
the Province to secure them against the Slaves
which are about 10 Times the Number of White
all that I can perceive is that they are unwilling
to be taxed but by their own consent which
upon no requisition on the Crown this province
ever before refused. I am

Sir

Your most humble Servt

Robert Gibb

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