



1791
 Capt.ⁿ Henry Skinner
 Sir, Portland

We hope these lines will meet you safe arrived + in good Health at S.^t Eustatius, and that you may not be at a loss how to Act respecting the further [rout] of the Ship Eagle + her cargo entrusted to your care, we deem it necessary to give you the following Instructions, We desire that you will conform to them according to your best Judgment + abilities. In the First place, having settled for the Freight of the Slaves which Mr. Bolland may have shipped on his own account, and received from him the payment of our proportion, you are to leave the Island of S.^t Eustatius + proceed with all convenient expedition, for the South Side of the Island of Hispaniola, with our proportion

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our proportion of the Cargo, should you be
unacquainted, you must procure some Person
at S.^t Eustatius who is well acquainted with
the Island to proceed with you, and run into
the Bay du Mele, at the entrance of the
Bay, come to an Anchor, in five fathom
Water, as soon as the Ship is at an Anchor,
you will go on Shore to the third Plantation
on the right hand of the Bay, owned by a
Mulatto Man called Begon, who will
instantly acquaint De la Ville frere at Aux
Cayes with your Arrival, as soon as you
have found the said Begon, land the Slaves
at the Plantation & take his rec^t, which
after having done, depart & run for Aux
Cayes with the Ship, taking every appearance
of a Guinea Vessel away, and enter your
Ship as coming from S.^t Eustatius in Balast,
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clined to Ship a parcel of his Slaves to be
sold on the same terms as our own, if so,
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Ship agreeable to our Instructions herein
contained & a further reasonable allowance
to be made for the passage of the same to Hispaniola.
It is needless to recommend to you at all
times to be careful of the vessel & attentive
to the Cargo, that they arrive in good order.
We trust that no exertions of your own
will ever be wanting. Should Mr.
Bolland land any part, or the whole of
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