

The Undersigned Agents to several of the Colonies in the West Indies, beg leave most respectfully to represent to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and through him to the other Cabinet Ministers of His Majesty, that with anxious and dutiful attention they have considered the observations made by His Grace the Duke of Wellington, (speaking for himself and the rest of His Majesty's Ministers) to a Deputation from the Body of West India Planters and Merchants in reply to a written Document presented by that Body, and to the comments made thereon in a conference at which the undersigned were present in Downing Street on the 6th July instant.

His Grace upon that occasion, in the most earnest terms pressed upon the Gentlemen present his recommendation, that they should exert individually their utmost efforts to prevail upon the Colonial Legislatures to adopt proceedings in conformity with the Spirit of those resolutions, which, to His Grace's knowledge had in the year 1823, met the approbation of a large portion of the West India Body, and, as he believes of the British public, and had been moreover sanctioned by the unanimous vote of both Houses of Parliament; since thereby the West India Body would conciliate more readily the approbation of Parliament to any measures of relief to the West India Interest which Ministers might think it expedient to recommend.

Concerning this suggestion on the part of His Grace, the undersigned with the utmost respect and deference