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Mr Francis Cotton

I beg you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you the Articles shipped <sup>to me</sup> for San Domingo - Your brother Mr Thomas Cotton having frequently mentioned his sending out Goods to you - their success has induced me to try the same experiment with such articles as I am constantly manufacturing.

The printing <sup>is</sup> at 5/- & the colour at 2/- half is what is approved of by all the Printers at our end of the Town - these are placed in tin so that by the application of a heated Iron the top of the can can be unloosed - the Ink is perfectly free from Grit & will not stain - The black Ink will not change its colour.

As respect the Varnishes they are the best of their kind; the Gold Size is employed in writing on boards which can be gilt about 20 minutes after it has been laid on - it is used for gilding any ornamental & fancy works & is applied to drying the other Varnishes quicker than what they would of themselves -

If the Articles succeed have the kindness

to mention it to your brother when your writing to him -

Should the Ink get to the amount I should feel greatly obliged if you would ship it ~~the amount~~ in either fine Southern Oil or pale Seal Oil if at a lower price -

Gum Anime or Gum Copal I should prefer to Oil, if it could be obtained at about 5<sup>l</sup> or 6<sup>l</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> I have mentioned this in Order to know if ~~in~~ the Island or the adjoining Country produced any -

If the Inks are approved  
engage to supply the Printers  
to the Varnishes

I beg to subscribe myself  
Yours greatly obliged  
W. Maylor

As this is a Speculation in order to try whether these articles are approved and as the amount is small W. Maylor, is quite willing to leave a discretionary power in thy hands to do what is best, and with respect to remitting, whilst he would prefer the articles above mentioned, yet if it was more convenient, have no doubt, he would be satisfied, if thou thought it best, to remit in another way. Should he send out Paints and black varnish for Boats, <sup>a substitute for black paint, it dries quicker</sup> however, be awed of doubt, so as to have a considerable return, (and <sup>perhaps</sup> a separate shipment) it would be best to follow his directions. Give us thy judgment respecting, Painter's Colors, Oils, Varnishes, Inks, &c. In what quantities white lead should be packed up, dry color for J. Cotton & Co. 1728