

Antigua, N. S. 10th Nov 1844

Dear Sir

I have thought since writing my last to you that you might think me unreasonable in engaging you to take part in what may appear a doubtful project. The managers of the Mental Telegraph Company find my proposition of an indefinite a character that the Directors are not prepared to entertain it and the Secy of the Antislavery & Commisnerary are of the opinion that the Chairman advises me to take out a patent, but my proposal will be laid before the Board. Under these circumstances, as I cannot expect to suppress Scandal I have now to ask the favour of you to read the enclosed, which contains the detail of my plan, making any intercorrections and if you think fit, with the only one condition, that it remains secret with you until I have made my arrangements to both here, and in the U States.

If you think well of it, and it is not asking too much, may write me a separate note stating that a project submitted for your consideration of a piece for preserving wood from decay, you find that that would facilitate arrangements with

parties who consider my proposal too vague to be
entertained.

The Directors of the Salt Works Company lately
wrote me that the works are to be closed for the
winter, and they hope by the spring tide
income to carry them on. Should they
see that they may be profitable.

As I live quietly and cheaply
here, I shall make my abode here
until being recalled away.

Excuse I pray you my thud trespassing
on your valuable time and believe

Dear Sir

That I am with sincere esteem

Yours truly

Jeriah Deacon,

Principal Deacon

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Dear
Mrs

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