

My dear Sir

In answer to your favor of the 11th I beg to say that I have been
depressed ever since the publication of
the report of the Committee of the
Select Committee of the House of Commons
on the subject of the
Trade of the West India
Islands &c. In this case
I should not be usually to send
you three or four weeks to the
preliminary explanation to which
you refer - taking with me an
abstract and reporting myself
on the most eligible places
for the trade in the whole
of the West India Islands
of the West India Islands
and their relations to the
Caribbean Sea &c. &c. &c.
I have done the time either in
July & August or in July and August;
but the latter would be most con-
venient.

My conditions would be

- (1) That I should be at liberty to consider
and report not only on the most promising
places for the trade but also on the question
whether any place would be
feasible
- (2) That a sum of \$500 should be
allowed to defray the expenses of
the explanation and should be put
at my absolute disposal.
- (3) That the Government would warrant the
publication of the report but not publish
it as might be alleged but should they
deem it prudent to do so.

Chambers to Dr. Peck
1897

I may venture to suggest that if there
is any immediate prospect of Peace with
Canada and the Confederation there might be
an emergency in the way for the withdrawal
of the Govt. troops, and perhaps operations
all that end can be attained,
Should the Govt. decide on
availing itself of my services I would be
glad to be informed as early as possible
in order that I may make the necessary
preparations.

I may add that if there is
is any immediate prospect
of P. R. Kland entering into the
Confederation, as to my services
then being to the Government, the
prospect explicit right to my
and should not desire to
interfere.