

## ICS 120 Simon Taylor Papers

### SIMON TAYLOR PAPERS

(1740-1813)

"The Honourable Simon Taylor, a loyal subject, a firm friend and honest man who, after an active life during which he faithfully and ably fitted the highest offices of civil and military duty in this island died 14 April 1813 aged 73"

This was the inscription on Simon Taylor's tomb, erected by his nephew Sir Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in 1814. Simon Taylor was born in Jamaica in 1740, eldest son of Patrick Tailzour, who assumed the name Taylor on his marriage to Martha Taylor. Patrick had come out to Jamaica from Borrowfield, Scotland and established himself as a merchant in Kingston. Simon began his career as an attorney for absentee planters, became a planter in his own right and when he died in 1813 he was probably the richest man in Jamaica. For a brief account of his life and estimate of his wealth see R.B. Sheridan, "Simon Taylor, Sugar Tycoon of Jamaica, 1740-1813" in *Agricultural History* Vol.45, No.4 (Oct. 1971) pp. 285-296 (copy with Library copy of this index).

Simon Taylor was also very active in Jamaican politics and society, being member for Kingston in the Jamaican Assembly, 1763-81, and for St. Thomas in the East, 1784-1810; Custos; Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas; and Lieutenant Governor of militia. Simon never married, although he had an illegitimate family, and he was very close to his brother's children and other family members.

The Simon Taylor Papers consist of his personal papers and are largely made up of letters between Simon and various members of his family and close friends. The subject matter of these letters cover the issues of the day - the abolition movement, the French wars, slave revolts and the treatment of the colonists by the British government; as well as domestic matters - births, deaths and marriages, inheritances, debts and family quarrels.

Simon's heir was his nephew Sir Simon Richard Brissett Taylor, and after the latter's death in 1815, his eldest niece, Anna Susannah Taylor. In 1835 detailed reports on the estates were made for her by John Cooper and these are in the Papers. Anna Susannah had married George Watson in 1810 and the additional name Taylor was assumed at the time of the inheritance. The Papers descended in the Watson Taylor family and were purchased from Mr C.E. Watson Taylor by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies Library in 1982. Some letters were sold separately for their postal marks; xeroxed copies were placed in the Papers.

The papers have been arranged in the following way. Firstly, Simon Taylor's letter books in chronological order; then letters from his family in order of family relationship; followed by correspondence from friends and other associates in alphabetical order; finally, miscellaneous documents. These have been indexed and listed in the following pages. First is an alphabetical list of correspondents, giving any biographical details that are known and the letter references; then the letters are listed in their order in the papers, giving their date and an indication of subject content. Genealogical tables for the Taylor, Haughton, Brissett and Hibbert families are appended to show the complex family relationships.

The following abbreviations have been used:

C = ms. contemporary copy

x = modern xerox copy

\* = also in Simon Taylor's letter books

## 1. Simon Taylor letter books

### 1/A. July 1779 to July 1785

- 1/A/1. 7.7.79 to Sir John Taylor  
Naming of Sir John's son.
- 1/A/2. 27.7.79 to Sir John Taylor  
Difficulties of shipping supplies; loss of St. Vincent.
- 1/A/3. 16.11.79 to Sir John Taylor  
Defence of Jamaica; shipment of sugar.
- 1/A/4. 10.2.80 to Sir John Taylor  
News of the war.
- 1/A/5. 10.2.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Introducing bearer Mr Maxwell Waring.
- 1/A/6. 3.4.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Lady Taylor's estates; sugar yields.
- 1/A/7. 12.5.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Settlement of Lady Taylor's estates.
- 1/A/8. 17.5.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Shipments of sugar and rum.
- 1/A/9. 27.7.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Progress of the war.
- 1/A/10. 15.9.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Education of Jasper Hall's son.
- 1/A/11. 15.10.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Damage by hurricane.
- 1/A/12. 20.12.80 to Sir John Taylor  
Death of Anne Graham; Lady Taylor's estates; provisions in his will for the Graham children.

- 1/A/13. 10.2.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Division of Orange Cove.
- 1/A/14. 8.4.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Death of Sir John Taylor's son Simon; the drought; the war in the West Indies.
- 1/A/15. 17.6.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Lady Taylor's affairs; shipment of sugar.
- 1/A/16. 20.8.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Progress of the war.
- 1/A/17. 25.9.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Division of Orange Cove; advice on Sir John Taylor's desire to enter Parliament.
- 1/A/18. 23.11.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Calamities of the year.
- 1/A/19. 6.12.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Shipment of sugar.
- 1/A/20. 20.12.81 to Sir John Taylor  
Division of estates; the war.
- 1/A/21. 29.1.82 to Sir John Taylor  
The war.
- 1/A/22. nd. to Sir John Taylor  
Defence force of negroes formed to defend Jamaica.
- 1/A/23. 13.6.82 to Sir John Taylor  
"Matters altered much for the Better for us" - Rodney's victory.
- 1/A/24. 19.9.82 to Sir John Taylor  
Haughton wills for legal opinion.
- 1/A/25. 30.10.82 to Sir John Taylor  
War news; business of the estates.
- 1/A/26. 13.12.82 to Sir John Taylor  
Simon Taylor's illness.

- 1/A/27. 27.1.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Possibility of visiting England; division of Orange Cove; his will - including provision for "the woman who lives with me".
- 1/A/28. 30.3.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Legal opinion on Lady Taylor's position.
- 1/A/29. 11.5.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Crop yields; John Taylor now working for him.
- 1/A/30. 30.6.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Division of Orange Cove.
- 1/A/31. 1.7.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Orange Cove; purchasing negroes for Sir John's estates.
- 1/A/32. 14.9.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Purchase of negroes.
- 1/A/33. 24.11.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Division of Orange Cove.
- 1/A/34. 10.12.83 to Sir John Taylor  
Verdict given in his favour.
- 1/A/35. 6.2.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Visit by Sir John and Lady Taylor; birth of son; visit to England.
- 1/A/36. 13.4.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Crops; visit by Sir John.
- 1/A/37. 26.4.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Division of Orange Cove.
- 1/A/38. 21.5.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Sir John should look after his own estates; is doing his best for him.
- 1/A/39. 22.5.84 to Samuel William Haughton  
Valuation of negroes and stock on Unity and Orange Cove estates.
- 1/A/40. 22.5.84 to George Malcolm  
Division of estates.

- 1/A/41. 27.5.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Signing of land deeds.
- 1/A/42. 25.5.84 to Hibbert, Purrier & Co.  
Loans.
- 1/A/43. 29.5.84 to Robert Graham  
Fire at Lyssons Estate; settlement of his estate.
- 1/A/44. 26.6.84 to Haughton  
Division of Orange Cove.
- 1/A/45. 24.7.84 to Haughton?  
Division of Orange Cove.
- 1/A/46. 9.8.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Hurricane, loss of cargo; lack of provisions.
- 1/A/47. 3.10.84 to Haughton?  
Division of estates.
- 1/A/48. 31.10.84 to Hibbert, Purrier & Co.  
Loan.
- 1/A/49. 31.10.84 to Sir John Taylor  
Sir John not able to see William Beckford for the signing of deeds; visit by Sir John and Lady Taylor.
- 1/A/50. 2.4.85 to Robert Graham  
Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor have arrived and are spending his money.
- 1/A/51. 19.4.85 to Neil Malcolm  
Coldness between Sir John Taylor and Malcolm's family caused by Lady Taylor's father's will.
- 1/A/52. 15.7.85 to Robert Graham  
"Sir John Taylor enjoying all sweets of life while I have had all the toil".

1/B. December 1797 to April 1799

1/B /1. 27.12.97 to Robert Taylor  
War; family news.

1/B /2. 11.1.98 to Hugh Innes  
Has disinherited his nephew William Graham; war in Europe; results of abolition.

1/B /3. 11.1.98 to Margaret Graham  
Thanking her for her letter.

1/B /4. 11.1.98 to Martha Spiers  
Her father's health.

1/B /5. 11.1.98 to George Hibbert  
Financial affairs.

1/B /6. 11.1.98 to Robert Taylor  
Supplies; the war.

1/B /7. 13.1.98 to John Taylor  
The war.

1/B /8. 1.2.98 to Robert Taylor  
Supplies; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.

1/B /9. 19.2.98 to George Hibbert  
Situation in England.

1/B /10. 19.2.98 to Robert Graham  
Activities of his son William.

1/B /11. 27.3.98 to Robert Taylor  
News of friends and death of Robert Graham; details of the estate.

1/B /12. 27.3.98 to William Cunningham Graham  
Death of his father, giving him advice on his future.

1/B /13. 27.3.98 to Lady Taylor  
Death of Robert Graham.

- 1/B /14. 31.3.98 to John Taylor  
Robert Graham's estate, asking him to advise William Cunningham Graham.
- 1/B /15. 27.3.98 to Sir Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His progress at school.
- 1/B /16. 27.3.98 to Martha Spiers  
Death of her father.
- 1/B /17. 29.3.98 to Margaret Graham  
Possibility of living with Lady Taylor.
- 1/B /18. 24.4.98 to George Hibbert  
War; duties on sugar.
- 1/B /19. 29.4.98 to John Taylor  
Building a new house.
- 1/B /20. 24.4.98 to Robert Taylor  
Possible invasion of England and conduct of the war; education of Sir Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/B /21. 11.5.98 to George Hibbert  
Loss of ships in West Indies; problems emancipation would bring; the Maroons.
- 1/B /22. 20.5.98 to Robert Taylor  
Maroons and negro insurrection.
- 1/B /23. 26.5.98 to Richard Grant  
Orange Cove; Lady Taylor's affairs.
- 1/B /24. 29.5.98 to Robert Taylor  
Hall estate.
- 1/B /25. 3.6.98 to Robert Taylor?  
Graham children.
- 1/B /26. 26.7.98 to Robert Taylor  
Payment of bills.



- 1/B /27. October, to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's attitude to education; bad influence of his mother; extravagance of William Graham; "mad"ness of Wilberforce; Lady Taylor's debts.
- 1/B /28. 30.10.98 to Lady Taylor  
Miss Graham's lodgings with a widow; education of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/B /29. 30.10.98 to Margaret Graham  
She should live on her income; not possible for her to go to Jamaica.
- 1/B /30. 31.10.98 to George Hibbert  
Oppression of taxation; government is ruining the West Indian colonies.
- 1/B /31. 30.10.98 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Falling out with Dr. Gilpin; his idleness - unless he mends his ways he will have nothing further to do with him; he is to go to St. Andrews and live with Sir D. Carnegie.
- 1/B /32. 30.10.98 to John Taylor  
William Graham's affairs; idleness of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; his future education.
- 1/B /33. nd. Starts in middle of letter (p. 63 of book) to Taylor  
Money; the disruption of the war; the Graham children.
- 1/B /34. 6.8.98 to Robert Taylor  
Money and bills; dismissal of Mr Kelso for beating negroes.
- 1/B /35. ??11.98 to John Taylor  
William Graham; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/B /36. 28.11.98 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; cargoes.
- 1/B /37. 28.11.98 to John Taylor, repeat of no. 35.
- 1/B /38. 28.11.98 to Hugh Innes  
His nephew; battle of Nile and other war news.
- 1/B /39. 3.12.98 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; William Graham; cargoes; that he is purchasing negroes and stocking his estates and intends to keep up the population by births.

- 1/B /40. 16.12.98 to Robert Taylor  
Debts of old school friend.
- 1/B /41. 29.1.99 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education; the war; death of James Renny; cargoes.
- 1/B /42. 27.1.99 to Dr George Hill  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.
- 1/B /43. 6.2.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Leaving Cheam and going to St. Andrews.
- 1/B /44. 6.2.99 to Lady Taylor  
Hoping for an improvement in Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; sending her more money.
- 1/B /45. 6.2.99 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Thanking her for her letter.
- 1/B /46. 6.2.99 to Elizabeth Taylor  
Thanking her for her letter; that he will not be able to visit England this year.
- 1/B /47. 10.2.99 to Maria Taylor  
Thanking her for her letter.
- 1/B /48. 10.2.99 to Martha Taylor  
Thanking her for her letter.
- 1/B /49. 10.4.99 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Lady Taylor's complaints; has sent her more money for the girls if she lets Simon Richard Brissett Taylor go to St. Andrews; the Graham children; shipping sugar [continues on page 7 of next letter book].
- 1/C. April 1799 to February 1800
- 1/C /1. 11.4.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His education and his inheritance: will not be Simon Taylor's heir unless he improves himself.
- 1/C /2. 11.4.99 to John Taylor  
Renny's estate; marriage of William Graham.

- 1/C /3. 14.4.99 to Lady Taylor  
Money and estates.
- 1/C /4. continuation of 1/B/49.
- 1/C /5. 29.4.99 to Robert Taylor  
War taxation and duties.
- 1/C /6. 1.5.99 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor influenced by his mother; taxation.
- 1/C /7. 4.5.99 to John Taylor  
Death of Renny.
- 1/C /8. 7.5.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Has not heard from him but from others hears he is still idle.
- 1/C /9. 8.6.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Spelling mistakes in his letter.
- 1/C /10. 15.6.99 to Dr George Hill  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Dr Hill's eldest son to be sent to Jamaica.
- 1/C /11. 6.6.99 to George Hibbert  
Trade with America; income tax bill.
- 1/C /12. 4.6.99 to John Taylor  
Renny's estate.
- 1/C /13. 14.6.99 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Marriage of William Graham; regards the Taylor children as his own children.
- 1/C /14. 14.6.99 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/C /15. 14.6.99 to Maria Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/C /16. 14.6.99 to Elizabeth Taylor  
Will not visit England this year.

- 1/C /17. 5.6.99 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor improving.
- 1/C /18. 18.6.99 to Robert Taylor  
Funding of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.
- 1/C /19. 19.6.99 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor progresses; that Nicol Graham has left Jamaica; the lawsuit over her inheritance from her father.
- 1/C /20. 1.8.99 to John Tharp  
Lawrence estates; government is ruining the colonies; Sir John Taylor's affairs.
- 1/C /21. 6.7.99 to John Taylor  
Business.
- 1/C /22. 26.9.99 to Robert Taylor  
Improvement in Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; the war; supplies.
- 1/C /23. 26.9.99 to Dr George Hill  
Asking his opinion of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/C /24. 26.9.99 to Dr George Hill  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.
- 1/C /25. 26.9.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
No letter received; warning him against bad company.
- 1/C /26. 9.10.99 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's conduct and expenses; how he has helped Sir John Taylor's family and got no thanks; trade.
- 1/C /27. 20.10.99 to Margaret Graham  
She should not get into debt and sending her £50.
- 1/C /28. 18.10.99 to John Taylor  
Buying property in Jamaica.
- 1/C /29. 1.7.99 to Thomas Griffith  
Cannot send him money.

- 1/C /30. 27.10.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Still no letter from him - if no letter by next packet, no pocket money; that he is not to visit William Graham or Mr Spiers.
- 1/C /31. ?? .11.99 to Robert Taylor  
Government policy to the colonies; the war; sugar trade.
- 1/C /32. 7.12.99 to John Tharp  
Reid lawsuit concerning Lady Taylor's estates; the war; colonial trade.
- 1/C /33. 29.11.99 to Robert Taylor [1st part same as no.31] continues as from 30.11 & 3.12.99  
Mr Griffith; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education; Reid lawsuit: effect on Lady Taylor.
- 1/C /34. 3.12.99 to Lady Taylor  
Her father was previously married; he has been forced to give up half of Orange Cove.
- 1/C /35. 2.12.99 to Hugh Innes  
[Nicol] Bontine Graham.
- 1/C /36. 7.12.99 to Nicol Graham Bontine  
Had intended establishing him in business before he left Jamaica.
- 1/C /37. 1.12.99 to Richard Grant  
Legal affairs.
- 1/C /38. 30.11.99 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Received 2 letters from him; hears he is improving.
- 1/C /39. 13.2.1800 to George Hibbert  
Events in St. Domingo; trade.
- 1/D. February 1800 - May 1801 [incomplete]
- 1/D/1. 12.2.1800 to Dr George Hill  
Situation in St. Domingo; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/2. 15.2.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Martial law in Jamaica; Lady Taylor's affairs; Nicol Graham; trade.
- 1/D/3. 11.2.1800 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

- 1/D/4. 10.2.1800 to Elizabeth Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/5. 10.2.1800 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/6. 10.2.1800 to Martha Spiers  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/7. 20.2.1800 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Hopes he avoids all idle company.
- 1/D/8. 21.2.1800 to John Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and the Graham brothers.
- 1/D/9. ??2.1800? to Robert Taylor  
Trade; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's behaviour; the Graham brothers.
- 1/D/10. 6.5.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; other family business.
- 1/D/11. 12.5.1800 to Lady Taylor  
Education of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/12. 12.5.1800 to John Taylor  
Graham brothers.
- 1/D/13. 8.5.1800 to Hugh Innes  
Nicol Graham.
- 1/D/14. 16.5.1800 to Dr George Hill  
Son's arrival in Jamaica; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/15. 14.5.1800 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Books he should read and how much wine he should drink.
- 1/D/16. 17.5.1800 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/17. 17.5.1800 to Martha Spiers  
Her brothers and the bringing up of her children.

- 1/D/18. 16.5.1800 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/19. 17.5.1800 to Margaret Graham  
Her annuity.
- 1/D/20. 17.5.1800 to Joseph Brissett  
Settlement of the Haughton estate.
- 1/D/21. 15.5.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going abroad; abolition of slave trade would be death warrant of West Indian colonies.
- 1/D/22. 13.6.1800 to George Hibbert  
Abolition of slave trade; if it happens he will go to America.
- 1/D/23. 15.6.1800 to John Taylor  
Good news of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/24. 19.7.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Tax on staples; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor should come out to Jamaica - if he has set out for the continent he must be recalled; sugar trade.
- 1/D/25. 25.7.1800 to Eliza Taylor  
Her illness and visit to Brighton.
- 1/D/26. 24.7.1800 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/27. 28.7.1800 to Martha Spiers  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/28. 1.8.1800 to Margaret Graham  
Improper for her to remain in lodgings in London.
- 1/D/29. 4.8.1800 to John Tharp  
Brissett brothers.
- 1/D/30. 5.9.1800 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Trip to Highlands and Islands: he is to avoid r;-drinking and gambling parties; because of yellow fever he is not to go to Jamaica but can go to Europe.

- 1/D/31. 4.9.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Dangers of travelling on the continent unless one is a soldier; he and his brother must decide what to do with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; income tax.
- 1/D/32. 6.10.1800 to Maria Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/33. 6.10.1800 to John Taylor  
Graham brothers' debts.
- 1/D/34. 6.10.1800 to Lady Taylor  
What to do with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/35. 4.10.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Death of "young Mr Hill" (John Hill?); future of Nicol Graham and his challenge to a duel in Jamaica; provision for Lady Taylor and her children; arrival of 360 slaves - all sold.
- 1/D/36. 6.10.1800 to Dr George Hill  
His son John [Hill] died of fever.
- 1/D/37. 15.10.1800 to George Hibbert  
Trade.
- 1/D/38. 14.11.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Conditions on the continent; abolition of slave trade.
- 1/D/39. 22.11.1800 to Lady Taylor  
What to do with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/40. 23.11.1800 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Conditions on the continent; abandoned idea of bringing him to Jamaica due to yellow fever.
- 1/D/41. 26.11.1800 to John Taylor  
Possibility of American war.
- 1/D/42. 29.11.1800 to Robert Taylor  
Shipping.
- 1/D/43. 4.12.1800 to Martha Spiers  
Education of her children.



- 1/D/44. 1.1.1801 to Robert Taylor  
He must decide what to do with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; shipping.
- 1/D/45. 22.1.01 to George Hibbert  
Election of Jefferson as president; war with America would be end of British colonies.
- 1/D/46. 15.1.01 to Lady Taylor  
She should stay in Weymouth.
- 1/D/47. 15.1.01 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Problems of estates that Simon Taylor inherited.
- 1/D/48. 14.2.01 to John Taylor  
Hopes to travel to England.
- 1/D/49. 14.2.01 to Robert Taylor  
Does not have time to write.
- 1/D/50. 10.3.01 to Lady Taylor  
News of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's foreign tour; increase in her allowance.
- 1/D/51. 10.3.01 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/D/52. 9.3.01 to John Taylor  
Concerning William Graham.
- 1/D/53. 10.3.01 to David Reid  
His son's progress - he hires out negroes; general description of the conditions of negroes.
- 1/D/54. 13.3.01 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's trip and Lady Taylor's finances.
- 1/D/55. 19.3.01 to Dr George Hill  
Death of his son and matters concerned with his effects; thanks him for looking after Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/56. 18.3.01 to George Hibbert  
War on continent.

- 1/D/57. 8.4.01 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Has not received a letter from him; instructions as to his conduct.
- 1/D/58. 19.4.01 to Robert Taylor  
Concerning Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/D/59. 16.4.01 to Margaret Graham  
Her move to other accommodation; her inheritance from her father.
- 1/D/60. 14.5.01 to Nicol Graham  
His intention to go to Canada.
- 1/D/61. 8.4.01 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's trip.
- 1/D/62. 14.5.01 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His conduct.
- 1/D/63. 14.5.01 to John Tharp  
Affair between his wife and son in law.
- 1/D/64. 14.5.01 to Robert Taylor  
Change of government in England.
- 1/D/65. 14.5.01 to John Taylor  
Concerning William Graham.
- 1/D/66. 15.5.01 to George Hibbert  
Hopes new administration will have too much to do to tackle the slave trade.
- 1/D/67. 31.5.01 to Martha Spiers  
Money owed by William Graham [incomplete].
- 1/E. 1801-1802
- 1/E/1. [15].8.01 to John Taylor  
Concerning William Graham.
- 1/E/2. 16.8.01 to Robert Taylor  
Concerning Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

- 1/E/3. 3.9.01 to George Hibbert  
Trade with America.
- 1/E/4. 6.9.01 to Robert Taylor  
Andrew's estate.
- 1/E/5. 21.10.01 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
His health and other family news.
- 1/E/6. 20.10.01 to John Taylor  
Debts of William Graham.
- 1/E/7. 22.10.01 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His journal of his German tour - he should keep it in French; company is he keeping.
- 1/E/8. 28.10.01 to Robert Taylor  
On Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - "I will let him go to the Devil"; destitution of West Indies by Pitt's policies.
- 1/E/9. 4.11.01 to William Graham  
Surprised to get a letter from him; complains of his conduct and company.
- 1/E/10. 4.11.01 to John Taylor  
William Graham's debts and the sale of his estate to settle them.
- 1/E/11. 6.11.01 to Robert Taylor  
Concerning William Graham; war situation.
- 1/E/12. 2.12.01 to Maria Taylor  
Family visits.
- 1/E/13. 3.12.01 to Eliza Taylor  
Her ill health; her bad relations with Lady Taylor.
- 1/E/14. 3.12.01 to Lady Taylor  
Bad reports of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/E/15. 8.12.01 to George Hibbert  
Sugar duties; his brother's firm.
- 1/E/16. 8.12.01 to Robert Hibbert Junior  
His new commercial venture in London.

- 1/E/17. 11.12.01 to John Taylor  
William Graham Trust problem.
- 1/E/18. 18.12.01 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor being easily led astray.
- 1/E/19. 27.12.01 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Urging him to shake off indolence.
- 1/E/20. 2.12.01 to Margaret Graham  
With "happy returns of this time of the year" [wrong transcription of date].
- 1/E/21. 24.12.01 to John Taylor  
William Graham's affairs; peace in Europe.
- 1/E/22. ?? .12.[1801] to Robert Hibbert Jn.  
Business.
- 1/E/23. ?? .12.[1801] to Robert Taylor  
Payment of accounts and other business.
- 1/E/24. 13.2.02 to Robert Taylor  
Nicol Graham's plan to buy cargoes.
- 1/E/25. ?? .12.1802 [probably Feb.] to George Hibbert  
Received his letter of 3.12.1801; Toussaint in St. Domingo and his example to negroes on other islands; only way to reinstate St. Domingo as a sugar colony is to "extirpate" all the negroes and resettle with new negroes from Africa; other grievances of the colonists.
- 1/E/26. Feb. 1802 to Henry Shirley  
Events in Europe, St. Domingo; grievances of West Indian colonists.
- 1/E/27. 17.2.02 to Martha Spiers  
Thanking her husband for what he did for William Graham and the education of their son.
- 1/E/28. 19.2.02 to Nicol Graham  
His prospects in Quebec trade.
- 1/E/29. Feb. 1802 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His visit to Switzerland.

- 1/E/30. March, to George Hibbert  
Effects of drought on the cane; new firm the Hibbert family are setting up; estates of Richard Brissett.
- 1/E/31. 3.3.02 to ?Robert Taylor  
Improvement in Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; payments to Nicol Graham.
- 1/E/32. 16.4.02 to ?Robert Taylor  
William Graham's affairs; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/E/33. 12.4.02 to John Taylor  
Death of his friend Gardyner; events on St. Domingo.
- 1/E/34. 16.4.02 to Martha Spiers  
Thanking her for her letter.
- 1/E/35. 25.4.02 to George Hibbert  
New Hibbert firm.
- 1/E/36. 25.4.02 to John Taylor  
Family affairs and settlements.
- 1/E/37. 4.5.02 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/E/38. 4.5.02 to Lady Taylor  
Adverse weather; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/E/39. 1.6.02 to William Graham  
Pleased to hear well of him.
- 1/E/40. 4.6.02 to John Taylor  
Birth of his daughter.
- 1/E/41. 4.6.02 to Robert Taylor  
Peace in Europe; settlement of bills.
- 1/E/42. 24.6.02 to Robert Taylor  
Efforts of McVicarAffled to raise money on his West Indian estate.
- 1/E/43. 7.7.02 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Choosing his company.

- 1/E/44. 6.7.02 to George Hibbert  
St. Domingo; Richard Brissett's estate.
- 1/E/45. 9.7.02 to Robert Taylor  
Brissett estates.
- 1/E/46. 12.7.02 to Lady Taylor  
Health of various family members; arrival of Mr Tharp.
- 1/E/47. 14.7.02 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/E/48. 25.7.02 to Robert Taylor  
Business.
- 1/E/49. 1.10.02 to Lady Taylor  
Weather conditions; Margaret Graham's lodgings.
- 1/E/50. 1.10.02 to Margaret Taylor [should be Margaret Graham]  
Her change of lodgings.
- 1/E/51. 1.10.02 to Elizabeth Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/E/52. 28.8.02 to Martha Spiers  
Concerning William Graham.
- 1/E/53. 29.9.02 to Robert Taylor  
Concerning Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/E/54. 12.10.02 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Keeping good company; how he manages the properties on latter's behalf; not for him to  
throw the money away.
- 1/E/55. 6.11.02 to Eliza Taylor  
Bad relations with her mother; Lady Taylor's good job of bringing up her children.
- 1/E/56. Nov. 1802 to Robert Taylor  
Raising money on West Indian estates; other business.

1/F. December 1802 to July 1804

- 1/F/1. 5.12.02 to [Nicol Graham]  
His business in Canada.
- 1/F/2. 3.12.02 to John Taylor  
Graham business.
- 1/F/3. 4.12.02 to Robert Taylor  
Price of sugar; family news.
- 1/F/4. 11.1.03 to Robert Taylor  
Provisions and shipping.
- 1/F/5. 9.1.03 to Lady Taylor  
Idleness of Irish youth; family health; impossibility of going to England.
- 1/F/6. 9.1.03 to Maria Taylor  
Her health.
- 1/F/7. 5.1.03 to Martha Spiers  
Her family.
- 1/F/8. nd. to John Taylor  
Payment by William Graham of debts; Renny estates.
- 1/F/9. 10.12.02 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His starting collection of drawings.
- 1/F/10. 30.1.03 to Robert Taylor  
Family business; marriage of Miss Hall and Captain Codrington.
- 1/F/11. 16.3.03 to Lady Taylor  
Family health.
- 1/F/12. 16.3.03 to Robert Taylor  
Price of sugar.
- 1/F/13. 23.3.03 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His art collection; his own education.

- 1/F/14. 21.3.03 to Robert Taylor  
Family affairs; provisions.
- 1/F/15. 1.5.03 to John Taylor  
Drought; education of his children.
- 1/F/16. 1.5.03 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/F/17. 1.5.03 to Margaret Graham  
Received her letter.
- 1/F/18. 1.5.03 to Robert Taylor  
Cannot go to England yet; shipping of coal from Newcastle; continued no. 23.
- 1/F/19. 3.5.03 to Lady Taylor  
His age (64); family health and future of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/F/20. 1.5.03 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/F/21. 1.5.03 to Margaret Graham  
Received her letter.
- 1/F/22. 1.5.03 to John Taylor, repeat of no. 15.
- 1/F/23. Continuation of no. 18 to Robert Taylor  
Sugar duties and other business.
- 1/F/24. 23.5.03 to Henry Shirley  
Sugar trade.
- 1/F/25. 30.5.03 to William Graham  
Returning to his regiment; his conduct in general.
- 1/F/26. 12.6.03 to [Robert Taylor]  
Government policy ruining the West Indies.
- 1/F/27. 12.6.03 to George Hibbert  
West Indian conditions and grievances.



- 1/F/28. 7.9.03 to [Robert Taylor]  
Business; family.
- 1/F/29. 7.9.03 to George Hibbert  
Sugar duties.
- 1/F/30. 4.10.03 to Lady Taylor  
War and possible invasion of England; possibility of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor returning home and going into the army.
- 1/F/31. 4.10.03 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor leaving Switzerland for Germany; sedition in Ireland; other business affairs.
- 1/F/32. 7.10.03 to Martha Spiers?  
Family matters.
- 1/F/33. 15.11.03 to Robert Taylor  
European war; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; sugar shipments.
- 1/F/34. 20.11.03 to George Hibbert  
Votes for his election as agent; trade with Europe; sugar trade.
- 1/F/35. Dec. 1803 to Robert Taylor  
Europe.
- 1/F/36. 11.12.03 to Robert Hibbert Jn  
Possible invasion of England and government policy; situation in French West Indies.
- 1/F/37. 14.12.03 to John Taylor  
War.
- 1/F/38. 17.12.03 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter; worried about Maria's health; pleasure at Mrs Codrington (his ward Jane Hall)'s marriage.
- 1/F/39. 2.1.04 to Nicol Graham  
His debts in Montreal; advising against return to Jamaica, but he should go to New York or South Carolina; will help him all he can.
- 1/F/40. 11.1.04 to Martha Spiers  
Education of her sons.

- 1/F/41. 29.12.03 to Robert Taylor  
Shipping and the war; arrival of slave ships from Gold Coast; only buys young negroes.
- 1/F/42. 14.1.04 [03 wrong] to George Hibbert  
Election of Mr Lyon instead of himself; fickleness of the Irish; the Brissett estates;  
intermixture of races in Jamaica; Hibbert's debts in Jamaica.
- 1/F/43. March 1804 to Margaret Graham  
Received her letter.
- 1/F/44. March 1804 to Mrs Edward Codrington  
Birth of son.
- 1/F/45. March 1804 to William Graham  
His appointment in the army.
- 1/F/46. March 1804 to Elizabeth Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/F/47. March 1804 to Lady Taylor  
Concerning Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/F/48. 10.3.04 to Robert Taylor  
In spite of spoilt upbringing Simon Richard Brissett Taylor seems to have turned out well;  
the war in Europe; sugar trade.
- 1/F/49. 11.3.04 to ? [possibly Robert Taylor]  
Conditions in West Indies; sending a statement to be shown around London.
- 1/F/50. 26.3.04 to Robert Taylor  
Need for more Ebo slaves, but waste to send ships empty to Africa.
- 1/F/51. 26.3.04 to ?John Taylor  
Disagreement between David Dick and John McCall.
- 1/F/52. 4.4.04 to George Hibbert  
Agency; his statement on West Indian conditions [see no. 49?] and British goods.
- 1/F/53. 4.4.04 to Robert Taylor  
Possible invasion of England.

- 1/F/54. 15.4.04 to Robert Taylor  
Delay of invasion; payment of bills.
- 1/F/55. 12.5.04 to Robert Taylor  
King's illness; bill to regulate the army; shipping of cargoes.
- 1/F/56. 18.6.04 to Robert Taylor  
Death of Simon Taylor's housekeeper; shipping.
- 1/F/57. 12.6.04 to Robert Hibbert  
Price of sugar; Brissett estates.
- 1/F/58. 13.6.04 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
War prevents a visit to England.
- 1/F/59. July 1804 to Robert Taylor  
Conduct of the war; selling of commodities.
- 1/F/60. 1.7.04 to George Hibbert  
Actions of ministers to destroy West Indian colonies.
- 1/F/61. 5.7.04 to Lady Taylor  
Family health.
- 1/F/62. 28.7.04 to George Hibbert  
Condition of West Indian colonies, which will go the way of St. Domingo if slave trade abolished.
- 1/F/63. 25.7.04 to Robert Taylor  
Movement of shipping; payment of bills; war in Europe; Nicol Graham's business.
- 1/G. August 1804 to January 1806
- 1/G/1. 20.8.04 to John Taylor  
Disagreement between David Dick and John McCall.
- 1/G/2. 20.8.04 to Robert Taylor  
Argument of House of Commons that slavery is against Christianity - this not proved; value of West Indies to Britain.

- 1/G/3. 24.8.04 to George Hibbert  
Action of Lords over Wilberforce's Bill; events on St. Domingo influenced all negroes.
- 1/G/4. 4.10.04 to Eliza Taylor  
News of her engagement to William Mayne against her mother's wishes and without his knowledge.
- 1/G/5. 4.10.04 to William Mayne  
Received his letter and expressing surprise at the news.
- 1/G/6. 4.10.04 to Lady Taylor  
Unsuitability of Eliza's match - William Mayne has no profession.
- 1/G/7. 8.10.04 to Robert Taylor  
Eliza's conduct and that he was not consulted; the settlements that have been made on the Taylor girls; how he is leaving his estates.
- 1/G/8. 14.10.04 to Robert Taylor  
Shipping; family matters.
- 1/G/9. nd. to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Increasing his allowance; trip to Berlin; other financial and estate matters; whether he should go into the army or Parliament.
- 1/G/10. 6.11.04 to Robert Taylor  
Shipping; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going to Russia; other family news.
- 1/G/11. 5.11.04 to George Hibbert  
Slave Trade Abolition Bill; price of sugar.
- 1/G/12. ?? .12.04 to Robert Taylor  
Cargoes, including slaves.
- 1/G/13. 21.1.05 to Robert Taylor  
Shipment of slaves; Mrs Codrington's money; Nicol Graham doing well.
- 1/G/14. 31.1.05 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Settlement of money matters between them now he is of age.
- 1/G/15. 5.2.05 to Martha Spiers  
Nicol Graham had been in Jamaica, now in New York; education of her son.

- 1/G/16. 5.2.05 to Margaret Graham  
Received her letter.
- 1/G/17. 30.1.05 to John Taylor  
Dissolving Dick & McCall partnership.
- 1/G/18. 5.2.05 to Lady Taylor  
Provision for her daughters and hopes they will be happily married.
- 1/G/19. Feb. 1805 to Robert Taylor  
If William Mayne settles what he has on Eliza, Simon Taylor will give them £5,000; how he is to leave his estate.
- 1/G/20. 14.4.05 to Robert Taylor  
Deeds of settlement ready; events in Europe; marriage of Eliza Taylor and William Mayne - no member of the family present; trade with America.
- 1/G/21. 14.4.05 to Lady Taylor  
Eliza Taylor's marriage; he will have nothing more to do with them, sees little chance of William Mayne getting a job.
- 1/G/22. 14.4.05 to John Taylor  
Business matters.
- 1/G/23. 25.4.05 to George Hibbert  
Pitt's plan to ruin England by ruining the colonies; problems with various West Indian estates.
- 1/G/24. 2.5.05 to Martha Spiers [addressed My Dear Sir]  
Visit to London to put her son in school.
- 1/G/25. 1.5.05 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
A trip to a cold climate would finish him off; displeasure at Eliza Taylor's marriage.
- 1/G/26. 10.5.05 to Robert Taylor  
Victory over Wilberforce; family news; activities of French and Spanish fleet.
- 1/G/27. 20.5.05 to George Hibbert  
Tharp estate; defeat of Wilberforce.

- 1/G/28. 28.6.05 to Robert Taylor  
Good behaviour of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; he would benefit from tour of America; marriage proposal received by Anna Susannah Taylor from George Reid.
- 1/G/29. 23.7.05 - two letters to Richard Grant, one crossed out  
Settlement of the estates on Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and his sisters.
- 1/G/30. 28.7.05 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His trip to Russia; now safe for him to return to his mother but not for too long, then to tour North America; settlement of account between them; profligacy of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's father; failure of his mother's estate to provide due to hurricanes; Sir John Taylor died in 1786 owing money to Simon Taylor and many others - Simon Taylor paid his debts; he will pay owed legacies to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's sisters; details of division of the estates and proposals for the future.
- 1/G/31. 4.8.05 to Robert Taylor  
Concerning above proposals.
- 1/G/32. 7.10.05 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Received his letter.
- 1/G/33. 7.10.05 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/G/34. 7.10.05 to Lady Taylor  
George Reid's proposal for Anna Susannah Taylor.
- 1/G/35. Oct. 1805 to Robert Taylor  
George Reid - would rather his nieces marry into English or Scottish families than Creole; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's future.
- 1/G/36. 11.10.05 to Martha Spiers  
Received her letter.
- 1/G/37. 15.11.05 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Family news.
- 1/G/38. 16.11.05 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; various accounts.
- 1/G/39. 12.11.05 to Robert Hibbert  
Business, especially Tharp's affairs.

- 1/G/40. 14.1.06 to Robert Taylor  
Sending of John Kimmett to Jamaica; according to Robert Taylor, Simon Taylor's proposals well received by Lady Taylor and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor but Simon Taylor has received ungracious letter from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor, so he retracts his proposals and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor must provide for his mother and sisters; Nicol Graham is now to be Simon Taylor's legatee; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor is an ungrateful wretch [For letter see 5/A/50].
- 1/G/41. 15.1.06 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Taking objection to his letter of 6.11.05 [6/A/50] which refers to the proposed settlement and which he interprets that Simon Richard Brissett Taylor thinks he wants to cheat him; he cuts Simon Richard Brissett Taylor out of his life and fortune.
- 1/G/42. 14.1.06 to Lady Taylor  
Retracting his proposals.
- 1/G/43. 18.1.06 to ? "Dear Sir"  
Abolitionists and the war.
- 1/G/44. 18.1.06 to John Taylor  
Conduct of war.
- 1/G/45. 20.1.06 to Martha Spiers  
Putting her 2nd son Robert into a commercial house in Scotland.
- 1/G/46. 21.1.06 to Richard Grant  
Settlement with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/G/47. 21.1.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp estates.
- 1/G/48. 20.1.06 to Robert Taylor  
Concerning Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/G/49. 23.1.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp affairs.
- 1/G/50. 23.1.06 to Henry Shirley  
Pitt and war in Europe.

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- 1/H/1. 22.3.06 to Richard Grant  
Settlement with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and his sisters; he awaits a letter of explanation from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 1/H/2. 22.3.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp affairs.
- 1/H/3. 29.3.06 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's behaviour; birth of son to Eliza Mayne; death of Nelson.
- 1/H/4. April 1806 to Robert Taylor  
Accounts; awaiting Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's explanation; death of Pitt and parliamentary affairs.
- 1/H/5. 24.4.06 to Lady Taylor  
Cannot sign deeds until received explanation from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor as to his accusations in his letter of 6.11.05; sorry for deaths of Lords Nelson and Cornwallis, but wished Pitt had died in his cradle.
- 1/H/6. 24.4.06 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/H/7. 24.4.06 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/H/8. 25.4.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp estates; parliamentary affairs.
- 1/H/9. 13.5.06 to George Hibbert  
Colonial trade.
- 1/H/10. 10.5.06 to Robert Taylor  
Shipping.
- 1/H/11. 27.5.06 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Does not believe his expressions were unguarded; he had expected gratitude not suspicion; details of all he has done for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; reasons for wanting him to travel in America - a haven for the Taylor family if England is invaded and the West Indian colonies lost; his future conduct will determine if Simon Taylor forgets his letter of 5 Nov.



- 1/H/12. 7.6.06 to Robert Taylor  
He forgives Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and will sign the papers; shipping.
- 1/H/13. 16.6.06 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; the estates.
- 1/H/14. July 1806 to Robert Taylor  
Victory of Sir John Duckworth; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and purchase of property in America; results of abolition of slave trade.
- 1/H/15. 1.7.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp affairs.
- 1/H/16. 4.7.06 to George Hibbert  
Kerr estates; effects of abolition of slave trade; proposed settlement with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and his letter; sugar duties.
- 1/H/17. 8.7.06 to John Taylor  
Conditions in West Indies - destruction of French fleet by Sir John Duckworth.
- 1/H/18. 24.6.06 to Maria Taylor  
Her ill health and the drawings she sent.
- 1/H/19. 21.7.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp's affairs.
- 1/H/20. 21.7.06 to George Hibbert  
Brissett estates; trade with America.
- 1/H/21. 19.7.06 to Robert Taylor  
Settlement with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and his sisters; ready to help Nicol Graham.
- 1/H/22. 24.7.06 to Richard Grant  
Only forgave Simon Richard Brissett Taylor because of letters received from Richard Grant, Robert Taylor and George Hibbert; estate business.
- 1/H/23. 24.8.06 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/H/24. 24.8.06 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
His feelings to her and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

- 1/H/25. 24.8.06 to Eliza Mayne  
Does not wish to hear from her again.
- 1/H/26. 24.8.06 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's attitude.
- 1/H/27. 30.8.06 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Simon Taylor's activities on behalf of his brother's children - his estates only make a profit because he put negroes on them; the inhabitants of St. Domingo had to fly to America; therefore he wants him to find a safe place there for the Taylors when similar conditions come to West Indian colonies as a result of abolition of slave trade.
- 1/H/28. 2.9.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp estates; sees only destruction of England so has instructed Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to find a place in America.
- 1/H/29. 6.9.06 to Robert Taylor  
Conduct of the Ministry destroying England; family news.
- 1/H/30. 30.9.06 to Lady Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/H/31. nd. to Robert Taylor  
Family news; peace prospects; end of slave trade means death of West Indian colonies.
- 1/H/32. nd. to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Wants to realise all the West Indian and English property and settle the money in America in property.
- 1/H/33. 9.10.06 to George Hibbert  
Tharp affairs.
- 1/I. November 1806 to June 1808
- 1/I/1. 12.11.06 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Taking of house in country for his mother and sisters.
- 1/I/2. 12.11.06 to Lady Taylor  
Received her letter.

- 1/I/3.      nd. to Robert Taylor  
Conduct of the war.
- 1/I/4.      12.11.06 to Lady Taylor, duplicate of no. 2.
- 1/I/5.      12.11.06 to Robert Taylor  
Payments to the Taylor girls; possibility of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor entering  
Parliament as West Indian Party candidate.
- 1/I/6.      8.1.07 to George Hibbert  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; sugar duties; Tharp estate; causes of decline of negro  
population in West Indies.
- 1/I/7.      9.1.07 to Robert Taylor  
Family news; shipping.
- 1/I/8.      10.1.07 to Margaret Graham  
Received her letter.
- 1/I/9.      10.1.07 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going to America to find an asylum for her and her  
daughters.
- 1/I/10.     10.1.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Received his letter.
- 1/I/11.     10.1.07 to Maria Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/I/12.     10.1.07 to Martha Spiers  
Education of her children.
- 1/I/13.     17.2.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Going to America; how Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's grandfather started in Jamaica in  
1728.
- 1/I/14.     16.2.07 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's desire for a house and his going to America.
- 1/I/15.     21.2.07 to George Hibbert  
Events in Europe; West Indian trade.

- 1/I/16. 17.2.07 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/I/17. 19.3.07 to Robert Taylor  
Destruction of the colonies by government policies; business and property.
- 1/I/18. 18.3.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Effects of government policies on West Indies; impossible for West Indies to exist without supplies of negroes from Africa; presses him to go to America.
- 1/I/19. 17.2.07 to Anna Susannah Taylor, repeat of no. 16.
- 1/I/20. 4.3.07 to George Hibbert  
Petition from Jamaica Assembly to the King.
- 1/I/21. 18.3.07 to John Taylor  
Education of his children.
- 1/I/22. 14.3.07 to George Hibbert  
Death of Joseph Brissett and the Brissett estate.
- 1/I/23. 23.4.07 to Robert Taylor  
Nicol Graham; duties on produce.
- 1/I/24. 22.4.07 to George Hibbert  
Death blow to West Indian colonies by passing of Anti-Slave Trade Bill.
- 1/I/25. 7.5.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Possibility of war between England and America.
- 1/I/26. 7.5.07 to Robert Taylor  
Shipment of provisions.
- 1/I/27. 7.5.07 to Lady Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/I/28. 6.5.07 to George Hibbert  
Payment of bills.

- 1/I/29. 18.6.07 to George Hibbert  
He and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor on good terms and possibility of his entering Parliament; the future of Jamaica after abolition.
- 1/I/30. 8.6.07 to John Taylor  
Birth of son; war in Europe.
- 1/I/31. 8.8.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Possibility of negro insurrection.
- 1/I/32. 8.6.07 to Maria Taylor  
Her staying on in Twickenham for her health.
- 1/I/33. June 1807 to Robert Taylor  
Rebellious state of the negroes.
- 1/I/34. 11.7.07 to Robert Taylor  
Unless change of system takes place, colonies must be abandoned; his business with Mr Beckford; war situation; Brissett estates.
- 1/I/35. 10.7.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Giving up the idea of his going to America.
- 1/I/36. 15.8.07 to George Hibbert  
Possible war with America due to American ships carrying produce from French and Spanish colonies to Europe.
- 1/I/37. 15.8.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
New Parliament.
- 1/I/38. 15.8.07 to Lady Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor should stay in England.
- 1/I/39. 15.8.07 to Robert Taylor  
Family plans; depressed state of the island, no one has money to buy negroes; has restocked his estates but not enough females.
- 1/I/40. 12.9.07 to ?Robert Taylor  
Does not want to constantly advance money to Nicol Graham; money advanced to Mr Beckford and the decline of his estates.

- 1/I/41. 12.9.07 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
European war.
- 1/I/42. 12.9.07 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/I/43. 31.10.07 to George Hibbert  
Negroes think the Abolition Bill will make them free by Christmas; all new negroes know of the insurrection of 40 years ago; estate business.
- 1/I/44. 24.10.07 to Robert Taylor  
War in Europe; family news - type of woman Simon Richard Brissett Taylor should marry.
- 1/I/45. 25.10.07 to John Taylor  
Education of his children.
- 1/I/46. 21.11.07 to George Hibbert  
Tharp.
- 1/I/47. 12.12.07 to Robert Taylor  
Business affairs of Dick and McCall; shipping; war in Europe.
- 1/I/48. 13.12.07 to George Hibbert  
War with America.
- 1/I/49. nd. to Robert Taylor  
War; sugar duties; family news, including money problems of William Mayne; he will do nothing for them; if William goes abroad he will help support Eliza and her children; William can and should support himself.
- 1/I/50. 3.2.08 to George Hibbert  
Tharp estates.
- 1/I/51. 7.2.08 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Received his letter.
- 1/I/52. nd. to Robert Taylor  
Duties; possible American war; William Mayne's affairs; education of his son; details of Ferguson account.
- 1/I/53. 10.4.08 to Anna Susannah Taylor  
Received her letter.

- 1/I/54. 12.4.08 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Received his letter concerning William Mayne.
- 1/I/55. April 1808 to Thomas Hughan  
Effects of abolition on the colonies.
- 1/I/56. 23.4.08 to Robert Taylor  
Settlement of James Room's house in Bristol; shipping of goods.
- 1/I/57. 14.5.08 to Robert Taylor  
Business accounts; commodity prices; Nicol Graham has finished his business in Canada and asking for a loan.
- 1/I/58. 14.4.08 to Robert Taylor  
Payment of bills; William Mayne's affairs; Maria's ill health - in the event of her death her settlement is to go to her sisters.
- 1/I/59. 17.6.08 to George Hibbert  
Foreign sugar trade; Tharp's affairs.

1/J. 1810-1812

- 1/J/1. 18.4.10 to ?John Taylor  
Birth of tenth child.
- 1/J/2. 18.4.10 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Has received Simon Taylor's consent to Anna Susannah Taylor's marriage to George Watson and Maria is better.
- 1/J/3. 18.4.10 to Robert Taylor  
Settlement on Anna Susannah Taylor.
- 1/J/4. 4.5.10 to Robert Taylor  
Family news, including William and Eliza Mayne and William Graham.
- 1/J/5. 12.5.10 to George Hibbert  
Relations with America.
- 1/J/6. 12.5.10 to Richard Grant  
Settlement on Anna Susannah Taylor.

- 1/J/7. 12.5.10 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Family matters.
- 1/J/8. 8.6.10 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Family matters, including William Mayne's return from Portugal; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor should marry soon; if he does, he will buy him an English estate.
- 1/J/9. 9.6.10 to Robert Taylor  
Arrival of millwright Shand - a sober workman is in great demand in Jamaica; can Robert Taylor also send out any indentured young Scottish people?; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor should marry and possible estate that he will buy him.
- 1/J/10. 14.7.10 to Robert Taylor  
Giving him power of attorney to buy an estate worth £200.000, Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to be consulted on it, but must not be near London, but in a cheap county; problem of house for Lady Taylor; ill management of Beckford estates.
- 1/J/11. 12.7.10 to George Hibbert  
Brissett estates.
- 1/J/12. 17.8.10 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
William Mayne; purchase of an estate.
- 1/J/13. 17.8.10 to Anna Susannah Taylor Watson  
Received her letter.
- 1/J/14. 17.8.10 to George Hibbert  
Property.
- 1/J/15. 18.8.10 to Robert Taylor  
Business.
- 1/J/16. 25.8.10 to John Taylor  
William Graham.
- 1/J/17. 27.8.10 to George Hibbert  
Purchase of estates in West Indies; only objection to Anna Susannah Taylor's marriage that George Watson only had offices for life and could not do much for his children; white lead poisoning suffered by Lady Taylor due to polluted water supply.



- 1/J/18. 25.8.10 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Family matters; he is better out of Parliament; Parliament should be reformed; should wait until he can return himself as an Independent which he can when Simon Taylor has bought his estate.
- 1/J/19. 28.9.10 to Robert Taylor  
Business.
- 1/J/20. 28.9.10 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor has no thought of marrying but hopes he will marry Robert Taylor's eldest daughter; pregnancies of Anna Susannah Taylor Watson and Eliza Mayne.
- 1/J/21. 29.9.10 to Lady Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/J/22. 29.9.10 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Type of woman he should marry.
- 1/J/23. 5.10.10 to Robert Taylor  
Bills of exchange.
- 1/J/24. 30.9.10 to George Watson  
Received his letter.
- 1/J/25. 17.10.10 to Robert Taylor  
Bills of exchange.
- 1/J/26. 18.10.10 to Taylor & Hughan & Co.  
Bills; remittance of money to St. Domingo.
- 1/J/27. 23.11.10 to Robert Taylor  
Purchase of estate in England; family news.
- 1/J/28. 23.11.10 to Richard Grant  
Purchase of an estate with good title.
- 1/J/29. 29.3.11 to Robert Taylor  
Has been ill and unable to write; family health news - Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's "disorder" was brought on again; war in Portugal; business, especially coffee trade; possible marriage between Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Miss Taylor; sending of vegetable seeds to West Indies.

- 1/J/30. 9.3.11 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's illness; wishes him to marry Robert Taylor's daughter.
- 1/J/31. 17.5.11 to George Watson  
Birth of son, called Simon; visit of Duke of Manchester to Jamaica.
- 1/J/32. 23.5.11 to Lady Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/J/33. May 1811 to John Taylor  
Simon Taylor's illness; Irish problem; war in Europe.
- 1/J/34. 23.5.11. to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His course of mercury.
- 1/J/35. 18.5.11 to Richard Grant  
Bills of exchange.
- 1/J/36. 23.5.11 to Robert Taylor  
State of sugar market and other business; family news.
- 1/J/37. 24.5.11 to George Hibbert  
Simon Taylor's ill health.
- 1/J/38. 12.6.11 to Robert Taylor  
Death of Shand the millwright; business concerning Dick, Orr and Clark Co.
- 1/J/39. 18.6.11 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
His "painful" illness and care by Mr Cline.
- 1/J/40. 24.6.11 to Martha Taylor  
Received her letter.
- 1/J/41. 8.7.11 to Robert Taylor  
Jasper Hall's estates; possible marriage of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and his daughter;  
Lord Wellington's exploits; the Distillery Bill.
- 1/J/42. 24.6.11 to George Hibbert  
Ruin of West Indian colonies.
- 1/J/43. [6].7.11 to Robert Taylor  
Business of Dick, Orr and Clark; problems of William Mayne.

- 1/J/44. 20.7.11 to Robert Taylor  
Trade.
- 1/J/45. 1.8.11 to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
No compulsion with regard to marrying Miss Taylor, but will no longer make him his heir or manage his estates for him.
- 1/J/46. 2.8.11 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's letter; what he has done for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor all these years.
- 1/J/47. 5.8.11 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Taylor's health, Mr Stewart is looking after the estates; Jasper Hall estate; Dick, Orr and Clark.
- 1/J/48. 19.9.11 to Robert Taylor  
Simon Taylor's health is worse; state of sugar and coffee trade; he is being nursed by his illegitimate daughter, her mother and her daughter.
- 1/J/49. 23.12.11 to Robert Taylor  
Business with Dick & Orr; no thoughts for William Mayne - will not advance him money to buy a commission in Life Guards; Hall estate; death of Mr Hughan [Robert Taylor's partner]; arrival of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in Jamaica wanting his forgiveness for his letter; he is a nuisance to him lounging about doing nothing.
- 1/J/50. 29.1.12 to Robert Taylor  
Rails against Lady Taylor; he is cold to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; West Indian commerce; any future partnership to have Simon Taylor's approval; shipping of goods and supplies.
- 1/J/51. 24.2.12 to Robert Taylor  
Lady Taylor did not know what the trouble was between Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Simon Taylor.
- 1/J/52. 27.3.12 to Robert Taylor  
Too ill to write; business with Dick; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor is going home, Simon Taylor has given him up.
- 1/J/53. 7.5.12 to Robert Taylor  
His ill health; conduct of war; Dick, Orr and Clark.

At back

1/J/54. List of cattle on Golden Grove Estate, 1.1.10.

1/J/55. List of stock on Batchelor Hall, 1.1.10.

1/J/56. Increase and decrease of stock on Batchelor Hall, 1.1.09-1.1.10.

## 2. Sir John Taylor's letter books and letters

\* Items so marked are also in Simon Taylor's letter books

### 2/A. 1771-82. Copies by Sir John Taylor of letters from Simon Taylor

2/A/0. ? 1771

Purchasing an estate and marrying.

2/A/1. 24.3.72

Purchase of estates; shipment of sugar.

2/A/2. 2.5.72

Plantation business.

2/A/3. 22.5.72

Bill of exchange.

2/A/4. 8.6.72 sending bill of exchange.

2/A/5. ??7.73

Crop prospects.

2/A/6. 14.9.72

Paying off Holland estate.

2/A/7. 11.12.73

Sir John Taylor's European tour; lawsuit regarding land originally bought by Patrick Taylor.

2/A/8. 8.1.74[75]

Meeting George and Richard Brissett; disposal of Lysson Estate.

2/A/9. 7.6.74

Crop prospects.

2/A/10. 25.7.74

Sending bill of exchange.

2/A/11. 22.11.74

Sir John Taylor's courting of Miss Elizabeth Haughton; Simon Taylor approves, details of any marriage settlement.

- 2/A/12. 6.12.74  
Marriage - details of Sir John Taylor's fortune; details of Patrick Taylor's estate; details of Simon Taylor's financial dealings.
- 2/A/13. 5.2.75  
Simon Taylor has signed deed regarding Lysson Estate.
- 2/A/14. 28.3.75  
Sending deeds; Simon Taylor's views on the marriage; does not intend to marry.
- 2/A/15. 6.5.75  
Sending bill of exchange.
- 2/A/16. 23.7.75  
Sending bill of exchange.
- 2/A/17. 12.9.75  
Details of Haughton family.
- 2/A/18. 19.12.75  
Birth of son to Robert Graham and Anne Graham.
- 2/A/19. 11.1.76  
Money left to their sisters by Patrick Taylor.
- 2/A/20. 16.5.76  
Sending bill.
- 2/A/21. 2.9.76  
Negro insurrection; bequests left by their aunt.
- 2/A/22. 5.11.76  
Settlement of Lysson.
- 2/A/23. 25.3.77  
Dry weather has burnt up all crops; forwarding bequests of their aunt to niece Margaret Graham.
- 2/A/24. 16.6.77  
Bills of exchange; death of Governor.

- 2/A/25. 6.8.77  
Support of Hibbert and their new House in London.
- 2/A/26. 17.10.77  
Dry weather but have enough provisions for the negroes.
- 2/A/27. 26.4.78  
Hoping Sir John Taylor will marry soon; details of various estates; details of Simon Taylor's will.
- 2/A/28. 19.6.78  
Sending bill of exchange.
- 2/A/29. 23.9.78  
Thanking Sir John Taylor for parcel of books, but not wanting any more plays; cannot leave Jamaica while problems in America; possibility of marriage with Elizabeth Haughton.
- 2/A/30. 6.10.78  
Business with Mr Malcolm.
- 2/A/31. 23.10.78  
Payments between them; the war in America; tells Sir John Taylor to live within his income.
- 2/A/32. 26.11.78  
Pleased he is again courting Elizabeth Haughton.
- 2/A/33. 31.3.79  
Payments to Sir John Taylor; congratulations on his baronetcy and his marriage.
- 2/A/34. 6.3.79  
Congratulations on marriage; also approved by Lady Taylor's uncle Richard Brissett; details of the settlement between them and Simon Taylor's debts; Sir John Taylor must live frugally - not in Creole fashion.
- 2/A/35. 28.5.79  
Purchase of Malcolm's estate; details of Simon Taylor's business dealings.
- 2/A/36. 18.6.79  
Sending him sugar from Lysson Estate.

- 2/A/37. 19.5.79  
Details of Lady Taylor's estates visited by Simon Taylor.
- 2/A/38. 7.7.79\*  
Naming of expected child; Lady Taylor's estates.
- 2/A/39. 11.8.79  
Imminent invasion from Hispaniola.
- 2/A/40. 27.7.79\*  
Difficulty of shipping; news of war in West Indies.
- 2/A/41. 16.11.79\*  
Defence of Jamaica.
- 2/A/42. 9.2.80\*  
War in West Indies.
- 2/A/43. 3.4.80\*  
Lady Taylor's estates.
- 2/A/44. 12.5.80\*  
Settlement of Lady Taylor's estates.
- 2/A/45. 17.5.80 Simon Taylor to Samuel William Haughton (copy)  
Division of Unity and Orange Cove
- 2/A/46. 17. 5.80\*  
Shipment of sugar.
- 2/A/47. 27.7.80\*  
Maritime war in West Indies.
- 2/A/48. 15.9.80\*  
Education of Jasper Hall's son.
- 2/A/49. 31.10.80\*  
Hurricane.
- 2/A/50. 28.12.80\*  
Death of Anne Graham.



- 2/A/51. 8.4.81\*  
Death of Simon Taylor.
- 2/A/52. 10.2.81\*  
Division of Lady Taylor's estates.
- 2/A/53. 17.6.81\*  
Lady Taylor's estates.
- 2/A/54. 28.8.81\*  
War in West Indies.
- 2/A/55. 18.8.81  
Storm which wrecked a number of ships carrying Taylor goods.
- 2/A/56. 25.9.81\*  
Orange Cove.
- 2/A/57. 23.11.81\*  
Calamities of the year, death of Lady Taylor's mother.
- 2/A/58. 6.12.82[81]\*  
Sugar shipments.
- 2/A/59. 20.12.81\*  
Division of Lady Taylor's estates.
- 2/A/60. 29.1.82\*  
Defence of Jamaica; Simon Taylor's position as Custos of the Precinct.
- 2/A/61. 21.3.82\*  
Jamaica on war footing.
- 2/A/62. 13.6.82\*  
War situation.
- 2/A/63. 26.7.82  
Sending money.
- 2/A/64. 19.9.82\*  
Wills of Haughton family.

2/A/65. 30.10.82\*  
Estate business.

2/A/66. 13.12.82\*  
Simon Taylor has been ill.

**Continues in 2 B, no. 36 -**

2/B. 1779-84. Copies of Sir John Taylor to Simon Taylor

2/B/1. undated  
Sending newspapers and books; Hibbert's House has his account; making address to Elizabeth Haughton.

2/B/2. undated,  
Elizabeth Haughton and her mother; guardianship of Jack Taylor.

2/B/3. 15.2.79  
Very happy since his marriage, but knows nothing of his wife's affairs.

2/B/4. 21.3.79  
Wife pregnant, can he name it after him?

2/B/5. 2.4.79  
Honours given by His Majesty will not add to his expenses.

2/B/6. 29.5.79  
Followed his advice - not stayed in London since marriage.

2/B/7. 7.6.79  
Had only congratulations on marriage from Mr Malcolm; affairs between them.

2/B/8. 24.9.79  
Wife's estates.

2/B/9. 30.10.79  
Birth of son on 21 Oct; christened Simon on 12 Nov.

2/B/10. 5.12.79  
Sending copies of letters.

- 2/B/11. 1.2.80  
Defence of Jamaica assured to him by Lords of Admiralty; marriage settlement and relations with wife's family; he will soon be out of debt.
- 2/B/12. 1.3.80  
Details of sugar crop; events in Parliament.
- 2/B/13. 7.2.80  
Copy of Letter of Remonstrance, signed by Sir John Taylor and concerning defence of Jamaica, presented in Parliament.
- 2/B/14. 12.7.80  
Settlement with wife's relations; distrust of Malcolm; rented a house in Berkshire for three years.
- 2/B/15. 7.9.80  
Settlement; illness of Anne Graham.
- 2/B/16. 26.9.80  
Death of Anne Graham on 22.9.80.
- 2/B/17. 1.11.80  
Wife's estates.
- 2/B/18. 11.11.80  
Education; sugar crop yield; account of 8 years crops from Venture, Orange Grove and Unity.
- 2/B/19. 16.1.81  
Death of son through water in his head.
- 2/B/20. 4.3.81  
Note of a letter concerning Mr Fayr.
- 2/B/21. 3.4.81  
Not heard from his wife's relations; her estates; birth of Anna Susannah Taylor 20.3.81.
- 2/B/22. 3.7.81  
Does not hear from wife's relations concerning the estates; takes his advice on not going into Parliament.

- 2/B/23. 21.8.81  
Visit to Graham family in Scotland; details of the children; shipping and other business; death of Mrs Malcolm [Lady Taylor's mother].
- 2/B/24. 16.11.81  
Attempts to help George Mitchell in naval career; bills of exchange.
- 2/B/25. 19.1.82  
Had account of Unity and Venture estates from Malcolm; wife's affairs death of her mother.
- 2/B/26. 7.8.82  
Business affairs; sending supplies.
- 2/B/27. 8.11.82  
Loss of fleet, other estate business.
- 2/B/28. 6.12.82  
Counsel's opinion on Haughton wills.
- 2/B/29. 1.5.83  
Simon Taylor's illness; generosity of Simon Taylor's will; Sir John Taylor's will; does he want Sir John Taylor to come out to Jamaica, although estate management is not his forte?
- 2/B/30. 26.8.83  
Division of Orange Cove and details of Lady Taylor's other estates; problems of finding a new house in Kent.
- 2/B/31. 16.10.83  
Sir John Taylor cannot go to Jamaica at this time due to birth of son on 15.11.83 called Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; division of Orange Cove.
- 2/B/32. 17.1.84  
Surprise that division still not made.
- 2/B/33. 1.6.84  
Sir John Taylor will come out to Jamaica after birth of child due in October.
- 2/B/34. 16.8.84  
Visiting Mr Beckford; Lady Taylor also to visit Jamaica, they will live at Unity if it can be put in order; will not leave Jamaica until the properties are in good order; should he bring out his carriages?

2/B/35. 27.10.84

Birth of daughter on 26th; they intend to travel out in 6 weeks [+ original? letter inserted].

**At back of book copies of Simon Taylor to Sir John Taylor; continuation of 2 A, except 45, 49-53, 55**

2/B/36. 27.1.83\*

Orange Cove; Simon Taylor's will - provision for mistress Grace Donne and quadroon children Sally Taylor and Jack Taylor, residue to Sir John Taylor.

2/B/37. 28.2.83

Lady Taylor's estates.

2/B/38. 30.3.83\*

Counsel's opinion on Lady Taylor's rights.

2/B/39. 11.5.83\*

Crop yields.

2/B/40. 29.6.83\*

Orange Cove.

2/B/41. 1.7.83\*

Purchase of negroes.

2/B/42. 27.8.83

Simon Taylor has been ill.

2/B/43. 14.9.83\*

Purchase of negroes.

2/B/44. 24.11.83\*

Estates and provision for them.

2/B/45. 24.3.84 Sir John Taylor to Simon Taylor

Division of Orange Cove.

2/B/46. 20.3.84

Fire at Upper estate at Lyssons caused by white bookkeeper opening up a rum still and his lamp igniting the flow of rum.

- 2/B/47. 13.4.84\*  
Due to his exertions got mill at Lyssons operating after the fire; that Sir John Taylor should come out to look after his property.
- 2/B/48. 21.5.84  
Sir John Taylor should look after his own estates; he has done what he could at such a distance.
- 2/B/49. 9.5.84 George Malcolm to Simon Taylor  
Orange Cove.
- 2/B/50. nd. Simon Taylor to George Malcolm  
Orange Cove.
- 2/B/51. nd. William Haughton to Simon Taylor  
The division.
- 2/B/52. 7.5.84 Richard Brissett to J. Herring and George Malcolm  
Division.
- 2/B/53. 22.5.84\* Simon Taylor to George Malcolm  
Division.
- 2/B/54. 27.5.84\*  
Signing of deeds for purchase of Beckford estate; payment of bills.
- 2/B/55. 22.5.84\* Simon Taylor to William Haughton  
Valuation of estates.
- 2/B/56. 9.8.84\*  
Calamities - hurricane, lack of provisions.
- 2/B/57. 24.8.84  
Damage done by hurricane at Lyssons.

2/C. Original letters from Sir John Taylor, while in Jamaica to Simon Taylor

2/C/1. 6.1.84[85]

Contrary winds prevent the ship sailing.

2/C/2. 23.5.85

Arrived at Unity and received visit from the Brissetts.

2/C/3. 28.5.85

Crops.

2/C/4. 5.6.85

Visits by Brissett relations.

2/C/5. 12.6.85

Working the estate.

2/C/6. 19.6.85

Crops.

2/C/7. 26.6.85

Deeds for Fort land.

2/C/8. 4.7.85

Difficulty of travelling on the roads.

2/C/9. 10.7.85

He has gout.

2/C/10. 17.7.85

Sorry he has spent more than he should have on the estates.

2/C/11. 24.7.85

Hire of carpenters and masons.

2/D. Sir John Taylor miscellaneous

2/D/1. 25.9.77 Gavin Hamilton in Rome to Sir John Taylor

Pictures he is purchasing and sending to Sir John Taylor.

- 2/D/2. nd. from Simon Taylor  
Debts and provision for his nieces [no addressee, but almost certainly to Sir John Taylor].
- 2/D/3. 1784? to Richard Brissett? from Sir John Taylor  
Regrets not having heard from him.



### 3. Lady Taylor

#### 3/A. Lady Taylor to Simon Taylor except 19 passim

3/A/1. 2.10.92 X

His safe arrival in Jamaica; illness of her guest, Mrs Senior.

3/A/2. 6.2.93

Legal opinions on her grandfather's will.

3/A/3. 6.3.93

Purchase of house for her in Great Cumberland Place; her claim to Orange Cove.

3/A/4. 3.4.93

Children have had measles.

3/A/5. 1.5.93

Selling pictures through Christie's.

3/A/6. 5.6.93

Disposing of lease of Boulney Court; legal opinion on Orange Cove.

3/A/7. 5.8.93 X

Moving into Cumberland Place; visit to Ramsgate.

3/A/8. 31.9.93

Birth of son to Mrs Taylor; good health of her children.

3/A/9. 4.6.94

Eliza's health.

3/A/10. 2.7.94

Eliza better; asking Simon Taylor to send for the son of her dead hairdresser.

3/A/11. 30.9.94 X

Visit to Ramsgate.

3/A/12. 5.11.94

News of the children.

3/A/13. 4.8.95

Rise in cost of living; bad weather effects on harvest.

- 3/A/14. 1.6.96  
Joining with a friend "to job" a pair of horses and coachman between them.
- 3/A/15. 5.1.98  
Death of Robert Graham; future of Margaret Graham; asking for money to pay her taxes.
- 3/A/16. 30.9.98  
Asking Simon Taylor to send her a cask of sugar; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going to St. Andrews.
- 3/A/17. 19.1.99  
Children all well.
- 3/A/18. 6.2.99  
Thanking Simon Taylor for an increased allowance.
- 3/A/19. 1.8.1804  
Eliza Taylor's attachment to William Mayne and copies of following:
- 3/A/19/2 - 22.7.04 William Mayne to Lady Taylor  
Her objections to the friendship with Eliza.
- 3/A/19/3 - 23.7.04 Lady Taylor to William Mayne  
Surprised at his letter.
- 3/A/19/4 - 27.7.04 William Mayne to Lady Taylor  
Details of his financial circumstances.
- 3/A/19/5 - 2.9.04  
Maria's health and visit to Tunbridge Wells.
- 3/A/20. 4.7.05  
Worried by war news from West Indies; Eliza Taylor's conduct; return of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor from Russia.

3/B. Letters to Lady Taylor from Simon Taylor, except part of 23

3/B/1. 17.7.86

Her safe arrival in England with baby [Martha Taylor]; her income; she should not think of remarrying until her late husband's debts are paid.

3/B/2. 13.8.86

Harvest conditions.

3/B/3. 24.9.86

Famine conditions in the island.

3/B/4. 6.12.86

Her passage and arrival in England; his intentions to provide for her and her children.

3/B/5. 30.12.86

Robert Graham had remarried.

3/B/6. 6.2.87

Concerning house, Boulney Court, near Reading she has taken; is she going to send her black servants back to Jamaica; her late husband's debts; she must live frugally.

3/B/7. 8.3.87

Conditions on the estates.

3/B/8. 9.4.87

Urging her to economise.

3/B/9. 30.4.87

Yields of the estates.

3/B/10. 3.6.87

Drought in Jamaica.

3/B/11. 3.7.87

Sale of husband's pictures; estates selling, for less than worth; Simon Taylor is going to stay in Jamaica and manage their estates and act as Attorney to other estates - the money he makes thus will pay his and Sir John Taylor's debts.

3/B/12. 31.7.87

They have won case of Reid and Haughton for the negroes grounds; elections being held.

- 3/B/13. 7.9.87  
Results of elections; her servants are coming back to Jamaica where they can be usefully employed.
- 3/B/14. 21.9.87  
He hopes to visit England in 1790; provisions for the estates.
- 3/B/15. 3.11.87  
Crop prospects good.
- 3/B/16. 14.12.87  
Weather has been wet; crop prospects; marriage of Miss Witter to Mr Senior.
- 3/B/17. 7.4.88  
Letting of house in Hill Street; death of Anna Susannah Taylor's macaw - he will get her another.
- 3/B/18. 30.5.88  
Crop yields down due to dry weather; his efforts to clear their debts.
- 3/B/19. 19.7.88  
Financial accounts; her expenses exceed the income from her estates.
- 3/B/20. 21.3.93  
Lease of various houses for her; her grandfather's will; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's schooling.
- 3/B/21. 17.7.93  
Expenses of new house; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's schooling.
- 3/B/22. 6.9.93  
Her grandfather's will; death of Samuel William Haughton; Reid family taking over the properties; possibility that her father married her mother bigamously.
- 3/B/23. 16.10.93  
Lease of her house.
- [Also] 17.10.93 Simon Taylor to John Shand  
Concerning boundary of Great River.
- 3/B/24. 23.11.93  
Legal proceedings on her behalf.

- 3/B/25. ??2.94  
Suit with Reid family.
- 3/B/26. 4.2.94  
Lawsuit and evidence of her father's possible first marriage.
- 3/B/27. 12.5.94  
Reid suit; fears they will strip her of all her estates.
- 3/B/28. 15.9.94  
He is convinced her father was married previously and that her Brissett relations knew of it; he tackled Richard Brissett on this and got him to promise to provide for her and her children; she must stop spending so much money when she is going to be without an estate.
- 3/B/29. 12.10.94  
She must not get into debt with tradesmen.
- 3/B/30. 12.12.94  
Her debts that he is obliged to pay; she must live within her circumstances.
- 3/B/31. 14.1.95+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to be clothed and educated at his expense.
- 3/B/32. 26.3.95  
Disagreeable accounts.
- 3/B/33. 22.5.95  
War in West Indies; her expenses.
- 3/B/34. ??1795  
Her financial management and her thoughts of living abroad; he will give her and the girls an allowance.
- 3/B/35. 7.10.95  
Martial law in West Indies; she must spend less.
- 3/B/36. 27.10.95  
Maroon rebellion.
- 3/B/37. 28.1.96  
Tutor for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; her financial circumstances.

- 3/B/38. 8.4.96  
Death of Richard Brissett; details of his will in favour of her; his debts.
- 3/B/39. 9.12.97  
Education of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; news of the Graham boys.
- 3/C. Other letters to Lady Taylor and miscellaneous documents
- 3/C/1. 6.8.93X from David Stewart  
Death of Samuel William Haughton and seizure of his estates by the Reid family.
- 3/C/2. 25.7.97 from William Gilpin  
Character of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 3/C/3/1. 24.12.1818 from William Le Blanc enclosing following:
- 3/C/3/2 23.12.1818 to Le Blanc from Richard Grant  
Payment of rent to Andrew Arcedeckne for land leased from him.
- 3/C/4. 20.10.1820 from Sarah B. Hunter  
William Cathcart's daughter Sarah she has brought to England from Jamaica.
- 3/C/5. 16.10.1820 copy of William Cathcart to Mrs Hunter  
She should not have come to England; provision he has made for her daughter in Jamaica.
- 3/C/6. Lady Taylor's grandfather's will and the Reid case to her estates.
- 3/C/7. 21.2.1822  
List of fixtures at 39 Harley Street, former residence of Lady Taylor,
- 3/C/8. List of Lady Taylor's children with dates of birth.

#### 4. Neil Malcolm

##### 4/A. Letters to Simon Taylor

4/A/1. 2.3.93

Recommending James Reid to him.

4/A/2. 3.7.93+C

Neil Malcolm had kept details of Philip Haughton's previous marriage from Lady Taylor; details of Dr. Hay's opinion on the case.

4/A/3. 6.11.93+C

Distress of Lady Taylor at news.

4/A/4. 4.12.93+C

Meeting with Thomas Reid; Reid family in contact with the lady, Martha Howard.

4/A/5. 24.12.93+C

Neil Malcolm, the Taylors and Richard Grant have consulted William Sleigh over the case; details of Fleet marriages performed to outwit creditors; all the details Neil Malcolm can remember of the case.

4/A/6. 5.2.94

Visit to Eltham to see what name Martha Howard used to marry Mr Carter.

5.3.94+C

Whether any payments were made by Philip Haughton to Martha Howard.

4/A/7. 2.4.94

Examination of various people involved.

4/A/8. 7.5.94+C

Possibility of compromise.

4/A/9. 3.7.94+C

War news.

4/A/10. 3.9.94

Reid family glad to compromise.

4/B. Letters from Simon Taylor

- 4/B/1. 6.2.1788  
Mismanagement of the Hanover estates by Neil Malcolm's brother-in-law.
- 4/B/2. 12.4.93  
Asking what Neil Malcolm knows of the first marriage of Philip Haughton.
- 4/B/3. 6.9.93  
Asking Neil Malcolm to make enquiries as to whereabouts of Martha Howard.
- 4/B/4. 17.10.93+2C  
Reception of James Reid; Simon Taylor's activities on behalf of Lady Taylor.
- 4/B/5. 26.[11].93  
Possible payments made to Martha Howard not to come out to Jamaica.
- 4/B/6. 14.1.93[94]  
Questioning of witnesses.
- 4/B/7. 7.2.94  
Reiteration of the case and Richard Grant's opinions.
- 4/B/8. 28.2.94  
Reid family proceeding with case; Simon Taylor putting up the money to fight the case.
- 4/B/9. 14.5.94  
Simon Taylor served with ejectment for Venture and Unity.



5. **Richard Brissett/Charles Mitchell and William Mitchell**

- 5/1. 18.9.89 Richard Brissett to Simon Taylor  
Loan with English security.
- 5/2. 18.9.89 Simon Taylor to Richard Brissett  
Received his letter and agreeing terms.
- 5/3. 18.9.89 Richard Brissett to Simon Taylor enclosing following:
- 5/4. 18.9.89 Charles Mitchell and William Mitchell to Richard Brissett  
Loan from Simon Taylor against their estate.
- 5/5. 20.9.89 Charles Mitchell and William Mitchell to Richard Brissett  
Necessity for other security.
- 5/6. 21.9.89 Richard Brissett to Simon Taylor  
Surety.
- 5/7. nd. Simon Taylor to Richard Brissett  
Wants more security.
- 5/8. 21.7.90 Charles Mitchell and William Mitchell to Simon Taylor  
A friend in London will stand surety.
- 5/9. 22.7.90+3C Simon Taylor to Richard Brissett  
Wants more security.
- 5/10. 27.7.90 Simon Taylor to Charles Mitchell and William Mitchell  
Agrees to proposals of 24.7.90..

6. **Simon Richard Brissett Taylor**

6/A. Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Simon Taylor except 16, 19, 28

6/A/1. 24.8.1792

Hoping he arrived safely in Jamaica.

6/A/2. 30.9.92

Staying with Robert Taylor; been shopping for new clothes.

6/A/3. ??3.93

Bought ticket in lottery.

6/A/4. 25.7.93

Sorry that Simon Taylor disapproves of lottery ticket.

6/A/5. 27.10.93

Staying with Robert Taylor; will always return to school promptly.

6/A/6. 30.11.93

Family well.

6/A/7. 29.1.94

Had tutor during holidays.

6/A/8. 2.6.94

Events of holidays - a ball and riding his pony.

6/A/9. 10.11.94

Progress in his Latin text books.

6/A/10. 20.9.95

Had tutor in half-term holiday.

6/A/11. 31.4.96 [sic]

Change of school from Mr Carr's to Mr Gilpin's, which he likes better.

6/A/12. 6.11.96

Details of lessons.

6/A/13. 5.1.97

Staying with mother for holidays.

- 6/A/14. 26.10.97  
Hopes Simon Taylor will find him improved.
- 6/A/15. 26.9.98  
Left Mr Gilpin because learnt nothing.
- 6/A/16. 3.11.98  
Living with Dr Hill in St. Andrews.  
  
3.12.98 Dr Hill to Simon Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor settling in well.
- 6/A/17. 22.3.99  
How he spends his day at St. Andrews.
- 6/A/18. 7.7.99  
Sorry that he finds fault with him.
- 6/A/19. 5.8.99  
Promises to follow his advice; will not visit cousin William Graham as Simon Taylor does not approve.  
  
6.8.99 Dr George Hill to Simon Taylor  
Pleased with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's progress.
- 6/A/20. 7.10.99  
Staying with Sir David Carnegie; promises to write every month.
- 6/A/21. 24.10.99+C  
Returns to St. Andrews next week.
- 6/A/22. 25.11.99+C  
Details of classes; reading Hume's History.
- 6/A/23. 9.12.99  
Hopes Simon Taylor is pleased with him.
- 6/A/24. 27.1.1800+C  
Names of companions; if Simon Taylor dislikes them he will have nothing to do with them.

- 6/A/25. 30.3.1800  
Details of classes.
- 6/A/26. 26.6.1800+C  
Is allowed to keep a servant; going on a tour of the Highland with Mr de Luc as tutor.
- 6/A/27. 25.9.1800  
Hopes Simon Taylor will change his mind about desiring him to go out to Jamaica next year so he can make a continental tour.
- 6/A/28. 29.11.1800  
Pleased Simon Taylor changed his mind about trip to Jamaica; horses sold for poor price; visiting mother and sisters at Weymouth.
- 29.11.1800 Lady Taylor to Simon Taylor  
Pleased Simon Richard Brissett Taylor not going to Jamaica and worried about Eliza Taylor's health.
- 6/A/29. 29.1.01+C from Weimar  
Starting his European tour; learning French.
- 6/A/30. 20.3.01+C  
Progress in French.
- 6/A/31. 1.5.01  
Pleased to leave Weimar soon.
- 6/A/32. 18.7.01+C  
Keeping a journal to send Simon Taylor; now at Brunswick; on good terms with William McCulloch.
- 6/A/33. 1.9.01+C from Neufchatel, Switzerland  
On good terms with William McCulloch; boarding with French speaking family; illness of William McCulloch.
- 6/A/34. 31.10.01  
Details of situation of Neufchatel during French Revolutionary war as protectorate of Prussia; watch industry.
- 6/A/35. 5.3.02+C from Vienna  
How he spends his time; asks for more money to buy prints and drawings.

- 6/A/36. 5.6.02 from Milan  
Travelling through Italy.
- 6/A/37. 13.9.02 from Lausanne  
William McCulloch has been ill; details of his tour through Swiss mountains.
- 6/A/38. 19.12.02+C  
Thanking him for additional money; used it to buy prints of Swiss views.
- 6/A/39. 10.3.03  
Situation of Lausanne in French Revolution.
- 6/A/40. 14.7.03+C  
Declaration of war with France.
- 6/A/41. 29.9.03 from Stuttgart  
Had to leave Lausanne at command of French; details of amusements at Stuttgart.
- 6/A/42. 2.1.04+C from Berlin  
Stay in Baden; court meeting with Swedish King.
- 6/A/43. 10.4.04  
Gayness of Prussian court life.
- 6/A/44. 15.6.04  
Addition to allowance; Berlin now dull; what are Simon Taylor's plans for him? - not the army, possibly Parliament.
- 6/A/45. 27.9.04  
Thanks him for his advice and guidance.
- 6/A/46. 28.1.05 from St. Petersburg  
Presented to the Emperor and Empress; court not so splendid as he imagined.
- 6/A/47. 20.3.05  
Thanks him for the settlement between them and care of his sisters; does not want to go to America as he asks but will if he insists; news of Eliza Taylor's marriage to William Mayne.
- 6/A/48. 7.8.05 from Great Cumberland Place, London  
Happy to be with his mother and sisters; had to leave William McCulloch in St. Petersburg due to ill health.

- 6/A/49. 3.9.05  
Still does not wish to go to America; has visited Eliza and William Mayne twice since return.
- 6/A/50. 6.11.05+C  
Settlement proposed by Simon Taylor; he agrees to it in knowledge that Simon Taylor would not swindle him; since he will not be a man of business and must do something he wishes to enter Parliament; since Simon Taylor still wishes him to go to America he will go. [This is the letter to which Simon Taylor took such objection]
- 6/A/51. 1.1.06  
Signed the deeds; books he is reading.
- 6/A/52. 3.2.06+C  
Obligated to spend part of his allowance on servants' wages and new clothes.
- 6/A/53. 22.3.06+2C  
Distress at receiving Simon Taylor's letter of 15.1.06; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor expressed himself badly.
- 6/A/54. 1.4.06+2C  
Assurance that he knows Simon Taylor had always acted generously; his own calculations show Simon Taylor is acting over-generously.
- 6/A/55. 6.5.06+C  
Acknowledges how much he owes to Simon Taylor; he is now willing to go to America.
- 6/A/56. 4.6.06+C  
Hopes he has his forgiveness.
- 6/A/57. 2.7.06+C  
Hopes his recent letter proves he intended no offence.
- 6/A/58. 5.8.06+C  
Thanks for his forgiveness in recent letter.
- 6/A/59. 2.9.06  
Thanks for repayment of expenses when first returned to England [see no. 52].
- 6/A/60. 1.10.06  
Intends to tour South Coast.

- 6/A/61. 7.11.06  
Going to Bristol concerning lease on house Mr Baker left to his father; sees building of Martello Towers on South coast.
- 6/A/62. 3.12.06+C  
Ready to go to America in the spring; problems over the house in Bristol.
- 6/A/63. 6.1.07+C  
Repairs to house in Bristol [p.s. dated 3.2.07].
- 6/A/64. 5.3.07+C  
News of abolition of slave trade; details of repairs to house in Orchard Street, Bristol.
- 6/A/65. 1.4.07+C  
Asks for instructions on trip to America; Maria Taylor is to live in small house in Twickenham for her health.
- 6/A/66. 5.5.07+C  
Change of plan for American trip; he is pleased as reports of America from travellers are unfavourable.
- 6/A/67. 3.6.07+C  
Proposed tour of lakes; Maria Taylor to remain in Twickenham.
- 6/A/68. 1.7.07+C  
Defeat of Russians and Prussians; Lady Taylor has taken house at Hampton.
- 6/A/69. 2.8.07+C  
Maria Taylor very ill; leaving for the lakes.
- 6/A/70. 25.9.07  
Visits to Manchester and Birmingham to observe manufacturing.
- 6/A/71. 2.12.07+C  
Returned to Hampton after tour; lakes very insignificant after Switzerland; visits to noble seats; Maria Taylor better.
- 6/A/72. 5.1.08+C  
Financial difficulties of William Mayne; hopes Simon Taylor will not be angry that they have helped Eliza Mayne take a house near Cumberland Place after William Mayne absconded; dinner at London Tavern for Duke of Manchester, who is going out to Jamaica as Governor.

- 6/A/73. 4.2.08+C  
Hopeful of government employment for William Mayne; repairs to house in Bristol.
- 6/A/74. 2.3.08+C  
Finds country dull; French fleets at sea; Maria Taylor's bad health.
- 6/A/75. 5.4.08+C  
Maria Taylor worse; going to Great Cumberland Place.
- 6/A/76. 4.5.08+C  
William Mayne's friends discharged his debts; they are now living at Hammersmith; thanks him for sending money for Eliza Mayne; sold house in Bristol.
- 6/A/77. 1.6.08+C  
Maria Taylor better; progress of Distillery Bill opposed by landed interest.
- 6/A/78. 6.7.08+C  
Dinner at London Tavern for Sir Eyre Coote by Jamaican planters.
- 6/A/79. 7.9.08+C  
Victories in Europe.
- 6/A/80. 5.10.08+C  
Bad health. [copy has p.s. of 2.11.08 concerning William Mayne getting position in Portugal]
- 6/A/81. 7.12.08+C  
Better price for sugar; that he will not enter Parliament.
- 6/A/82. 4.1.09+C  
War news from Spain.
- 6/A/83. 1.2.09+C  
War news; death of Sir John Moore.
- 6/A/84. 1.3.09+C  
Anna Susannah Taylor's offer from George Watson; he has no private fortune but two government appointments.
- 6/A/85. 3.5.09+C  
William Mayne made a Colonel; Lady Taylor been ill.



- 6/A/86. 7.6.09+C  
Mutiny amongst black troops; war situation in Portugal.
- 6/A/87. 5.7.09+C  
Sees many examples of West Indian proprietors living beyond their incomes; George Watson to make a settlement on Anna Susannah Taylor.
- 6/A/88. 2.8.09+C  
War news; Lady Taylor better.
- 6/A/89. 6.9.09+C  
Lady Taylor's illness due to lead pipes; new pipes installed.
- 6/A/90. 1.11.09+C  
Visit to South Wales.
- 6/A/91. 6.12.09+C  
His consent to Anna Susannah Taylor's marriage.
- 6/A/92. 3.1.10+C  
He will always be guided by Simon Taylor; necessity of securing marriage settlements.
- 6/A/93. 7.2.10+C  
Details of lead poisoning affecting all the family and servants.
- 6/A/94. 7.3.10+C  
Marriage of Anna Susannah Taylor and George Watson.
- 6/A/95. 4.4.10  
Eliza and William Mayne and their 2 boys visited Hampton; he may not be able to return to Portugal.
- 6/A/96. 3.1.11  
Who is the good woman Simon Taylor wants him to marry; looking for a suitable estate for him.
- 6/A/97. 3.4.11  
Has been ill with swollen testicle; war news from Spain.
- 6/A/98. 1.5.11+C  
Wellington's victory in Portugal.

- 6/A/99. 5.6.11+C  
Qualities he is looking for in a wife; Robert Taylor's daughter is only 15; thinks of her as a child; will not marry without Simon Taylor's approval.
- 6/A/100. 3.7.11  
Wishes to send Eliza Mayne's son to school at his expense.
- 6/A/101. 6.8.11  
Concern at Simon Taylor's health; urging him to come to England.
- 6/A/102. 4.9.11+C  
Illness of King George III.
- 6/A/103. 1.10.11 from Worthing  
Frivolity of watering places; relations with America.
- 6/A/104. 11.10.11+C  
Upset at receipt of Simon Taylor's letter of 1.8.11 [which accused him of disrespect in letter no. 99]; has not mentioned anything of the matter to his mother; his answer only solicited time for reflection and to get to know the young lady.
- 6/A/105. 6.11.11+C  
Begs him to throw letter of 5.6 on the fire and forget it was written; going out to Jamaica and offer explanation and apology.
- 6/A/106. 27.12.11  
Arrived at Port Royal.
- 6/A/107. 28.3.12 from Prospect Penn  
No chance to converse amicably with him so recourse to letter; suffered since arrival from his coolness.
- 6/A/108. 3.6.12+C  
Safe return to England; hopes to be reinstated in his affections.
- 6/A/109. 1.7.12+C  
Distress at not receiving a letter from him.
- 6/A/110. 6.8.12+C  
Will continue to write although no longer has the pleasure of hearing from him.

6/A/111. 2.9.12

Reasserts affection for him.

6/A/112. 6.10.12

Still not heard from him; going to Worthing with mother and Martha Taylor.

6/A/113. 4.11.12

Realises his letters must be tedious as all on same topic, but his mind is occupied only with reclaiming his approval.

6/B. Correspondence with Robert Taylor

6/B/1. [24.10 98?] Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Settling in at Dr Hill's.

24.10 Dr George Hill to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's character.

6/B/2. 13.3.99 Robert Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Advising him to write fully to Simon Taylor; he must never offend his uncle in the slightest degree; his future prospects depend on it; plans for his vacation; should keep an account book.

6/B/3. 17.3.99 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Activities at St. Andrews.

6/B/4. 9.4.99 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Wishes to keep a horse.

6/B/5. 7.7.99 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Allowance and his horse.

6/B/6. 2.8.99 Robert Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Plans for the summer; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor had abused Simon Taylor.

6/B/7. 5.8.99 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Enclosing a letter for Simon Taylor.

13.8.99 Robert Taylor to Simon Taylor sending both letters.

- 6/B/8. 1.2.1800 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Wishes to buy another horse.
- 6/B/9. 23.2.1800 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Family news
- 6/B/10. 8.5.1800 Robert Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Not heard from Simon Taylor about his future plans for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor but possibility of a continental tour.
- 6/B/11. 10.9.1800 Robert Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Against Robert Taylor's judgement, Simon Taylor is insisting that Simon Richard Brissett Taylor goes out to Jamaica.
- 6/B/12. 18.7.01 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Deduction to his allowance now on continent.
- 6/B/13. 10.5.11 Robert Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Simon Taylor's marriage plans for him.
- 6/B/14. 21.11.11 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Intending to go to Jamaica.
- 6/B/15. 2.1.12+C Robert Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Approves his trip to Jamaica.

6/C. Simon Richard Brissett Taylor Miscellaneous Correspondence

- 6/C/1. 28.6.1798 copy [by Robert Taylor?] of Dr George Hill's answer to Sir David Carnegie's letter asking him to take Simon Richard Brissett Taylor as boarder at St. Andrews.
- 6/C/2. ???.1799 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Dr George Hill  
Stay with Sir David Carnegie.
- 6/C/3. 4.9.1800 Dr George Hill to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Letter of advice regarding future conduct.
- 6/C/4. 15.1.06\* Simon Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Taking objection to his letter 6.11.05 regarding the settlement.

- 6/C/5. 2.7.08 Simon Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Wants nothing to do with William Mayne.
- 6/C/6. 29.3.11\* Simon Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Wishes him to marry Robert Taylor's daughter.
- 6/C/7. 8.2.12 George Watson Taylor to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Everyone at home curious about his trip to Jamaica and with court and society gossip.
- 6/C/8. 25.11.12 John Shand to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Simon Taylor striking out names of Robert Taylor and his family from his will [sic].
- 6/C/9. 21.4.13 John Shand to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Death of Simon Taylor on 14.4.13; buried by side of his brother on 17th; Simon Taylor was reconciled to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor by time of his death; new will was destroyed and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor is the heir.
- 6/C/10. 22.4.13 John Shand to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Details of Simon Taylor's account and crops in hand.
- 6/C/11. 7.7.13 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Andrew Bogle in Kingston  
Death of Simon Taylor and pleased at reconciliation between them; mention of "base and infamous conspiracy" being frustrated and "despicable author" of it caught [someone in pencil has named this as Robert Taylor].
- 6/C/12. 31.5.14 Nicol Graham to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Relations between him and Simon Taylor and asking for his help.
- 6/C/13. 7.6.14 Nicol Graham to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor  
Thanking him for his offer of help in a mercantile business.

## 7. Anna Susannah Taylor

### 7/A. Letters from Simon Taylor

- 7/A/1. nd.  
Acknowledges her first letter.
- 7/A/2. 29.4.87  
Sending her boxes of oranges and cashew nuts.
- 7/A/3. 3.11.87  
Will send her a macaw.
- 7/A/4. 4.2.88  
Hopes to come to England soon.
- 7/A/5. 29.3.89  
Her lessons.
- 7/A/6. 5.8.89  
Hopes to visit England next year.
- 7/A/7. 23.4.91  
Her school; plans to be in England by July.
- 7/A/8. 6.12.92  
Had a good passage home.
- 7/A/9. 23.5.97  
Times too dangerous to travel to England; family health.
- 7/A/10. 30.3.98+C  
Pleased with her handwriting; death of Robert Graham.
- 7/A/11. 10.2.99\*+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going to school.
- 7/A/12. 14.6.99\*+C  
Marriage of William Graham.
- 7/A/13. 17.5.1800\*  
Acknowledging her letter.

- 7/A/14. 24.7.1800\*+C  
Family health.
- 7/A/15. 21.10.01\*+C  
Family health; plans to visit England and take Simon Richard Brissett Taylor back to Jamaica.
- 7/A/16. 14.7.02\*+2C  
Her drawings.
- 7/A/17. 17.12.03\*+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor on continent; marriage of Mrs Codrington.
- 7/A/18. 1.5.05\*+C  
Eliza Taylor's marriage.
- 7/A/19. 24.4.06\*  
Settling her; Maria Taylor's establishments.
- 7/A/20. 24.8.06\*+C  
Anger with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 7/A/21. 17.2.07\*+C  
Received her letter.
- 7/A/22. 12.9.07\*+C  
House at Hampton.
- 7/A/23. 3.2.10  
Wishing her and George Watson happiness.
- 7/A/24. 5.3.10  
Received her letter; wishing her happiness again.

7/B. John Cooper's reports to Anna Susannah Taylor on her estates

7/B/1. 1.1.1835

Reports on Holland, Lyssons, Burrowfield Penn; details of crops, stock, negroes and management; suggested improvements.

2.1.35 letter from John W Cooper to Ben. Greene  
His properties in St. Kitts and John Cooper's arrival in Jamaica.

7/B/2. 20.1.35

Reports on Llanrumney, Flint River Cattle Pen, Montrose Cattle Pen.

7/B/3. 20.1.35

Reports on Haughton Court; Llanrumney Wharf.

18.4.35

Letter to Anna Susannah Taylor from George Freeth, Lincoln's Inn,  
Management of the estates.

7/B/4. 16.2.35

Report on Haughton Grove Pen.



## 8. George Watson Taylor

### 8/A. Letters to John Shand

8/A/1. 8.9.15

Purchase of steam engine; asking him to send over any papers and articles of Simon Taylor's; management of estates to continue in same hands.

8/A/2. 7.10.15

Asking John Shand to keep him informed on Island affairs; Anna Susannah Watson Taylor's property.

8/A/3. 2.11.15

Lady Taylor's settlement; wants estate properly managed; money has been given to Eliza Mayne.

8/A/4. 29.11.15

Introducing Captain Weir.

8/A/5. 6.12.15

Doubts whether Anna Susannah Watson Taylor entitled to uncle's personal affects.

8/A/6. 7.12.15

Removal of negroes to healthier premises; wants negroes to look favourably on them; asking John Shand to send fine wood to make furniture for their future country house.

8/A/7. 13.1.16

Hurricane; supplies for the negroes; due to two mistakes in marriage settlement had to go to Court of Chancery.

8/A/8. 24.10.16

Letters to Arbuthnot and Carrington trying to get John Shand a parliamentary seat.

8/A/9. 8.1.18

Family illness; Lady Taylor's visit to them; hopes she will not be led astray by designing people.

8/A/10. 5.2.18

Dissatisfaction with an overseer [Robert William Harris].

- 8/A/11. 5.5.18  
Still birth of a son; death of Martha Taylor; Maria Taylor's madness, delusions against her mother and George Watson Taylor; problem of disposal of her income.
- 8/A/12. 6.5.18  
Parliamentary affairs duties; marriages of royal family after Princess Charlotte's death; reports from the estates.
- 8/B. Letters from John Shand
- 8/B/1. 12.8.15X  
Condolences on death of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; details of the estates.
- 8/B/2. 16.9.5X  
Effects of drought; necessary to have calculations of negroes on the estates.
- 8/B/3. 7.10.15  
Problems with negro accommodation.
- 8/B/4. 6.11.15+C  
Destructive storm; Holland Estate flooded; houses and provisions destroyed on the other estates.
- 8/B/5. 18.11.15X+C  
Pleased George Watson Taylor to keep management of estates in same hands; details of Robert Taylor's firm's speculation which led to dissatisfaction and distrust of Simon Taylor in him at the end; that the negroes to be looked after, their comfort first objective; will look out Simon Taylor's papers; list of white persons employed on George Watson Taylor's estates as at 1.1.1816, 2 copies.
- 8/B/6. 30.12.15X  
Pleased assumed name of Taylor; House of Assembly report on what abolition of slavery would mean to West Indies; after flood negroes agreeable to moving their houses; problems of settlement of Simon Taylor's estate.
- 8/B/7. 27.1.16  
Shipment of sugar and rum; details of emblements decided for the various estates by a jury.

- 8/B/8. 24.2.16  
He is going to remain in Jamaica at this difficult time (abolition); negroes well disposed to George Watson Taylor, hope to see the "young master" in Jamaica; should send some cotton cloth to be distributed; no wood now in Jamaica; effects of the flood on crops.
- 8/B/9. 31.3.16X  
Problem of provisions; negroes eat unripe produce and fall ill.
- 8/B/10. 13.4.16  
Emancipation of slaves; negroes have the idea they are about to be freed by a greater power than their owners; could lead to insurrection; intends to come to England in June; George Watson Taylor's affairs will be left in William Shand's hands.
- 8/B/11. 11.5.16  
Problems of emancipation; negroes were content until minds unsettled by subject of Registration; division of crop between heirs of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 8/B/12. 15.6.16X  
State of account of the estates 18.5.15 - 31.12.15.
- 8/B/13. 15.6.16X  
Settlement of estates of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 8/B/14. 15.6.16  
George Watson Taylor securing seat in Parliament; emancipation problems; sugar and rum yields from the estate.
- 8/B/15. 13.7.16X  
Sale of rum from the estates.
- 8/B/16. 20.9.16  
Enclosing list of supplies needed on the estates for 1817.
- 8/B/17. 20.9.16  
Enclosing lists of slaves and stock. [not enclosed]
- 8/B/18. 26.9.16  
Visit to Scotland.
- 8/B/19. 30.9.16  
Acknowledging his letter.

- 8/B/20. 16.10.16  
Trip to Scotland; activities of Lord Bathurst.
- 8/B/21. 29.10.16  
George Watson Taylor's letter to Lord Carrington on John Shand's behalf.
- 8/B/22. 25.11.16  
Determined to escape winter cold but plans to visit George Watson Taylor on Isle of Wight before leaves.
- 8/B/23. 25.12.16  
His health still bad; visits to family members.
- 8/B/24. 28.12.16  
Meeting Lord Carrington; trip to Paris.
- 8/B/25. 5.3.17  
Reception at court of George and Anna Susannah Watson Taylor; he is ill in Paris; favourable reports from Jamaica.
- 8/B/26. 25.5.17  
Gift of turtle.
- 8/B/27. 7.8.17  
Letter from William Shand concerning Lysson negroes.
- 8/B/28. 16.9.17  
George Watson Taylor's search for country house.
- 8/B/29. 7.11.17  
Leaving for Jamaica.
- 8/B/30. 21.2.18  
Voyage to Jamaica; details of estates.
- 8/B/31. 11.4.18  
Differences between English and West Indian land owners; favourable report of Robert William Harris; intends to journey back to England.
- 8/B/32. 2.7.18  
Arrived in London.

8/B/33. 13.8.18  
Visit to Scotland.

8/B/34. 29.8.18  
Standing for Parliament for a Scottish borough.

8/B/35. 31.5.19  
Purchase of Earl Stoke by George Watson Taylor.

8/B/36. 6.7.19  
Pleasure at purchase of Earl Stoke; offer of seat in Parliament.

8/C. George Watson Taylor to others on behalf of John Shand

8/C/1. 22.9.16 to Charles Arbuthnot  
Getting John Shand into Parliament.

8/C/2. 22.10.16 to Charles Arbuthnot  
Reply to above.

8/C/3. 24.10.16 to Lord Carrington  
Asking him to consider [John Shand] to fill the parliamentary vacancy if Lord Stanhope succumbs to his illness.

8/D. George Watson Taylor letters to William Shand

8/D/1. 13.1.16  
Effects of hurricane.

8/D/2. 9.2.16  
Government policy on the West Indies; hopes to have seat in Parliament; requests information on the negroes on Anna Susannah Watson Taylor's properties.

8/D/3. 6.4.16  
Having to take Simon Taylor's will to Court of Chancery; secured seat in Parliament for Borough of Newport in Isle of Wight.

8/D/4. 8.6.16  
Visit of John Shand to England; will assist with his local knowledge; government activities concerning emancipation in light of calamities in Barbados; birth of 3rd son.

- 8/D/5. 6.7.16  
Registration bill's progress in Parliament.
- 8/D/6. 4.9.16  
John Shand not yet arrived; has been a bad start to Anna Susannah Watson Taylor's proprietorship.
- 8/D/7. 4.10.16  
John Shand safely arrived and gone to Scotland; sending cotton articles for the "breeding women and young children".
- 8/D/8. 6.11.16  
Favourable reports on negroes.
- 8/D/9. 1.1.17  
Hopes for good crop return this year in order to establish his family in England.
- 8/D/10. 5.4.17  
Health of the negroes; activities of African Institution.
- 8/D/11. 6.8.17  
Wish to build up estates for the sake of their children; sending a steam engine for Holland Estate.
- 8/D/12. 3.9.17  
Health of negroes; building of new negro houses.
- 8/D/13. 4.11.17  
Death of Martha Taylor at Cheltenham after an illness of 3 years; by her will her part of Lyssons goes to children of George and Anna Susannah Watson Taylor but her other effects, including portraits of Simon Taylor, Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Sir John Taylor, go to children of Neil Malcolm.
- 8/D/14. 5.3.18  
Letter from Richard William Harris that no negro births in 1817 among Pearl River negroes, but Mr Miller writes that at Haughton Court and Penn had five.
- 8/D/15. 6.5.18  
Slave health; pleased with reports from Harris and Miller; Anna Susannah Watson Taylor's still birth.

- 8/D/16. 3.7.18  
Safe arrival of John Shand; registration of their negroes.
- 8/D/17. 4.11.18  
Had been on continent with family; malfunction of steam engine at Holland; shipment of Devonshire bulls for Holland and Lyssons.
- 8/D/18. 6.1.19  
Hurricane in Jamaica; meeting of Parliament soon.
- 8/D/19. 5.3.19  
Supplies have been sent; good reports from Harris and Miller.
- 8/D/20. 9.6.19  
Registration Act; purchase of estate of late Joshua Smith(?) near Devizes; move to new house in Cavendish Square.
- 8/D/21. 5.8.19  
Correspondence with James Dick; that he has no right to trouble George Watson Taylor.
- 8/D/22. 5.8.19  
Anxious that number of negroes be kept up, if not increased; returns from their estates not as much as they need to maintain their establishment.
- 8/D/23. 6.8.19  
Introducing Charles Coxwell.
- 8/D/24.  
Visit to James Dick; Anna Susannah Watson Taylor about to be confined.

8/E. William Shand to George Watson Taylor

- 8/E/1. 7.1.19  
Introducing Ebernezer Taylor who wants to renew lease on wharf on Morant Bay.
- 8/E/2. 27.12.18  
Damage by hurricane.
- 17.1.19+C  
Engine on Holland Estate now working; reports on other estates.

- 8/E/3. 29.1.19+C  
Engine on Lysson Estate broken down; details of sugar and rum shipped.
- 8/E/4. 27.3.19+C  
Damage by hurricane; reports from overseers.
- 8/E/5. 18.4.19+C  
Good crop returns.
- 8/E/6. 7.5.19X+2C  
Sending lists of slaves and stock for last year [not enclosed].
- 8/E/7. 8.5.19X+C  
Details of James Dick's dealings with George Watson Taylor's estates in Jamaica.
- 8/E/8. 9.5.19+C  
Reports from estates.
- 8/E/9. 10.5.19+C  
Sending accounts for 1818 [not enclosed].
- 8/E/10. 31.5.19+C  
Arrival of Charles Griffiths Beresford, whose talents will not find an outlet in Jamaica.
- 8/E/11. 13.6.19  
Crop returns.
- 8/E/12. 14.6.19+C  
Sending list of wanted supplies [not enclosed] (+C of no. 11)
- 8/E/13. 1.7.19  
Sending lists of supplies needed [not enclosed].
- 8/E/14. 25.3.24 [from London]  
Concerning Lieutenant Rankin of 12th Native Infantry and Fort Adjutant at Surat.



9. Elizabeth Taylor Mayne and William Mayne

9/A. Simon Taylor to Elizabeth Taylor Mayne

9/A/1. 30.3.1798?  
Acknowledges receipt of her letters.

9/B. Elizabeth Taylor Mayne to Simon Taylor

9/B/1. 25?.10.97  
His health; receipt of present.

9/B/2. 24.9.98  
Family visits.

9/B/3. 16.8.99  
Visits; weather.

9/B/4. 27.4.01  
Her health - cough and headaches.

9/B/5. 7.9.01  
Visit to Brighton; estrangement with Lady Taylor.

9/B/6. 9.7.02  
Coldness of Lady Taylor; she has taken up horse riding.

9/B/7. 5.8.02  
Maria's ill health.

9/B/8. 29.11.03  
Visit to Ember Court (Robert Taylor's house); birth of son to Mrs Codrington.

9/B/9. 1.8.04  
Asking for Simon Taylor's approval for her marriage to William Mayne.

9/B/10. 31.1.05  
Asking forgiveness for proceeding against his wishes.

9/B/11. 1.12.05+C

Asking Simon Taylor to stand godfather to child about to be born; William Mayne continually looking for employment.

9/B/12. 1.7.06

Hurt that received no reply to letter; one of William Mayne's relatives stood proxy for him as godfather; child christened Simon.

9/B/13. 3.8.08

Thanking him for present.

9/C. William Mayne to Simon Taylor

9/C/1. 31.7.04+C

Thinks his fortune sufficient for marriage; hopes for Simon Taylor's approval.

9/C/2. 4.2.05

Intends to make Eliza Taylor happy; hoping to find a suitable position.

9/C/3. 25.12.05

Birth of son.

9/D. William Mayne to Robert Taylor

9/D/1. 20.10.11+C

Purchase of command of a troop in Life Guards; needs £2,500; hopes Simon Taylor will forward money.

10. **Robert (Bontine) Graham and Anne Taylor Graham**

10/A. Robert Graham to Simon Taylor except nos. 11, 38, 76, 107

10/A/1. 5.4.74

Transaction with Mr McBean; Sir John Taylor not going into Parliament; news of the children.

10/A/2. 25.4.74

Asking Simon Taylor to find employment for his friend Mr Anderson.

10/A/3. 14.5.74

Sir John Taylor to marry Elizabeth Haughton.

10/A/4. 5.9.74

People that Robert Graham has recommended to Simon Taylor; matters concerning settlement between Sir John Taylor and Malcolm family.

10/A/5. 2.1.75

Malcolm family has queried Sir John Taylor's circumstances and marriage is off; Sir John Taylor depressed.

10/A/6. 25.2.75

Death of his brother, which means he may inherit his father's estate and change his name again; Mr Cunningham's affairs.

10/A/7. 30.3.75

Sending Robert Monoch out as a clerk.

10/A/8. 5.4.75

Sending Nicol Graham out as a clerk.

10/A/9. 5.5.75

Sir John Taylor's situation; Robert Graham wants to see him happily married.

10/A/10. 14.9.75

Birth of son.

10/A/11. 16.10.75

Business between them; enclosing copy of letter of 31.7.75 from William Lock to Robert Graham concerning former's brother's estate.

- 10/A/12. 6.12.75  
Cunningham's affairs; death of his father; details of his inheritance.
- 10/A/13. 10.4.76  
Friendship between them.
- 10/A/14. 30.4.76  
Business with McBean; copy of letter 2.1.76 from McBean concerning payment of debt.
- 10/A/15. 25.10.76  
Visit by Sir John Taylor, who is anxious for a quiet domestic life;  
Bontine inheritance; business with William Lock.
- 10/A/16. 25.10.76  
Sending John and David Stewart.
- 10/A/17. 26.10.76  
Introducing Mr Shaw.
- 10/A/18. 2.12.76  
Death of Anne Taylor Graham's aunt; his brother's debt and nieces' fortunes.
- 10/A/19. 19.12.76  
Birth of daughter called Susan; sending out Mr MacFarlane.
- 10/A/20. 4.11.77  
Aunt Blackwood's legacy; business with McBean.
- 10/A/21. 12.1.78  
Introducing Mr Bennett.
- 10/A/22. 30.1.78 [1st pages missing]  
Business with William Lock; possible bill in Chancery.
- 10/A/23. 8.2.78  
Introducing a millwright, James Stewart.
- 10/A/24. 9.2.78  
Introducing George Buchanan.
- 10/A/25. 20.4.78  
French in West Indies; death of daughter Susan; birth of son.

- 10/A/26. 10.7.78  
Health of children; war with French; raising of local troops; Robert Graham accepted commission in Regiment of Light Horse to be raised by Lord Graham.
- 10/A/27. 4.9.78  
Attack of gout; Sir John Taylor's knighthood.
- 10/A/28. 12.11.78  
Introducing Mr Blackburn.
- 10/A/29. 25.11.78  
McBean; relations with Simon Taylor.
- 10/A/30. 22.12.78  
Bills.
- 10/A/31. 29.12.78  
Sir John Taylor's marriage and copy of no. 30.
- 10/A/32. 13.12.79  
Management of Mr Arkenhead's estate by Simon Taylor.
- 10/A/33. 21.3.79  
Introducing Mr Carlile.
- 10/A/34. ??12.79+C  
Visit to Sir John Taylor and his new wife; business with McBean and Lock; Cunningham; living in Edinburgh for the girls' education.
- 10/A/35. 18.3.80  
Birth of stillborn child; business with Cunningham and McBean.
- 10/A/36. 27.3.80  
Introducing William Ackman, a printer.
- 10/A/37. 29.3.80+C  
McBean account.

- 10/A/38. 30.3.80  
Cunningham's affairs; enclosing copy of no. 35 and:  
  
15.3.80 Alexander Cunningham to Robert Graham  
Simon Taylor settling his affairs.
- 10/A/39. 5.4.80  
Details of McBean's account.
- 10/A/40. 25.4.80  
Introducing Mr Robertson.
- 10/A/41. 7.5.80  
Introducing Mr McLaughlan.
- 10/A/42. 27.5.80  
Death of Dr McQueen and settlement of his affairs; illness of Anne Taylor Graham;  
drinking asses' milk.
- 10/A/43. 7.9.80 from London  
Anne Taylor Graham much worse and a sea voyage has been prescribed.
- 10/A/44. 30.9.80  
Death of Anne Taylor Graham on 22.9.80.
- 10/A/45. 1.2.81+C  
McBean estate.
- 10/A/46. 21.3.81  
Introducing Robert Bagle.
- 10/A/47. 18.4.81  
Sending power of attorney; thinking of visit to Jamaica.
- 10/A/48. 20.6.81  
Introducing Archibald Smith.
- 10/A/49. 30.9.81  
Introducing William Leekie.
- 10/A/50. 20.11.81+C  
McBean estate; Bontine inheritance; Cunningham; decided not to visit Jamaica due to gout.

- 10/A/51. 15.2.82  
Introducing Colquhoun Campbell.
- 10/A/52. 25.3.82  
Hopes letter of introduction not troublesome; introducing James Samson.
- 10/A/53. 30.11.82  
Introducing Mr Cooke.
- 10/A/54. 26.1.83  
Hopes Simon Taylor will settle in Britain; daughters at same boarding school Lady Taylor attended.
- 10/A/55. 9.4.83  
Introducing Mr Ogilvie.
- 10/A/56. 12.4.83  
Introducing John MacLachlan.
- 10/A/57. 20.8.83+C  
Introducing James McQueen.
- 10/A/58. 5.1.85  
Visit of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor to Jamaica; Sir John Taylor's health.
- 10/A/59. 15.4.85  
Hopes for their safe arrival; Mr Cunningham's affairs.
- 10/A/60. 15.8.85  
Visit of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor; children well.
- 10/A/61. 10.12.85  
Hurricane; hopes Sir John Taylor will learn by observing Simon Taylor working.
- 10/A/62. 2.1.86  
Captain Neil Campbell.
- 10/A/63. 16.2.86  
Visit to Sir John Taylor's children; Sir John Taylor's visit and relations with Simon Taylor.

10/A/64. ???.86

Introducing Mr McNeil.

10/A/65. 29.8.86

Death of Sir John Taylor; his debts; Simon Taylor must say which line he wishes to be followed in upbringing of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Robert Graham will help; his pictures not worth as much as he thought.

10/A/66. 3.11.86

Sure that Lady Taylor will act prudently and live economically; to marry Miss Buchanan to give his children a mother and himself a companion.

10/A/67. 23.11.86

Lady Taylor's house in London and move to Reading; sale of effects; Sir John Taylor's debts.

10/A/68. 27.11.86

Inoculation of children; Lady Taylor will find difficulty in living on £1200 per year.

10/A/69. 23.11.87+C

Lady Taylor keeping a gilt service; Robert Graham thinks she will remarry; does not want his son or nephew brought up to be a "fine" gentleman.

10/A/70. 27.2.87+C

Sir John Taylor's plan for an Irish peerage - Robert Graham ridiculed the idea; sending William Graham to university at Glasgow.

10/A/71. 2.3.87

Introducing Mr McLardy.

10/A/72. 29.4.87

Sir John Taylor's affairs; sale of his pictures.

10/A/73. 25.5.87

Pictures sold for little; Lady Taylor still has her Jamaican servants; she wants to maintain a town house as well.

10/A/74. 5.9.87

Approves of Simon Taylor taking over the running of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor affairs; sending Simon Taylor a tobacco box with portrait of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor on lid.



- 10/A/75. 10.9.87  
Introducing Robert Hamilton.
- 10/A/76. 15.10.87  
Glad he has written to Lady Taylor about house in town; enclosing:  
  
2.10.87 William MacFarlane to Robert Graham  
Asking for Simon Taylor to take interest in his son Robert.
- 10/A/77. 18.10.87  
Can Simon Taylor send him some rum.
- 10/A/78. 26.4.88  
Payments to be made to his nieces; news of his children; does not want his daughters inheriting a lot of money.
- 10/A/79. 5.5.88  
Lady Taylor acting prudently.
- 10/A/80. 25.10.88+C  
Lady Taylor's prudence; education of his sons; Martha Taylor left school and living with Lady Taylor at Boulney Court.
- 10/A/81. 12.11.88  
Introducing Andrew Kippen.
- 10/A/82. 29.12.88  
James Stirling buying an estate in North England rather than West Indies; sending a letter from Lord Rodney which Sir John Taylor had entrusted to him.
- 10/A/83. 16.3.89  
Recommending millwright called McLaren.
- 10/A/84. 4.5.89  
Visited Lady Taylor and brought Martha Taylor back; slave trade agitation; seen Captain Robert Taylor - he does not mean to go to India again.
- 10/A/85. 25.6.89  
Introducing Mr Miller, a coppersmith.
- 10/A/86. 29.9.89  
Slave trade agitation in Parliament; death of his mother.

10/A/87. 29.11.89

Possible trip to England by Simon Taylor; that he has separated from Anne Taylor Graham.

10/A/88. 12.7.90

Simon Taylor not coming this year due to Chancery Bill; he should come next year to determine Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.

10/A/89. 27.12.90

Thanks for advice on the separation; worried that Simon Richard Brissett Taylor will be led astray.

10/A/90. 21.7.91 [Simon Taylor in London]

Confined to bed with gout; hopes he will come to Scotland.

10/A/91. 6.11.91

Recommending someone.

10/A/92. 10.12.91

Sending troops to Jamaica; information from a neighbour of different types of sugar cane he found in East Indies, and a better type of cotton.

10/A/93. 31.1.93

Crop returns; visit from John Taylor, returning soon to Jamaica; trying to get ploughmen to go out to Jamaica; execution of King of France.

10/A/94. 27.4.93

Managed to get ploughmen; when should Nicol Graham go to Jamaica?

10/A/95. 28.6.93

Ruination of war; does not want to send Nicol Graham to Glasgow as he will again contract a Scotch accent; Wilberforce's bill thrown out.

10/A/96. 30.7.93

Impossibility of getting the querns he wanted - mechanisation has made them obsolete; marriage of John Taylor to Glasgow lady.

10/A/97. 23.11.93

Nicol Graham going to Jamaica; visited Capt. Robert Taylor at new property of Ember Court.

10/A/98. 26.12.93

When in London saw Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and two eldest sisters - all much improved; problem with Reid family.

10/A/99. 1.1.94+C

Sending him a watch; (copy has p.s. concerning failure of Mure's House 27.1.94).

10/A/100. 28.2.94

In Edinburgh for Margaret Graham's sake.

10/A/101. 15.4.94

Introducing Mr Taylor.

10/A/102. 28.5.94

Nicol Graham's safe arrival; William Graham due back from Switzerland; birth of daughter to Martha Graham Spiers.

10/A/103. 26.6.94

Possible improvements to distillation methods.

10/A/104. 27.10.94

Giving Nicol pocket money; recommending Mr Ewing; hopeful of seat in Parliament; war news; William Graham joined the army.

10/A/105. 22.11.94

Introducing James Young, a millwright.

10/A/106. 28.11.94

Robert Graham elected to Parliament without opposition; Parliament prorogued.

10/A/107. 21.12.94

William Graham raised his company quicker than any other officer; enclosing:

10.12.94 William Glen to Robert Graham  
Providing West Indies with herrings.

10/A/108. 22.3.95

Problems in Ireland; he has no more rum.

10/A/109. 27.7.95

Went into Parliament to secure a seat for William Graham; but it will be dissolved and does not want to canvas again; war and effects on commerce; Nicol Graham's bad health in Jamaica.

10/A/110. 29.7.95

Solicits Simon Taylor's help for Mr Dunmore in his relations with Mr Blackburn.

10/A/111. 30.10.95

Attack of fever; Nicol Graham's health - he should go riding - Simon Taylor to purchase horse and servant for him.

10/A/112. 27.10.96

Public affairs; due to death of Earl of Glencairn, Robert Graham heir to his maternal estates; decided not to try for the title; but must take name of Cunningham.

10/A/113. 28.10.96

Dunmore's affairs.

10/A/114. 25.12.96

War; taxation; sugar duties - William Graham in Parliament taking an independent line.

10/A/115. 31.1.97

Introducing Mr Clawsion.

10/A/116. 30.6.97

Wilberforce's bill; William Graham no longer in Parliament but looking after his estate; birth of son to Martha Graham Spiers.

10/A/117. 29.11.97

William's debts - he did not attend Parliament but company; Robert Graham to discharge his debts and he to go to Regiment in Ireland; Robert Graham's health bad.

10/B. Robert Graham to Sir John Taylor

10/B/1. 29.3.86

Details of Margaret Graham; his health.

10/B/2. 12.6.86

His health, bad attack of gout; introducing Mr Callender.

10/C. Miscellaneous

10/C/1. 21.10.78 Charles Mitchell to Andrew Ronaldson  
Cunningham's affairs.

10/C/2. 15.3.80 Alexander Cunningham to Robert Graham  
His affairs and Simon Taylor's involvement.

10/C/3. 23.2.87 Marquis Montrose to Robert Graham  
Prime Minister Pitt given up the patronage of revenue places in the West Indies.

10/C/4. 17.1.96 Simon Taylor to Robert Graham  
Graham's health; sending him some rum; Nicol Graham's health.

10/C/5. 24.12.97  
Abstract of settlements made by Robert Graham

30.12.97 Robert Stewart to Simon Taylor  
Concerning the settlements [above] and debts of William; asks Simon Taylor to settle them  
so he can live on the estate.

10/D. Anne Graham

10/D/1. 22.3.79 Anne Graham to Simon Taylor  
Recommending James Leckie.

10/D/2. 3.2.79 William Leckie to Anne Graham  
Asking her to ask Simon Taylor to employ his son James.

## 11. Nicol Graham

### 11/A. Nicol Graham to Simon Taylor

11/A/1. 2.4.93

Nearly finished his education and soon ready to go to Jamaica.

11/A/2. 1.5.93

Had measles.

11/A/3. 3.7.93

His education.

11/A/4. 5.9.93

Education and father's health.

11/A/5. 1795 from Prospect Penn

Sending requested articles.

11/A/6. 12.11.98

Losing Simon Taylor's esteem and some detail of the duel.

11/A/7. 9.5.99

Thanking him for meeting; leaving island.

11/A/8. 3.2.01+C from London

His plans for foreign service; now decided to go to Canada; thanks him for his allowance.

11/A/9. 25.9.01+2C from Montreal

His commercial endeavours; could sell West Indian rum.

11/A/10. 4.7.02+C

Bad year for business in Canada.

11/A/11. 13.7.02+3C

Difficult to do business as people give long credit.

11/A/12. 16.7.03+C

Rum sent by Simon Taylor; not doing very well; lot of money outstanding.

11/A/13. 3.11.03+C

Does not know what to do next; bad health; plans to return to England.

- 11/A/14. 7.11.04 from New York  
Ill health; not able to proceed to Canada.
- 11/A/15. 14.12.04+C from Montreal  
Business gone well during his absence; cheap rum being sold from Glasgow; copy of no. 14.
- 11/A/16. 27.3.05+C  
Shipping fish to West Indies; asks for advance of £1000.
- 11/A/17. 20.5.05  
Shipping fish and flour to West Indies.
- 11/A/18. 17.9.05+C  
Loss of shipment of fish.
- 11/A/19. 17.5.06 from New York  
Bad year commercially - loss of ship, difficulties of chartering vessels.
- 11/A/20. 25.10.06+2C from Montreal  
Business doing better.
- 11/A/21. 1.12.07+3C  
Business expanding, especially in commissioning line.
- 11/A/22. 20.7.08+2C  
Decline in trade due to war; ill health; going to England to avoid the winter.
- 11/A/23. 28.12.08 from London  
Hopes his exertions have pleased Simon Taylor.
- 11/B. Other letters by Nicol Graham
- 11/B/1. 14.12.04+C to Messrs. Clark, Dick and Evans  
Shipment of rum and sugar to Canada from Jamaica.

12. **Martha Graham Spiers**

12/A. Letters to Simon Taylor except 18, 20, 23, 28, 30, 37, 39, 42

12/A/1. 23.11.92

Simon Taylor's arrival in Jamaica; news of her brothers.

12/A/2. 23.1.93

Staying in Edinburgh with mother-in-law.

12/A/3. 27.2.93

Birth of son.

12/A/4. 17.6.93

Child recovered from small pox.

12/A/5. 22.8.93

At Gartmore because Robert Graham's health bad.

12/A/6. 28.10.93

Nicol Graham going to Jamaica.

12/A/7. 27.12.93

Move of Lady Taylor from Boulney Court.

12/A/8. ???.06.94

Birth of daughter.

12/A/9. 26.3.95

News of Lady Taylor and her family.

12/A/10. 24.9.95

Robert Graham's ill health.

12/A/11. 24.1.97

News of family health.

12/A/12. 25.10.97

Robert Graham not left bed since heard of Lady Farquhar's death.

12/A/13. 24.10.99

Nicol Graham leaving Jamaica.



- 12/A/14. 29.2.1800  
Severe weather in Scotland; do not see William and his wife much as Mr Spiers lectured him on his future; birth of daughter.
- 12/A/15. 28.5.1800+C  
Wishes Margaret lived nearer.
- 12/A/16. 26.8.1800  
At seaside for her health.
- 12/A/17. 25.9.1800+C  
Education of eldest boy.
- 12/A/18. 25.3.01+C  
Met John Taylor in Edinburgh; looking for school for son.
- 29.4.01 Alexander Spiers to Simon Taylor  
His lessons.
- 12/A/19. 24.11.01  
Simon Taylor lending money to her brother William; birth of daughter.
- 12/A/20. 25.1.02  
Alexander at school
- Anna Spiers to Simon Taylor  
Her lessons.
- 12/A/21. 26.5.02  
William has given up race horses.
- 12/A/22. 28.8.02  
Alexander's education.
- 12/A/23. 26.10.02 enclosing:  
  
Alexander Spiers to Simon Taylor  
Sending his respects.
- 12/A/24. 28.12.02  
Hopes Simon Taylor will visit Britain.

12/A/25. 25.5.03

Margaret happy in London.

12/A/26. 27.10.03

Alexander's education - making sure he learns arithmetic as well as Latin; Mr Spiers has command of local Yeomanry.

12/A/27. 25.1.04

Alexander's schooling.

12/A/28. 1.3.04 enclosing:

Anna Spiers to Simon Taylor  
Hoping to see him in Britain.

12/A/29. 28.10.04

Return of Nicol Graham to Jamaica; possibility of sending Alexander to school in England.

12/A/30. 5.3.05 from London

Visiting Lady Taylor and putting Alexander to school; enclosing:

2.3.05 Alexander Spiers to Simon Taylor  
Now at school in Chiswick.

12/A/31. 29.8.05

Alexander doing well at school.

12/A/32. 30.9.05

Good reports of Alexander.

12/A/33. 26.11.05+C

Asking Simon Taylor to patronise Glasgow firm of Dennistown as they have offered to take Robert Spiers into the business.

12/A/34. 24.3.06+C

Sorry she wrote above letter to him.

12/A/35. 22.7.06

Alexander at home for holidays.

- 12/A/36. 26.11.06  
Living in Edinburgh for children's education; hopes to send Alexander to military academy.
- 12/A/37. 29.4.07+C  
Alexander at military college at Great Marlow having passed the exam; enclosing  
  
Anna Spiers to Simon Taylor  
Concerning education.
- 12/A/38. 28.1.08+C  
Children had measles.
- 12/A/39. 27.6.08+C  
Alexander at home; going to send [Robert] Graham to school in England; enclosing  
  
Alexander to Simon Taylor  
Reviewed by Duke of Kent; was one of the soldiers on guard.
- 12/A/40. 28.9.08  
Alexander back at Marlow; Anna and Graham at Doncaster at boarding schools.
- 12/A/41. 21.2.09+C  
Graham intends to go to sea.
- 12/A/42. 25.7.09+C  
Graham to be rated midshipman; enclosing  
  
Alexander to Simon Taylor  
Has commission as ensign in 39th Foot but leave of absence to continue education at Marlow.
- 12/A/43. 27.5.11  
Alexander in Sicily; illness of William's wife.
- 12/A/44. 27.8.11  
Death of Mrs Graham; her children in Ireland with her sister.
- 12/A/45. 20.12.11+C  
Graham at sea; Alexander with English army in Portugal.

12/A/46. 7.5.12+C

Graham to be stationed with Channel fleet; William's sons at school in Edinburgh; daughters still in Ireland.

12/A/47. 26.10.12

Alexander at Madrid, now a lieutenant; William going to Ireland to fetch his daughters.

12/B. Alexander Spiers to Simon Taylor

12/B/1. nd.

Lessons and desire to be a soldier.

12/B/2. 20.7.07

Starting at Marlow.

### 13. **Robert Taylor**

13/A. Robert Taylor to Simon Taylor except 111, 121, 127, 131, 136, 308

13/A/1. 28.12.91

Simon Taylor dining with Mr Dundas and Mr Brown [Simon Taylor at Boulney Court].

13/A/2. 28.1.92

Mr Graham taking his daughters to Scotland.

13/A/3. 3.7.92 [Simon Taylor back in Jamaica]

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor at school with Mr Carr; dampness of Boulney Court; war news from India.

13/A/4. 31.7.92X

Lease on Hill Street House, built by Lady Taylor's father in 1749.

13/A/5. 3.10.92

War news from Europe; Duke of Clarence opponent of Wilberforce; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor doing well.

13/A/6. 17.10.92

Nicol Graham and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor both doing well; sending out cloth.

13/A/7. 7.11.92

Problems with Lady Taylor's house in Baker Street.

13/A/8. 2.12.92

Introducing Mr Farquhar, surgeon's mate.

13/A/9. 5.12.92

Lady Taylor's house in Hill Street; John Taylor gone to Scotland; Nicol Graham not doing so well.

13/A/10. 1.1.93

Problems with Hill Street lease and Boulney Court; news from France.

13/A/11. 22.1.93

Sale of lease on Hill Street House; plans for Nicol Graham to go into John Taylor's counting house.

13/A/12. 6.2.93

Setting up a business with his brother and what Simon Taylor could do with his funds; Lady Taylor tries to keep her children at home after their holidays; William Graham been extravagant abroad; the Hill Street lease.

13/A/13. 6.3.93

Situation in France; urging Simon Taylor to invest money in England via his firm; sale of house in Hill Street and purchase of one in Cumberland Circus; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.

13/A/14. 11.3.93

Details of an estate in Somerset which Simon Taylor might buy.

13/A/15. 3.4.93

Simon Taylor investing in the funds; Lady Taylor's houses; Nicol Graham thanking Simon Taylor for him patronising his and his brother's house.

13/A/16. 1.5.93

News of France; Lady Taylor's houses and her debts discharged by Robert Taylor.

13/A/17. 5.6.93

Boulney still not sold due to short term of the lease; John Taylor's marriage plans.

13/A/18. 3.7.93

Putting money in the Funds; defeat of Wilberforce's bill; Robert Taylor's purchase of Ember Court near Hampton Court.

13/A/19. 6.8.93

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor back at school; purchase of an estate for Simon Taylor, best investment he could make; Robert Taylor & John Taylor's business plans.

13/A/20. 4.9.93

Pleased with Ember Court; Lady Taylor and family at Ramsgate.

13/A/21. 1.10.93

Birth of a son; he should buy an estate; good reports of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/A/22. 5.11.93

Settling accounts between them; no suitable estate for sale at the moment; problems with Boulney Court; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor needs a tutor during his holidays.

- 13/A/23. 3.12.93X  
Boulney Court sold to Mr Rawdon; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's tutor; trouble with the Reids.
- 13/A/24. 13.12.93  
Reids have filed a bill in Chancery; details of the case.
- 13/A/25. 31.12.93X  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's tutor; the Reid lawsuit.
- 13/A/26. 5.1.94  
Lady Taylor settled at Cumberland Place; sure that she will now be able to live on her allowance.
- 13/A/27. 5.3.94  
Accounts relating to purchase and furnishing of Cumberland Place; business plans with his brother.
- 13/A/28. 1.4.94  
Details of an estate in Yorkshire; slave trade agitation; the Reid lawsuit.
- 13/A/29. 6.5.94  
Investing Simon Taylor's money; business plans with George Hibbert and his brother.
- 13/A/30. 3.6.94  
Possible Devon estate; Lady Taylor's debts.
- 13/A/31. 5.6.94  
Ill health of Eliza Taylor; Lady Taylor's removal expenses.
- 13/A/32. 3.7.94  
Simon Taylor's investments; Lady Taylor's economies and allowance for the daughters.
- 13/A/33. 7.6.94  
War news; Simon Taylor's investments; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/34. 2.7.94  
Lady Taylor going sea bathing in spite of the expense; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor has tutor for summer holidays.
- 13/A/35. 3.9.94  
News from France; Lady Taylor worried about the Reid lawsuit.

- 13/A/36. 1.10.94  
Sending a copy of the pedigree of Lady Taylor's family.
- 13/A/37. 1.10.94  
Death of Charles Smith of Bristol - a relation; Simon Taylor's money; the lawsuit.
- 13/A/38. 5.11.94X  
Reid lawsuit; Lady Taylor offers her diamonds to pay debts; business with the Hibberts;  
John Taylor more inclined to country life now.
- 13/A/39. 4.12.94X  
European news; Reid lawsuit.
- 13/A/40. 4.12.94  
Sending opinion on Reid lawsuit.
- 13/A/41. 6.1.95  
John Taylor decided not to go into business.
- 13/A/42. 15.1.95  
Investing Simon Taylor's money; getting security from the Hibberts.
- 13/A/43. 5.2.95  
Investing Simon Taylor's money with Hibberts; Taylor brothers decided not to join Hibberts  
in their venture; Lady Taylor's debts; Simon Taylor decided not to purchase land in  
England.
- 13/A/44. 4.3.95  
War news; Hibberts overstretched; his own ideas for a business; reduction of Lady Taylor's  
income from £2,000 to £1,000 p.a.; Robert Taylor agrees to look after Simon Richard  
Brissett Taylor's education.
- 13/A/45. 1.4.95  
Lady Taylor's plan of economy - she plans to live in Italy; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's  
future education; Simon Taylor's money; the Hibberts.
- 13/A/46. 8.4.95  
Introducing William Ross, barrister.



13/A/47. 6.5.95

Simon Taylor's money; Lady Taylor changed her mind about Italy; Robert Taylor has paid off her debts; problems of their neighbour Col. Gardiner and his Jamaican estate; discussion of schools for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - "at Winchester the boys drink".

13/A/48. 4.6.95X

Lady Taylor determined to live frugally.

13/A/49. 1.7.95

March packet captured by French - no news from Jamaica for many months; Lady Taylor has given up her carriage and horses and dismissed some servants.

13/A/50. 8.7.95+C

Simon Taylor's money with Hibberts and a bond deposited by Sir John Taylor; Lady Taylor's finances.

13/A/51. 5.8.95+C

Sir John Taylor's bond and other financial matters with Hibberts; birth of a daughter.

13/A/52. 2.9.95+C

Financial matters; Lady Taylor's luck in having Simon Taylor take over her affairs - she does not appreciate this.

13/A/53. 6.10.95

Financial matters; Robert Taylor has purchased an iron chest for Simon Taylor's papers.

13/A/54. 4.11.95

Financial matters; Reid lawsuit.

13/A/55. 2.12.95

Robert Taylor had read part of Simon Taylor's last letter about Jamaica disturbances and Wilberforce's exertions to Mr Dundas - Mr Dundas replies to Simon Taylor criticisms; Robert Taylor to be Sheriff for Surrey next year; asks Simon Taylor to send castor oil.

13/A/56. 3.1.96

Financial matters; Lady Taylor's income and her low spirits at Simon Taylor's letters; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor at home; Robert Taylor looking for a new school - private not public.

13/A/57. 2.2.96

War in West Indies; Hibberts' affairs; Lady Taylor's attitude to Robert Taylor and her situation.

- 13/A/58. 2.3.96  
Payments by Hibberts; still on good terms with Lady Taylor; found a new school for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - Dr Gilpin's at Cheam.
- 13/A/59. 6.4.96  
Defeat of Abolition Bill; Mr Dundas's speech against it; still no payments by Hibberts; Lady Taylor's debts; good reports of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/60. 4.5.96  
Financial matters; Lady Taylor's attitude to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's tutor; her bills now paid; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor at his new school.
- 13/A/61. 1.6.96  
Financial matters.
- 13/A/62. 5.7.96  
Payment of bonds; Lady Taylor's situation; possibility of joining Mill, Ross and Bourgie.
- 13/A/63. 20.7.96  
Abolition question; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's school; bonds; details of the firm Mill, Ross and Bourgie.
- 13/A/64. 1.9.96  
Visit to Scotland; financial matters.
- 13/A/65. 29.9.96  
Ejectment against Reid failed; payment of bills.
- 13/A/66. 1.11.96+C  
Financial matters.
- 13/A/67. 7.12.96  
Financial relations with Hibbert.
- 13/A/68. 14.12.96  
Bills of exchange; Robert Taylor's plans for his business; presents from Simon Taylor to Lady Taylor's children.
- 13/A/69. 15.12.96  
Bill of exchange not being accepted.

- 13/A/70. 20.12.96  
Financial matters; asking Simon Taylor to do something for Hislop.
- 13/A/71. 4.1.97  
Recapitulation of former letters.
- 13/A/72. 12.1.97  
Payment of bills.
- 13/A/73. 1.2.97  
Financial matters.
- 13/A/74. 7.2.97  
Taxation; news from France; Mr Gilpin to write to Simon Taylor about Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/75. 1.3.97  
Hopes Simon Taylor's fortune in England is secure; Hibberts taking on new partners; problems with Boulney Court; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor too fond of expectation of a fortune.
- 13/A/76. 5.4.97  
Political matters; that Simon Taylor reached amicable arrangement with the Reids.
- 13/A/77. 29.4.97  
Arrangement with the Reid family so Lady Taylor keeps property; Hibberts; no intention of joining in business with Mill, Ross and Bourgie - instead joining with Alistair Renny.
- 13/A/78. 14.5.97  
Introducing Capt. Carr.
- 13/A/79. 8.6.97  
Thanks Simon Taylor for his orders of commodities.
- 13/A/80. 8.6.97+C  
Bill of exchange.
- 13/A/81. 5.7.97  
Mutiny of the fleet at Nore and executions; financial matters; possibility of hiring ships for African trade through his brother [i.e. for slaving].

- 13/A/82. 2.3.97+C  
Thanking Simon Taylor for his orders for supplies for the estates; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's good school report.
- 13/A/83. 6.9.97+C  
Activities of French privateers; hiring of African ships; details of sending 1,200 slaves from Angola to Jamaica.
- 13/A/84. 4.10.97  
Sale of sugar sent by Simon Taylor; supplies being shipped.
- 13/A/85. 12.10.97+C  
Sending out Hislop and Edward Price; sending two ships of slaves from Angola.
- 13/A/86. 19.10.97  
All supplies shipped; victory over Dutch fleet.
- 13/A/87. 28.10.97  
Introducing Thomas Hislop; problem of the convoy not being ready to leave.
- 13/A/88. 2.11.97  
Mistake in supplies - six dozen pewter chamber pots sent out instead of either six or twelve, hopes they can be sold.
- 13/A/89. 3.11.97  
Hibberts [former supply agents] not rendering final account; query on quality of goods to be sent.
- 13/A/90. 3.11.97  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's improvement since going to Cheam.
- 13/A/91. 5.11.97  
Sending samples of negro hats; copper goods; port wine; herrings.
- 13/A/92. 15.11.97  
Introducing Edward Price.
- 13/A/93. 6.12.97  
Financial matters; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education.
- 13/A/94. 17.12.97  
Death of Mr Graham; settlement with Reid family.

- 13/A/95. 4.1.98  
Financial matters; increased taxation - Lady Taylor needs assistance.
- 13/A/96. 6.1.98  
Payment received from Hibberts; Gilpin writes Simon Richard Brissett Taylor is disinclined to learn.
- 13/A/97. 7.3.98  
Hibberts; war news; difficulty in finding any merchants willing to engage in African business.
- 13/A/98. 6.4.98  
Payments; supplies; payment of Lady Taylor's taxes; Miss Graham came to London to live; possible French invasion.
- 13/A/99. 3.5.98  
Financial matters; ship insurance.
- 13/A/100. 23.5.98  
Further payment by Hibberts; sale of sugar.
- 13/A/101. 7.6.98  
Payment to William Graham; ship insurance.
- 13/A/102. 4.7.98  
Financial matters; William Graham's affairs - he has no security to offer; Maroon rebellion.
- 13/A/103. 17.7.98+C  
William Graham.
- 13/A/104. 2.8.98  
What to do with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor till St. Andrews starts; Lady Taylor's allowance.
- 13/A/105. 10.8.98  
Security to be offered by William Graham.
- 13/A/106. 6.9.98  
Jasper Hall; provision for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

- 13/A/107. 29.9.98  
Supplies; taking Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to St. Andrews; William Graham's creditors pressing; insurance of ships.
- 13/A/108. 21.10.98+C  
Account of trip to Scotland; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's programme at St. Andrews.
- 13/A/109. 31.10.98  
Sending letter from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; war news.
- 13/A/110. 9.11.98  
Financial matters; report on Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's progress; naval victories.
- 13/A/111. 14.11.98+C  
Forwarding letter from Dr Hill regarding Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; C has:
- 8.11.98 Dr George Hill to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor expects to receive a fortune from his uncle; getting fatter as he takes no exercise;
- 8.12.98 Robert Taylor to Simon Taylor  
Regarding above copy.
- 13/A/112. 6.12.98  
Selling shares in ship *Simon Taylor*.
- 13/A/113. 15.1.99  
Building a fourth ship at Newcastle to carry coal from Newcastle to Jamaica.
- 13/A/114. 28.1.99  
Introduction of income tax; poor reports of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; marriage of William Graham; glad Simon Taylor is clear of the Hibberts; setting up his own shipping line of four ships to carry sugar and supplies.
- 13/A/115. 11.2.99  
Financial matters; repayments by William Graham; what to do with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in the summer.
- 13/A/116. 23.2.99  
William Graham's security for the loan from Simon Taylor; Simon Taylor's liability to pay income tax.

13/A/117. 14.3.99

Sale of Simon Taylor's sugar at a good price; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - must be made to realise he is dependent on Simon Taylor.

13/A/118. 1.4.99

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Simon Taylor's African plan - to keep himself supplied with slaves - London opinion is that the abolitionists will win; war news.

13/A/119. 6.4.99

Approves of Simon Taylor's Guinea plan; loss of *Phaeton* [a slaver Robert Taylor had a share in].

13/A/120. 12.4.99

Statement given to Commercial Commissioners of Income Property in Great Britain [of Simon Taylor's income] by Robert Taylor; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to stay in Scotland for the summer; Lady Taylor and her family are thought to have considerable property - Simon Taylor should draw up a statement of account to show this is not so.

13/A/121. 18.4.99

Distressed circumstances of Simon Taylor's school friend Griffiths; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's expenses; copy of

11.4.99 Dr Hill to Robert Taylor

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; sending Dr Hill's son to Jamaica.

13/A/122. 2.5.99 copy of no. 121.

13/A/123. 5.6.99

Good reports of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; how Income Tax Bill will affect Simon Taylor; 2 ships ready to leave Liverpool for Africa.

13/A/124. 5.7.99

Improvement in Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; death of Mr Sleigh [Robert Taylor's father-in-law]; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going to spend time with Sir David Carnegie; Robert Taylor's attendance before Commercial Commissioners - Simon Taylor has to pay income tax on property in Great Britain; docks to be built at Isle of Dogs for West Indian shipping; the Graham boys.

13/A/125. 14.7.99

Hopes of peace.

13/A/126. 7.8.99

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor now at Sir David Carnegie's; refused an invitation from William Graham; Taylor and Renny have contributed to West India Docks; income tax - fair on residents, unfair on non-residents - hopeful this part will be repealed.

13/A/127. 8.8.99

forwarding: copy of

2.8.99 Dr George Hill to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/A/128. 4.9.99

War news; expects success of Simon Taylor's Guinea plan; details of ships sent to Africa for slaves; Sir David Carnegie's good report of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Lady Taylor's miserable disposition; Nicol Graham's return to England.

13/A/129. 9.10.99+C

Talks with Mr Dick from Jamaica regarding future business between the two houses; problems with Mr Renny's scruples over slave trade; Renny not to hold a share in the ships; firms united under name Taylor, Hughan & Renny - Hughan an African specialist.

13/A/130. 7.11.99

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's return to St. Andrews; Nicol Graham in Scotland; future business plans - purchase of another ship which can carry 400 slaves; Robert Taylor robbed by highwaymen on return to Ember Court.

13/A/131. 8.11.99

sending: copy of

31.10.99 Dr George Hill to Robert Taylor  
Plans for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's education this term.

13/A/132. 8.11.99

Introducing James Scott.

13/A/133. 5.12.99

News from France; sale of sugar; Sir David Carnegie advises that Simon Richard Brissett Taylor should be sent to the continent.

13/A/134. 18.12.99

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.



- 13/A/135. 6.1.1800  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Graham brothers' affairs; birth of son.
- 13/A/136. 5.2.1800 sending: copy of  
  
29.1.1800 Dr Hill to Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's behaviour.
- 13/A/137. 8.2.1800  
Sending a letter.
- 13/A/138. 8.2.1800  
Account of Nicol Graham's arrest on the Isle of Wight as a suspected French spy.
- 13/A/139. 5.3.1800+C  
Conduct of Nicol Graham - not deranged, his future plans.
- 13/A/140. 4.4.1800  
Tutor for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/141. 7.5.1800  
Plans for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor, Mr De Luc engaged as tutor; Eliza Taylor's crooked back; bad sugar market; probable that African trade will be suspended in three years - perhaps better if they had not started it, but the ships can be adapted for any trade.
- 13/A/142. 8.5.1800  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/143. 13.5.1800  
Glad Simon Taylor approves of plans for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; financial matters  
  
3.6.1800  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Nicol Graham in Wales; Margaret Graham's desire to live in London.
- 13/A/144. 3.7.1800  
Mr De Luc too ill to accompany Simon Richard Brissett Taylor on continent.
- 13/A/145. 11.7.1800  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; income tax.

- 13/A/146. 5.8.1800  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor on Highland tour with relation of Dr Hill; Nicol Graham's future; Lady Taylor's increased allowance; war news.
- 13/A/147. 6.8.1800+C  
Bond claimed by Col. Malcolm.
- 13/A/148. 24.8.1800  
Abolition plans; plans for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; copy of 149.
- 13/A/149. 3.9.1800X  
Financial matters.
- 13/A/150. 1.10.1800  
Simon Taylor wanting Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to go out to Jamaica; news of their African ships.
- 13/A/151. 12.11.1800  
Pleased Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to be allowed to go abroad; possibility of William McCulloch to attend him; possibility of peace.
- 13/A/152. 18.11.1800  
Introducing James Renny.
- 13/A/153. 7.1.01+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor much improved by residence in Scotland, left for Hanbury on 26 December; travelling plans; Lady Taylor's allowance.
- 13/A/154. 19.1.01  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's plans to go abroad with Col. Malcolm; Simon Taylor should write confirming William McCulloch's authority over Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/155. 5.2.01  
Loss of one of their slave ships; other shipping news; William Graham in jail in London?
- 13/A/156. 3.3.01  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's visit to Vienna; Maria Taylor had hysterics; financial matters.

- 13/A/157. 3.4.01+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's travels; Eliza's back better but on bad terms with Lady Taylor.
- 13/A/158. 6.5.01  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's travels; war news - hopes of peace.
- 13/A/159. 1.7.01  
Payment by Hibberts; shipping.
- 13/A/160. 5.8.01  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; shipping; strangeness of Nicol Graham - now in Montreal.
- 13/A/161. 4.9.01  
Visit by Lady Taylor and her daughters.
- 13/A/162. 4.11.01  
Financial matters; Hibberts being recognised.
- 13/A/163. 3.12.01+C  
Correspondence with Nicol Graham - Simon Taylor to help him; produce markets stagnant.
- 13/A/164. 5.12.01  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.
- 13/A/165. 5.1.02  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Mrs Taylor's miscarriage.
- 13/A/166. 4.2.02  
Financial matters; death of Major Gardyne, Robert Taylor's brother-in-law.
- 13/A/167. 3.3.02  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - to stay abroad if Simon Taylor does not visit England; financial matters.
- 13/A/168. 7.4.02  
Peace; income tax to be given up; Nicol Graham; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's desire to buy pictures; death of Neil Malcolm.

13/A/169. 4.5.02

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to tour Italy; assistance for Nicol Graham; using £20,000 of Simon Taylor's money to benefit his firm in these bad times; business with Dick, McCall & Co.

13/A/170. 10.5.02X

Asking Simon Taylor's advice on sale of Col. Gardiner's Jamaican estate.

13/A/171. 2.6.02

Financial matters; bad sugar market.

13/A/172. 7.7.02

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's plans; shipping.

13/A/173. 4.8.02

Financial matters; Hibberts bad ship management; problems with Nicol Graham's orders; Maria Taylor still has hysterics - now at a lodging out of town.

13/A/174. 1.9.02

Simon Taylor's friend McVicar's estate; letter from William McCulloch his illness; went with Lady Taylor and family to see West India Docks opened; Nicol Graham's trading.

13/A/175. 2.9.02

Problem shipping coals and herrings by Capt. Renwick.

13/A/176. 5.10.02

Glut of sugar on the market; Robert Taylor thinks slave trade will continue; McVicar's property.

13/A/177. 7.10.02

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; lending money to McVicar.

13/A/178. 3.11.02

War threatens; shipment of coals.

13/A/179. 15.11.02

Death of McVicar.

13/A/180. 1.12.02+C

Shipping plans; financial matters.

- 13/A/181. 8.12.02  
Events in St. Domingo; Miss Hall to marry Capt. Codrington - Robert Taylor to act as Simon Taylor's proxy and give her away; Nicol Graham's commercial ventures.
- 13/A/182. 5.1.03  
Bad sugar market.
- 13/A/183. 2.2.03  
Robert Taylor's firm not to engage in advancements on West Indian estates; shipping plans.
- 13/A/184. 3.3.03  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's travels; shipping delays.
- 13/A/185. 6.4.03  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; problem with France over Malta.
- 13/A/186. 4.5.03  
Problem of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor if war breaks out; Robert Taylor has eye disease.
- 13/A/187. 1.6.03  
Mrs Taylor having to write his letters; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor could visit Northern Europe; shipping.
- 13/A/188. 6.7.03  
War puts paid to visit by Simon Taylor; taxation of West Indian produce.
- 13/A/189. 7.7.03  
Vile attacks on his houses' credit - thanks Simon Taylor for his support.
- 13/A/190. 4.8.03  
Sending Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Germany now war broken out again; financial matters; shipping; sugar duties.
- 13/A/191. 6.9.03  
Raising of voluntary militia due to invasion scare; shipping.
- 13/A/192. 5.10.03  
Shipping; war news.
- 13/A/193. 3.11.03  
Shipping; French invasion expected; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in Germany; Maria Taylor had a crisis in her illness and now better.

13/A/194. 10.11.03

Introducing Mr Davidson.

13/A/195. 6.12.03

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to stay abroad; war news; financial matters.

13/A/196. 4.1.04

Invasion scare and war news; financial matters; health of Mrs Taylor and Lady Taylor and her daughters.

4.2.04

War news; financial matters; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/A/197. 7.3.04

War news; King's illness; shipping.

13/A/198. 4.4.04

War news.

13/A/199. 2.5.04

Financial matters; Earl Ferrar's mortgage; opinion of Bonaparte; political events; loss of shipping off Portugal; business relations with Mr Dick; Wilberforce to introduce new Bill.

13/A/200. 6.6.04

Problems of Dick, McCall & Co.; supply of coals; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor wishes to go to Russia; move by some West Indian planters & merchants to suspend slave trade during the war.

13/A/201. 5.7.04

Abolition Bill thrown out of House of Lords; Sir David Carnegie reports that Prince of Wales is against Abolition; when discussed in House of Commons only 100 members present; problems with Dick and McCall.

13/A/202. 3.8.04

Supplying ships; Robert Taylor given Simon Richard Brissett Taylor permission to visit Russia; Eliza Taylor's engagement to William Mayne.

13/A/203. 3.9.04

Arrival of Jamaica fleet; Lady Taylor going to Tunbridge Wells for Maria Taylor's health.

13/A/204. 4.10.04

Purchase of another ship which can take 300 slaves; financial dealings with Hibberts.

13/A/205. 7.11.04

Details of the ships they own; Nicol Graham's plans; Eliza still determined to marry William Mayne.

13/A/206. 5.12.04

Eliza Taylor's headstrong nature; Robert Taylor's meeting with William Mayne; Simon Taylor's financial settlement on Eliza; possibility of Anna Susannah Taylor marrying General Ramsay.

13/A/207. 3.1.05+C

Deeds relating Reid settlement to be signed by Lady Taylor and family; financial matters and shipping.

13/A/208. 9.1.05

Introducing Charles Oswin.

13/A/209. 6.2.05

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in Russia; Simon Taylor's plan for him to go to North America; war news; financial matters.

13/A/210. 6.3.05

Slave Trade Bill defeated; war news; friend of Robert Taylor has plan for immigration of Indians to West Indies.

13/A/211. 4.4.05

Simon Taylor's proposal regarding Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Robert Taylor thinks he has been very liberal; plan for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to tour North America; Lady Taylor buys a lot of wine.

13/A/212. 2.5.05

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to return to England in the summer; Anna Susannah Taylor's proposal from Mr Reid; Lady Taylor against it as his fortune is all in West Indies.

13/A/213. 5.6.05

Reception given to Sir John Duckworth and his son; death of Sir David Carnegie - left ten daughters and two sons.

13/A/214. 4.7.05

Problem with Dick and McCall; due to ill health of Alexander Renny partnership dissolved and firm now called Taylor Hughan; settlement on Eliza Mayne; war news.

13/A/215. 7.8.05

Anna Susannah Taylor refused Mr Reid; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor arrived - greatly improved - bought a carriage.

13/A/216. 4.9.05

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to remain in England until May; Robert Taylor thinks he will pass a quiet winter among his friends living with his mother; financial matters; disagreement with William McCulloch on his remuneration for tutoring Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/A/217. 20.9.05

Introducing Col. Hallam.

13/A/218. 3.10.05

War news; sugar prices good; news of Robert Taylor's three children at school and marriage of Mrs Taylor's sister.

13/A/219. 6.11.05

Receipt by Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Lady Taylor of Simon Taylor's proposals for future settlement between them; war news [Battle of Trafalgar].

13/A/220. 4.12.05

Richard Grant busy getting deeds ready; Robert Taylor thinks Simon Taylor has been very generous.

13/A/221. 2.1.06

Deeds executed; sending them by merchant ship as safer than by man-of-war; birth of son to Eliza Mayne.

13/A/222. 6.2.06

Financial matters, including allowances to Lady Taylor and her children; problems with James Room and house in Bristol.

13/A/223. 5.3.06

War news; new ministry on death of Pitt.



13/A/224. 3.4.06

Robert Taylor did not know how Simon Richard Brissett Taylor had written to Simon Taylor regarding settlement; Robert Taylor intercedes for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor now realises the extent of his parents' estates - not enough to meet debt to Simon Taylor and sisters' jointures.

13/A/225. 7.5.06

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor anxious to make amends; settlement with William McCulloch.

13/A/226. 4.6.06

Hopes Simon Taylor will forgive Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Robert Taylor has paid Anna Susannah Taylor and Maria their new allowance; Nicol Graham doing well.

13/A/227. 3.7.06

Introduction of Slave Trade Bill; supplies.

13/A/228. 6.8.06

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor happy to have Simon Taylor's last letter; war news.

13/A/229. 4.9.06

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor asked why Simon Taylor not bought him a Parliamentary Seat; Lady Taylor getting a house on Twickenham Common for summer.

13/A/230. 2.10.06

Political news; war news.

13/A/231. 6.11.06

Number of Robert Taylor's acquaintances in the new Parliament; hopes strong anti-abolitionist party will be formed.

13/A/232. 4.12.06

Problems with James Room and house in Bristol; war news.

13/A/233. 4.12.06

Asking Simon Taylor's opinion on their becoming agents for Beckford's estates.

13/A/234. 7.1.07

War news; James Room's house in Bristol; Maria Taylor wishes to stay in Twickenham when rest of family returns to London.

- 13/A/235. 4.2.07  
News of Nicol Graham; war news; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor preparing to visit America.
- 13/A/236. 5.3.07  
Dishonesty of James Room; Abolition Bill passed; financial matters.
- 13/A/237. 2.4.07  
Abolition Bill hurried through its stages.
- 13/A/238. 7.5.07  
On Simon Taylor's advice they are breaking the connection with Beckford; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor not to go to America.
- 13/A/239. 4.6.07  
Family health and news.
- 13/A/240. 2.7.07  
Nicol Graham to be advanced no more money; Lady Taylor taking a house near Ember Court; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to join her - he does not like London; Robert Taylor and family to visit Scotland.
- 13/A/241. 27.7.07  
War news; Maria Taylor very ill.
- 13/A/242. 29.8.07  
Lady Taylor taken a house at Hampton; war news; visit to John Taylor.
- 13/A/243. 7.10.07  
Death of Robert Taylor's mother soon after they left her; hopes Abolition Bill will be repealed; war news.
- 13/A/244. 4.11.07  
War news; shipping - one slave ship has been chartered to St. Domingo.
- 13/A/245. 10.11.07  
Sending rheumatism remedy.
- 13/A/246. 3.12.07  
Improvement in family health; problems of Eliza and William Mayne; John Taylor and Robert Taylor have financially helped their brother-in-law, Mr Foulerton.

13/A/247. 10.12.07

Foulerton.

13/A/248. 6.1.08

War news - exile of Portuguese government; Eliza Mayne's problems; education of Robert Taylor's children.

13/A/249. 4.2.08

Business with James Room settled.

13/A/250. 2.3.08

Ending of Dick, McCall partnership; rise in rum and sugar markets; Nicol Graham.

13/A/251. 6.4.08

Foulerton's business; William Mayne reached settlement with his creditors; Maria Taylor has dropsy.

13/A/252. 28.4.08

Sending four hams cured by Mrs Taylor at Ember Court.

13/A/253. 4.5.08

Business with Dick's house; Maynes' settlement; Lady Taylor managing her finances much better.

13/A/254. 2.6.08

Distillery Bill; war news; Robert Taylor thinks Simon Richard Brissett Taylor ready for a seat in Parliament.

13/A/255. 7.7.08

Financial matters; war in Spain; Nicol Graham's inconsistent behaviour.

13/A/256. 4.8.08

News from Spain; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's illness.

13/A/257. 8.9.08

Taylor family allowance; Maynes' settlement.

13/A/258. 6.10.08

Simon Taylor does not want Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in Parliament; sending garden seeds.

13/A/259. 13.10.08

List of vegetable seeds sent.

13/A/260. 3.11.08

William Mayne got a job in Portugal; visit from Nicol Graham.

13/A/261. 7.12.08

William Mayne gone to Portugal; Eliza Mayne and two children visited Lady Taylor.

13/A/262. 4.1.09

Robert Taylor does not know what Nicol Graham intends to do; war news.

13/A/263. 2.2.09

Lady Taylor's debts to be paid; news from Spain; George Watson paying his attentions to Anna Susannah Taylor - he is Sir Walter Farquhar's nephew; her family approve.

13/A/264. 2.3.09

War news; William Mayne going to Portugal; George Watson accepted by Anna Susannah Taylor on condition Simon Taylor approves.

13/A/265. 5.4.09

Financial matters.

13/A/266. 5.4.09+C

War news.

13/A/267. 1.5.09

Sending hams; health of Lady Taylor and Maria Taylor.

13/A/268. 4.5.09

Financial matters; commerce with America.

13/A/269. 8.6.09

Nicol Graham gone to Jamaica; William Mayne doing well; Simon Taylor makes conditions for Anna Susannah Taylor's marriage; income tax.

13/A/270. 9.6.09

Problems of the marriage settlement.

13/A/271. 6.7.09

George Watson to let Simon Taylor suggest settlement, Robert Taylor thinks it a good match; Lady Taylor been very ill.

13/A/272. 3.8.09

Financial matters.

13/A/273. 7.9.09

News of Graham boys; Lady Taylor improving - lead poisoning suspected, new water pipes laid in Cumberland Place.

13/A/274. 5.10.09

Agreement on George Watson's settlement; going to send garden seeds and hams.

13/A/275. 2.11.09

War news; financial matters.

13/A/276. 7.12.09+C

Receipt of Simon Taylor's letter of 4.9.09 giving his consent to the marriage; asking Simon Taylor to destroy Robert Taylor's letters which might be misinterpreted if fell into wrong hands.

13/A/277. 4.1.11+C

Problems over his involvement with Orr's speculations; Simon Taylor's marriage plans for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor has asked Robert Taylor if he knows whom Simon Taylor is referring to; Robert Taylor thinks his daughter would make a good wife.

13/A/278. 17.1.11

Simon Taylor desire to purchase an estate; Orr's affairs.

13/A/279. 7.2.11

Depressed state of market; birth of son to Anna Susannah Taylor; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's ill health.

13/A/280. 9.3.11

Shipping and war news.

13/A/281. 23.3.11+C

Simon Taylor's health; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor changed doctors.

13/A/282. 29.3.11

Financial affairs relating to Jasper Hall's estate; Lord Wellington's victories.

13/A/283. 3.5.11

John Stewart to take on some of Simon Taylor business; problems with Dick, Orr and Clark; health of Taylor family.

13/A/284. 6.6.11

Financial matters; problem with Orr.

13/A/285. 6.6.11+C

Possible marriage between Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Robert Taylor's daughter; Robert Taylor cannot interfere in Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's opinions.

13/A/286. 9.7.11

Due to Simon Taylor's ill health Robert Taylor presses him to come to England.

13/A/287. 10.7.11

Enclosing letter from Sir Walter Farquhar pressing him to come to England.

13/A/288. 12.8.11

Pressing Simon Taylor to come to England; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor gone to Worthing for benefit of sea bathing - he has no thought of matrimony.

13/A/289. 4.9.11+C

Financial matters; shipping; Col. Mayne enlisted - asking Simon Taylor for money to buy a commission; promises to try and find Simon Taylor another millwright.

13/A/290. 3.10.11

Financial matters; loss of ships.

13/A/291. 5.10.11+C

Robert Taylor regrets Simon Taylor's displeasure with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/A/292. 11.10.11

Financial matters.

13/A/293. 7.11.11

Death of Robert Taylor's partner Hughan; intends to bring son Robert into the House.

13/A/294. 7.11.11

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor not consulted Robert Taylor but gone to Richard Grant for advice on receiving Simon Taylor's letter regarding his refusal to marry.

13/A/295. 5.12.11

Robert Taylor upset that Simon Richard Brissett Taylor has withdrawn from him; business matters regarding new partner; shipping.

13/A/296. 17.12.11

Introducing Mr Smart.

13/A/297. 23.12.11

Return of Mr Hislop to Jamaica; shipping and supplies.

13/A/298. 23.12.11

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor gone to Jamaica.

2.1.12

Lady Taylor wanted to know why Simon Richard Brissett Taylor had gone to Jamaica.

13/A/299. 24.1.12+C

Dick and Orr & Co.

13/A/300. 7.2.12+C

Baltic trade prospects; shipping; Lady Taylor annoyed with Robert Taylor  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor going to Jamaica.

13/A/301. 21.2.12

Hopes Simon Richard Brissett Taylor arrived safely.

13/A/302. 5.3.12+C

Shand brothers looking after Robert Taylor's problem with Dick & Co.; that George Watson annoyed with Robert Taylor regarding Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; sorry Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Simon Taylor not reconciled.

13/A/303. 5.3.12

Baltic trade and other war news.

13/A/304. 19.3.12

Introducing J. Phillips, millwright.

13/A/305. 2.4.12

Financial matters; William Mayne purchased Lieutenancy in Life Guards - seems to be living economically; birth of their fourth child; birth of still-born child to Anna Susannah Taylor.

13/A/306. 6.5.12

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - Robert Taylor glad Simon Taylor has opportunity of judging Simon Richard Brissett Taylor himself, Robert Taylor fearful of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's future behaviour.

13/A/307. 7.5.12+C

Partnership relating to Hughan family settled; how Robert Taylor has managed Simon Taylor's money; dealings with Mr Beckford; shipping of supplies; shooting of Prime Minister Percival in House of Commons.

13/A/308. 14.5.12

Sending copy of:

19.11.11 Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Robert Taylor  
Going to Jamaica.

13/A/309. 18.5.12

Sorry that Simon Taylor still not forgiven Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; problems Dick & Co.

13/A/310. 4.6.12+C

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor arrived home safely - cold meeting between Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and Robert Taylor; John Taylor's second son Simon to enter Robert Taylor's house.

13/A/311. 2.7.12

Problem of Simon Taylor's health; Dick & Co.; financial matters; purchase of negroes for Swamps estate.

13/A/312.

6.8.12

John Taylor's stroke - recovering; shipping; supplies; sugar and other markets; war news; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor still not as sociable as he used to be.

13/A/313. 3.9.12

Hopes American war will be short; other war news.

13/A/314. 17.9.12

Receipt of Simon Taylor's letter of 28.7 in which he says he is coming to England - sending the *Simon Taylor* to bring him; duty on mahogany; financial matters.

13/A/315. 8.10.12

Shipping arrivals; financial matters; supplies of herrings.



- 13/A/316. 1.10.12  
Purchase of stocks.
- 13/A/317. 27.10.12  
Col. Mayne gone to Spain with Life Guards; Robert Taylor advanced Eliza Mayne some money.
- 13/A/318. 5.11.12  
Arrival of the *Simon Taylor*, after beating off an American privateer - will be sent back to bring Simon Taylor to England; Nicol Graham in England; shipping of supplies.
- 13/A/319. 9.12.12  
Shipping; commodity markets; continuing coolness between Robert Taylor's family and Lady Taylor's family; retreat of Bonaparte from Russia.
- 13/A/320. 7.1.13  
Simon Taylor's health; business with Dick & Co.; shipping.
- 13/A/321. 14.1.13  
Shipment of pilchards instead of herrings, invoice enclosed and letter from suppliers.
- 13/A/322. 25.1.13  
Shipping movements; sale of sugar.
- 13/A/323. 6.2.13  
Simon Taylor's displeasure on Robert Taylor's management of his money.
- 13/A/324. 10.2.13  
Robert Taylor mortgaged all his property to Simon Taylor; hopes has retained Simon Taylor's friendship in spite of the losses incurred.
- 13/A/325. 7.5.13  
Insurance arrangements relating to Simon Taylor's letter of 28.2.13; sugar market.
- 13/A/326. 13.5.13  
Arrival of supplies in Jamaica; sugar market.
- 13/A/327. 3.6.13  
Receipt of Simon Taylor's letter of 3.4.13 regarding insurance on sugar; accounts.

13/B. Simon Taylor to Robert Taylor

13/B/1. 20.7.94

Hibberts and Simon Taylor's money; Lady Taylor's lawsuit.

13/B/2. 6.8.94

Management of Simon Taylor's money; possible purchase of a property in England; Lady Taylor's houses and her situation.

13/B/3. 6.9.94

Health of Taylor girls; purchasing negroes against evil day when Pitt and Wilberforce prevail; possible property for sale.

13/B/4. 11.10.94

War in West Indies; situation in France; purchase of English estate; Simon Taylor's plans for the Taylor children.

13/B/5. 10.11.94

Yellow fever rampant; war news.

13/B/6. 12.12.94

Hibberts; laziness of negroes - they do not have the disposition to acquire property; Lady Taylor's affairs.

13/B/7. 14.1.95

Lady Taylor's affairs; financial matters; problem of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's school; asks Robert Taylor to take charge of fitting Simon Richard Brissett Taylor out.

13/B/8. 28.2.95

Financial matters.

13/B/9. 24.3.95

Commercial affairs; Robert Taylor's business future; war news.

13/B/10. 29.4.95

Possible business with Hibberts; payment of Lady Taylor's debts; details of Sir John Taylor's debt to Simon Taylor and the lawsuit; financial matters.

13/B/11. 13.5.95

Sir John Taylor's financial affairs.

- 13/B/12. 25.6.95  
Lady Taylor's affairs; Simon Taylor wants Simon Richard Brissett Taylor brought up as a man of business.
- 13/B/13. 6.9.95  
During Maroon rebellion Simon Taylor put in charge of troops and militia in Kingston; details of the rebellion; shipment of sugar; wants Robert Taylor to be responsible for paying Lady Taylor and Simon Taylor's accounts; taking his business away from Hibberts.
- 13/B/14. 3.10.95  
Simon Taylor busy in the Assembly; problems with Hibberts; Lady Taylor's allowance - Simon Taylor will not advance her any more money.
- 13/B/15. 27.10.95  
Maroon war - some slaves have joined them; need more troops to keep slaves in order.
- 13/B/16. 4.11.95  
Simon Taylor busy with military duties; war news; Lady Taylor's allowance.
- 13/B/17. 13.12.95  
Lawsuit; financial matters relating to Hibberts.
- 13/B/18. 15.1.96  
Financial matters; Simon Taylor will do best for his nephew and nieces but will not be tired by Lady Taylor; Maroon rebellion.
- 13/B/19. 17.4.96  
Hibberts; Lady Taylor's affairs; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's schooling; supplies.
- 13/B/20. 6.5.96  
End of Maroon war; West Indian people in England must activate themselves against Pitt; financial matters relating to Hibberts and Lady Taylor; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor schooling - Simon Taylor disapproves of Eton - he was a better scholar when he began than when he finished.
- 13/B/21. 20.5.96  
Hibberts; does not want Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to go to school in Hackney.
- 13/B/22. 23.9.96  
Robert Taylor's future business plans; wants letters from the Taylor children.

13/B/23. 28.11.96

War news; lawsuit; financial matters.

13/B/24. 7.2.97

Financial matters; Hibbert's separation from his wife; lawsuit - Simon Taylor's meeting with Richard Reid where they settled everything - Simon Taylor to give them £5,000 for their claims to the properties, and they keep part of Orange Cove and Anglesey.

13/B/25. 9.4.97

Financial matters; sugar shipments.

13/B/26. 25.5.97

Financial matters; Robert Taylor's business plans; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor must be told he only has expectation of a fortune because of Simon Taylor's hard work.

13/B/27. 23.9.97

Robert Taylor's business plans; abolition prospects.

13/B/28. 4.10.97

Financial matters; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor always had the notion he would have a fortune and told Simon Taylor he never intended to work; Simon Taylor told him if he did not work he had no business to eat.

13/B/29. 8.12.97

Simon Taylor considering move to America if abolition succeeds; features of negroes from different African locations; sugar prospects.

13/B/30. 28.7.1812

Simon Taylor's ill health; received letter from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor which has determined Simon Taylor to cut himself off from Lady Taylor and all her family; management of his money; decided to go to England next Spring; problems with Dicks; Hibberts still owe Simon Taylor money.

13/B/31. 4.9.12

Problem with David Dick; sale of commodities; problems of Swamps estate; shipping of supplies.

13/B/32. 23.11.12+C

Closing accounts of Taylor Hughan show debts beyond what Simon Taylor expected - cannot be met due to insolvency of Dick, Orr and Clark; Simon Taylor will not press for settlement of his debt due to his regard for Robert Taylor's family.

13/B/33. 23.11.12

Concern about other funds Simon Taylor has placed in Robert Taylor's hands - asks him to purchase 3% consuls with it.

13/B/34. 25.11.12

Shipment of supplies.

13/B/35. nd.

Hopes consuls will be bought quickly; hopes to travel to England in the *Simon Taylor*; does not intend to write to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/B/36. 23.1.13

Shipment of supplies, especially fish.

13/C. William McCulloch to Robert Taylor; copied or sent on to Simon Taylor

13/C/1. 9.1.1801+C Hamburg

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor pays no attention to what William McCulloch says.

13/C/2. 29.1.01 Weimar

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor learning French; his character.

13/C/3. 20.2.01+C

Better relations between them; no social life; other English at Weimar.

13/C/4. 19.3.01+C

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor still goes to the Inn; where to go next.

13/C/5. 30.4.01+C

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's character; possibility of going to Berlin; assassination of Paul of Russia.

13/C/6. 5.6.01+C Berlin

Visits to Leipzig and Dessau; meeting with Duke of Weimar who presented them to King of Prussia at Magdeburg; no letters for Ambassador in Berlin - can get them for grand tour by asking Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's lethargy.

13/C/7. 14.7.01 Brunswick, visit to Dresden; favourable reception by Duchess of Brunswick; met with more English and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor loses all respect for William McCulloch in company; possibility of going to Switzerland; must be kept away from French influence.

- 13/C/8. 6.8.01 Mayence  
Visits to Aschoffenburg and Frankfurt; voyage down the Rhine; William McCulloch instructs Simon Richard Brissett Taylor about places they visit.
- 13/C/9. 14.8.01 Basle  
Proceeding to Neufchatel.
- 13/C/10. 23.8.01 Neufchatel  
Lodging with a Professor; William McCulloch has a fistula which must be operated on.
- 13/C/11. 25.11.01  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor studying hard, now speaking French; going on to Vienna.
- 13/C/12. 16.1.02+C Vienna  
Journey to Vienna; lot of people in Vienna; everything very expensive; future possible itinerary for Italy.
- 13/C/13. 3.3.02  
Should he write to Robert Taylor or Simon Taylor in the future? Simon Richard Brissett Taylor buying pictures.
- 13/C/14. 21.3.02  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor well behaved but getting tired of Vienna.
- 13/C/15. 30.6.02 Geneva  
Meeting with Sir John Hope, a suitable friend for Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; expenses of travelling.
- 13/C/16. 21.9.02 Lausanne  
William McCulloch's ill health; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's activities in Lausanne; increase in wages of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's servant.
- 13/C/17. 2.1.03+C  
Detained in Lausanne by William McCulloch's health, Simon Richard Brissett Taylor studying arithmetic.
- 13/C/18. 2.2.03  
Asking for remittance; future itinerary.
- 13/C/19. 22.3.03+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's poor behaviour.

13/C/20. 9.6.03

Problem of renewal of war with France; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to buy a horse.

13/C/21. 5.7.03

English are unmolested in Lausanne; some had escaped from France, intend to make excursion in the countryside; what are Simon Taylor's plans for them?

13/C/22. 29.10.03 Karlsruhe

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor well received at Court; started to study German.

13/C/23. 4.4.04 Berlin

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's good behaviour and improved character.

13/C/24. 6 or 18.1.05 St. Petersburg

Expenses; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor does not like gaming.

13/Ca. William McCulloch to Simon Taylor

13/Ca/1. 3.3.03 [last page of letter only]

Simon Taylor's influence on Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

13/D. Robert Taylor Miscellaneous correspondence

13/D/1. 3.11.1797 to Robert Taylor from Vardan Sons and Stephenson, ironmongers  
Supply of tools for Simon Taylor.

13/D/2. 6.12.97 to Simon Taylor from Taylor and Renny  
Sugar shipments.

13/D/3. 27.3.1800 to Robert Taylor from Thomas Griffith [old school friend of Simon Taylor]  
Offering security in order to receive a loan from Simon Taylor.

2.4.1800 to Griffith from Robert Taylor  
Could not recommend a loan to Simon Taylor.

2.4.1800 to Simon Taylor from Robert Taylor  
About a possible loan.

13/D/4. 16.1.06 to James Room, Bristol, from Robert Taylor  
Repairs on house in Bristol from estate of Sir John Taylor.

30.1.06 to James Room from Robert Taylor  
Asking for reply to above.

31.1.06 to Robert Taylor from James Room  
Everything will be attended to.

11.6.06 to James Room from Robert Taylor  
Asking what steps have been taken.

31.7.06 to James Room from Robert Taylor  
Asking for an answer.

22.8.06 to James Room from Richard Grant  
Asking for answer.

13/D/5. 14.3.12 to Robert Taylor from James Dick  
His poverty as a result of Orr's speculations.

15.3.12 to Robert Taylor from James Dick  
Quarrel between his brother and Simon Taylor.

13/D/6. 31.10.12 to Robert Taylor from Alexander Call  
Simon Taylor's ill health; enclosing Bill of Lading for sugar.

13/D/7. 11.5.16 to Robert Taylor from John Shand  
Shipment of sugar from estate of Holland.



14. **John Taylor**

14/A. John Taylor to Simon Taylor

14/A/1. 6.6.1781

Going out to New York to settle and go into trade for himself; hopes Simon Taylor will give him business.

14/A/2. 3.1.82 from New York

Trade bad due to the surrender of General Cornwallis, so he may go to Jamaica.

14/A/3. 12.9.82X from New York

Had been carrying clothing and stores to British prisoners in Pennsylvania now intending to go to Jamaica.

14/A/4. 19.2.83

Selling his ship in St. Thomas.

14/A/5. ?1784X

Relating to stores from Kingston.

14/A/6. 11.3.84

Can he be of assistance after Simon Taylor's accident.

14/A/7. 13.3.84X

Shortage of certain goods.

14/A/8. 15.3.84

Stores and loading of ships.

14/A/9. 20.3.84X

Sending supplies out to the estates.

14/A/10. 21.3.84

Demand for sugar and rum.

14/A/11. 21.8.84X

Arrival of shipping in Kingston.

14/A/12. 4.9.84X

Sending provisions.

- 14/A/13. 3.1.85  
Sending provisions.
- 14/A/14. 8.1.85  
Shipping supplies, letter received from brother Robert back from India.
- 14/A/15. 13.1.85  
Supplies.
- 14/A/16. 15.1.85  
Shipping.
- 14/A/17. 22.1.85X  
Supplies; his (Simon Taylor's) son Jack had fever.
- 14/A/18. 24.1.85  
Death of Richard Oswald, uncle of friends of John Taylor.
- 14/A/19. 7.2?.85X  
Sending supplies and letters.
- 14/A/20. 12.2.85X  
Financial matters.
- 14/A/21. 19.2.85X  
Sending letters.
- 14/A/22. 8.4.85  
Sending letters and bills.
- 14/A/23. 2.7.85X  
Sale of sugar and rum.
- 14/A/24. ??10.85?  
Purchase of lumber.
- 14/A/25. 10.6.86  
Purchase of corn.
- 14/A/26. ???.?.87  
Purchase of brandy.

- 14/A/27. 15.2.87  
Financial matters.
- 14/A/28. 24.2.87X  
Shipping.
- 14/A/29. 25.2.87  
Inventories of Sir John Taylor's estate.
- 14/A/30. 3.2.87  
Asking for a job for the son of Dr Spink.
- 14/A/31. ??06.87  
Financial matters.
- 14/A/32. 18.8.87X  
Shipping.
- 14/A/33. 21.8.87  
Shipping supplies.
- 14/A/34. 1.9.87X  
Simon Taylor's introduction to Mr Jones of Bristol; considering starting in the Guinea [i.e. slave] trade.
- 14/A/35. 26.1.88  
Finished selling negroes after Simon Taylor left.
- 14/A/36. 30.1.88  
Hopes Simon Taylor will only make superior strength rum.
- 14/A/37. 23.8.88X  
Employing young man newly out from Scotland.
- 14/A/38. 24.1.89  
Sale of negroes from *Alert* [written on poster advertising sale of 265 choice young Coromantee, Ashantee, and Fantee slaves by John Taylor].
- 14/A/39. 26.1.89  
Hopes Simon Taylor will let him know how many negroes he wants.

- 14/A/40. 11.2.89  
Arrival of supplies from Bristol.
- 14/A/41. 16.2.89  
Order of shingles.
- 14/A/42. 21.2.89X  
Sold all *Alert's* cargo except for two negroes who have yaws.
- 14/A/43. ???.7.89  
Conveyance for Chambers Estates.
- 14/A/44. ???.8.89X  
Asking Simon Taylor's forgiveness for an offence of "nature" [with Gracey, Simon Taylor's mistress?].
- 14/A/45. ???.9.89  
Daniel Chisholm wishes to build a house on Simon Taylor's land.
- 14/A/46. 19.12.89  
Shipping and arrival of two of Mr Jones's ships from Africa.
- 14/A/47. 19.12.89  
Two Guinea ships arrived; now time to rest - "safer to sell too few than too many slaves".
- 14/A/48. ???.???.90  
Mr Mitchell.
- 14/A/49. ???.???.90  
Has been unwell and is going to the mountains.
- 14/A/50. 3.1.90  
Asking Simon Taylor to give Polly [Graham] and her children their freedom and allow John Taylor to put other negroes on Lyssons in their place, "having for several years experienced her care and attention."
- 14/A/51. 6.1.90  
Return of two female slaves by Simon Taylor, one with swelled arm, one with one eye.
- 14/A/52. 10.1.90X  
Arrival of *Simon Taylor*.

- 14/A/53. 14.1.90  
Navigation Act.
- 14/A/54. 22.1.90  
Destruction by fire of his stables at Penn.
- 14/A/55. 19.2.90  
Jasper Hall wishes to go to England to study.
- 14/A/56. 23.6.90  
Shipping sugar and sale of negroes.
- 14/A/57. 27.6.90  
Sending a chaise to take captain of slave ship to dine with Simon Taylor.
- 14/A/58. 5.8.90  
Shipping.
- 14/A/59. 9.8.90  
Whether Simon Taylor wants chairs of Bay or Jamaican mahogany.
- 14/A/60. 12.8.90  
Sending manumission for Polly Graham and her children for Simon Taylor to sign.
- 14/A/61. 4.9.90X  
Hurricane; shipment of sugar.
- 14/A/62. 11.9.90X  
Shipping damage.
- 14/A/63. 18.9.90X  
Shipping sugar.
- 14/A/64. 25.9.90X  
Dispute with Mr Adam.
- 14/A/65. 2.10.90X  
Timber for the estate.
- 14/A/66. 9.10.90X  
Timber.

- 14/A/67. 25.10.90  
Shipping.
- 14/A/68. ??11.90  
Sale of *Prince's* cargo.
- 14/A/69. 9.11.90  
Shipping of provisions.
- 14/A/70. 10.11.90  
Sale price of rum and sugar.
- 14/A/71. 16.11.90  
Sold 130 negroes.
- 14/A/72. 2.12.90  
Ship from Bristol brings news of war.
- 14/A/73. 21.12.90  
Supplies.
- 14/A/74. 1.1.91  
Supplies.
- 14/A/75. 11.2.91  
Has "only" 47 negroes left, many of them of little value.
- 14/A/76. 22.5.91+C to Simon Taylor in England  
Business in Jamaica.
- 14/A/77. 31.5.91+C  
Shipping sugar; Lord Effingham has appointed Nathaniel Beckford Custos of St. Thomas East because Simon Taylor did not ask leave of him.
- 14/A/78. 12.6.91+2C  
Sale of wine; shipping sugar; heard from overseers that Simon Taylor's estates prosper.
- 14/A/79. 3.7.91+C  
Shipment of sugar; John Taylor will visit the estates.
- 14/A/80. 18.7.91+C  
Shipment of sugar.

14/A/81. 24.7.91

Bills of lading.

7.8.91+C

Business; estates go on as usual; smallpox appeared - everyone has been inoculated.

14/A/82. 12.9.91X+C

Hopes he arrived safely; report on estates.

14/A/83. 6.11.91+C

Glad to hear arrived safely; John Taylor has been round the estates, all doing well; floods; Simon Taylor's talks with John Taylor's Bristol colleagues regarding John Taylor's commission on the duty; entering into business with his brother and with Messrs Ballantine and Fairlie.

14/A/84. 29.11.91+C

Deaths of negroes; arrival of slave ship - John Taylor made good sales and several were purchased for Simon Taylor estates; news of slave rebellion from Hispaniola.

14/A/85. 15.1.92+C

News from Hispaniola - no discontent among Jamaica's negroes; estate's business; John Taylor's relations with Jones of Bristol on slaving; future of Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie.

14/A/86. 12.2.92X+XC

Conditions on estates; John Taylor wishes to leave Jamaica due to ill health, his partners Ballantine and Fairlie will remain and can do Simon Taylor's business as John Taylor used to.

14/A/87. 3.10.92 [from London]

Safe arrival in Britain; visiting friends and relatives; does not want to join in business with Hibberts.

14/A/88. 28.10.92

Visit to Bristol.

14/A/89. 6.11.92

Business of Simon Taylor's - supplies, money; Bristol merchants promised some African vessels could be sent to Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie for sale of slaves - many houses now interested in Guinea trade and agree unreasonable terms with slave ship owners; possible business with Robert Taylor.

- 14/A/90. 1.12.92  
Visit to Scotland.
- 14/A/91. 29.12.92  
Visit to mother and other family at Montrose.
- 14/A/92. 23.1.93  
Visited Robert Graham; John Taylor worried at amount of public sedition in the country.
- 14/A/93. 6.2.93  
Money due to Simon Taylor; Lady Taylor's lawsuit; promises of Gold Coast slave ships to go to Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie.
- 14/A/94. 6.3.93  
Settlement of accounts; Richard Grant disagrees with Mr Lee regarding Lady Taylor lawsuit; revisited Bristol and more promises of African ships to be sent to his partners in Kingston; possibility of John Taylor's marrying; if so would not return to Jamaica; now regained his health.
- 14/A/95. 3.4.93  
Decided to marry Mary McCall of Glasgow; will not return to Jamaica, wants his house and furniture sold; Hibberts charge of Simon Taylor's money; John Taylor nervous about entering a partnership with his brother, does not want to take any risks.
- 14/A/96. 23.4.93  
Introducing Mr Reid.
- 14/A/97. 1.5.93  
Payment of moneys owed to Simon Taylor; thanks Simon Taylor for buying negroes from Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie; decided against doing business with Mr Elmslie, too risky; due to examples of liberty and equality in France no risk of Wilberforce succeeding.
- 14/A/98. 5.6.93  
Wilberforce refuses to give up - abolition of sale of slaves from Jamaica will stop specie coming in to Jamaica from Spanish sales; leaves for Glasgow in a few days to be married.
- 14/A/99. 7.8.93+C  
Tour of England down from marriage in Glasgow back to London; going to rent a house in Teddington; merits of Gold Coast and Angolan slaves; sale of his Kingston House, his negroes to be sold by Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie.



- 14/A/100. 4.9.93  
Purchase of an estate for Simon Taylor, happy in marriage state.
- 14/A/101. 1.10.93+C  
Possible business establishment; does not want to return to Jamaica; old clerks David Dick and "young McCall" [John Taylor's brother-in-law] very able to carry on the business.
- 114/A/02. 18.10.93  
Introducing P. Veitch, millwright.
- 14/A/103. 5.11.93+C  
Purchase of estate for Simon Taylor; sale of *Jupiter*; dividing the business of Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie with Dick and McCall; Nicol Graham to take over John Taylor's business in Kingston as Simon Taylor's merchant.
- 14/A/104. 4.12.93X  
Mr Hibbert has told John Taylor that Reids ready for compromise on Lady Taylor's estate.
- 14/A/105. 12.12.93  
Introducing William McCall his brother-in-law who is to go into planting; Reid lawsuit.
- 14/A/106. 28.12.93+C  
Simon Taylor should invest in land in England rather than Jamaica; trying to get Africa merchants of Liverpool and Bristol to send ships to Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie; decided to move as Teddington is too expensive; has seen no business that would suit him and Robert Taylor is now thinking of buying an estate in Scotland.
- 14/A/107. 5.2.94  
Liverpool's African trade; sale of *Jupiter*; Hibberts business - John Taylor thinks them useless; going to Scotland so Mrs Taylor can be with her mother at time of confinement.
- 14/A/108. 5.3.94+C [+C of no 107]  
Partnership with Mr Miles; *Jupiter* bought by another captain.
- 14/A/109. 30.3.94+C  
Arranged for more African ships to go to Jamaica.
- 14/A/110. 3.5.94  
Journey to Glasgow; saw estate in York which might suit Simon Taylor; partnership with Hibberts or Miles; Simon Taylor investing in funds.

- 14/A/111. 29.6.94  
Birth of son on 6.6.94; political news.
- 14/A/112. 2.8.94  
Worried sent too many slave ships to Kingston; hopes of sales for cash to Spanish and French West Indian islands; John Taylor wishes to withdraw from the business.
- 14/A/113. 29.8.94  
Ending African business as his health affected by anxiety of it.
- 14/A/114. 26.9.94  
Wishes to have all Jamaican connections wound up and settled; death of Charles Smith - John Taylor not to receive anything under the will.
- 14/A/115. 2.11.94  
Difficulty of making remittances in wartime; debts of Mr Brissett.
- 14/A/116. 11.11.94  
Introducing Admiral Parker, commander of Jamaican station.
- 14/A/117. 30.11.94  
War news; money owed to Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie.
- 14/A/118. 6.1.95+C  
Visit to London for business with Hibberts; details of accounts owed to Hibberts; John Taylor has decided not to become a merchant and wants to buy property in Scotland; asks Simon Taylor to lend him money to do this.
- 14/A/119. 30.1.95+C  
Money market; war news.
- 14/A/120. 1.3.95  
Bad journey back to Glasgow; hopes Ballantine collected all remittances on African cargoes that have arrived.
- 14/A/121. 29.3.95  
Payment of bills by planters; hopes to rent a house near Montrose.
- 14/A/122. 4.5.95  
Pleased to hear of sales of negroes on favourable terms; war news.

- 14/A/123. 31.7.95+C  
Simon Taylor will not lend him money to purchase an estate; settled at Craigo.
- 14/A/124. 28.8.95  
Enclosing copy of last letter; not heard from Simon Taylor.
- 14/A/125. 2.10.95+C  
Simon Taylor should come to Britain for sake of his health; business with Hibberts.
- 14/A/126. 27.11.95  
Political news; Mrs Taylor again pregnant, asks to call the child Simon.
- 14/A/127. 2.1.96  
War news.
- 14/A/128. 29.1.96+C  
John Taylor's reasons for wishing to buy land and settle in the country.
- 14/A/129. 1.4.96  
Birth of son on 30.3.96, to be called Simon; possibility of Mr Renny going to Jamaica.
- 14/A/130. 3.5.96 [with copy of no 129]  
Mr Fairlie to return to Jamaica; war fleet sent to West Indies.
- 14/A/131. 27.5.96  
Hopes now Maroon war over remittances can be sent from Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie to reclaim bills in Mr Miles' hands; parliamentary news.
- 14/A/132. 30.6.96+C  
Robert Taylor's business prospects: has not changed John Taylor's mind on settling in Scotland. [C has p.s. dated 29.7.96]
- 14/A/133. 28.10.96  
Long time since heard from Simon Taylor; has little to tell Simon Taylor but will write now and then; John Taylor wishes to give up all involvement in Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie, wants to realise his money in Britain.
- 14/A/134. 6.11.96  
Introducing P. Renny.
- 14/A/135. 2.12.96  
Possibility of buying nearby property, asks for a loan.

- 14/A/136. 30.12.96 [with a copy of no. 135]  
Future business of Ballantine and Fairlie - possibility of Robert Taylor doing business with them.
- 14/A/137. 27.1.97  
Owner of possible estate died so bargaining at an end.
- 24.2.97  
War news.
- 14/A/138. 2.6.97+C  
Receipt of Simon Taylor's letters which have [presumably] not approved of a loan or of John Taylor's conduct; John Taylor willing to give Simon Taylor any security he wants.
- 14/A/139. 30.6.97+C  
Death of P. Renny on arrival in Jamaica; Robert Taylor to do business with Ballantine and Dick and Co. [C has p.s. of 28.7.97].
- 14/A/140. 27.10.97+C  
War news; reduction of debts of Taylor, Ballantine and Fairlie; [C has p.s. of 1.12.97].
- 14/A/141. 2.2.98  
John Taylor has purchased the estate formally belonging to his father, Kirktonhill; intends to build a new house.
- 14/A/142. 30.5.98  
Has not written as expected Simon Taylor to come to Britain; death of Robert Graham and his affairs; purchase of more land and building new house.
- 14/A/143. 29.5.98  
Graham affairs, details of William Graham's landed income.
- 14/A/144. 27.7.98+C  
William Graham's affairs; Simon Taylor to advance him money to clear debts on security of his land.
- 14/A/145. 2.9.98+C  
Business with William Graham settled; Mr Ballantine arrived in England; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to go to St. Andrews. [C has p.s. dated 29.9.98]

14/A/146. 3.11.98+C

Simon Taylor's offer to lend John Taylor money for purchasing land; John Taylor does not need it at the moment having received money from Ballantine and Dick and Co.; John Taylor took Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to Sir David Carnegie's and St. Andrews - Simon Richard Brissett Taylor to spend holidays with Sir David Carnegie and John Taylor.

14/A/147. 30.12.98 [with C of 29.11.98 p.s.]

Opinions of Mr Spiers and Mr Stewart - hopes for improvement in character of William Graham; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor staying with John Taylor for Christmas; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's character and Dr Hill's opinion of him.

14/A/148. 1.2.99 [with C of no. 147]

Payment to William Graham and Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

14/A/149. 1.3.99 [with C of no. 148]

Death of James Renny and disposal of the estate.

14/A/150. 31.3.99 [with C of no. 149]

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; going to move into the old house at Kirktonhill.

14/A/151. 1.4.99+C [with C of no 150]

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and James Renny's estate.

14/A/152. 26.4.99+C

Arrangement for Ballantine, Dick and Co. on 1.1.1800; hopes J. McCall will also be taken into partnership as well as Nicol Graham; wants to bring Jamaican property back to Britain as has lent money to various relations.

14/A/153. 2.6.99

Visit of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

14/A/154. 30.6.99 [with C of no. 153]

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's return to St. Andrews; move to Kirktonhill.

14/A/155. 3.8.99

James Renny's estates; birth of daughter on 21.7.99 July [Mary].

14/A/156. 31.8.99 [with C of no 155]

Renny's affairs; visit of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor for Mary's christening; William Graham seen at races at Montrose.

- 14/A/157. 28.9.99 [with C of no 156]  
Departure of Nicol Graham from Jamaica; future of Ballantine, Dick and Co.
- 14/A/158. 1.11.99 [with C of no 157]  
Visit of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; birth of son to Sir David Carnegie.
- 14/A/159. 13.12.99  
First repayment by William Graham - he again in financial difficulties; meeting with Robert Graham.
- 14/A/160. 1.2.1800  
Renny; visit of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor prevented by snow.
- 29.3.1800  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor and family health.
- 14/A/161. 29.6.1800  
Visit of Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; sale by William Graham of plate and library; expect to move into new house next month.
- 14/A/162. 1.8.1800  
Nicol Graham trying to get William Graham to pay him money owed under father's will.
- 14/A/163. 28.9.1800+C [with C of no 162]  
Renny's estates; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's continental tour plans [C has p.s. dated 3.11.1800].
- 14/A/164. 29.10.1800  
Introducing James Renny.
- 14/A/165. 29.11.1800+C  
Simon Richard Brissett Taylor gone to London; William Graham's debts; political affairs; birth of daughter on 20.11.1800.
- 14/A/166. 4.1.01+C  
William Graham laid hold of by his creditors in London.
- 14/A/167. 28.2.01  
Got part payment from William Graham for Simon Taylor; William Graham's debts; Mr Spiers agreed to help.

- 14/A/168. 3.3.01  
Asking Simon Taylor to patronise firm of Bruce and Dalgairnes of Liverpool.
- 14/A/169. 29.5.01  
William Graham; talk of peace.
- 14/A/170. 1.8.01  
William Graham.
- 14/A/171. 29.8.01 [with C of no. 170]  
Another payment by W. Graham; his plan for a trust fund to pay off his debts.
- 14/A/172. 5.10.01 [with C of no. 171]  
Trust Fund.
- 14/A/173. 1.11.01 [with C of no 172]  
Hopes Simon Taylor will visit England next year now peace has come.
- 14/A/174. 28.1.02  
William Graham's affairs; death of Major Gardyne [John Taylor's brother-in-law].
- 14/A/175. 24.2.02 [with C of no 174]  
William Graham; Mr Spiers says William Graham is living very quietly.
- 14/A/176. 26.2.02  
William Graham.
- 14/A/177. 3.4.02  
Birth of daughter on 17.3.02.
- 14/A/178. 3.7.02  
Simon Taylor not coming to England; William Graham; if sticks to present plan will soon be clear of debt and then a rich man; birth of 2nd son to Sir David Carnegie.
- 14/A/179. 2.10.02  
William Graham.
- 14/A/180. 27.11.02  
William Graham; James Renny's activities.
- 14/A/181. 26.2.03  
Plans to meet Simon Taylor in London when he comes to England this year.

- 14/A/182. 4.9.03+C  
Has not written as expected to see him in London; met Lady Taylor and her family; education of his children; quarrel between Dick and McCall [C has p.s. dated 30.9.03].
- 14/A/183. 3.12.03  
Birth of son today; fears of French invasion.
- 14/A/184. 31.12.03  
Does not think invasion likely.
- 14/A/185. 3.6.04+C  
Quarrel between Dick and McCall - Dick's unreasonable behaviour is running up debts [C has p.s. dated 20.6.04 on ill health of Hercules Taylor].
- 14/A/186. 2.12.04  
Dick and McCall; Simon Taylor does not think John Taylor's plans will work dissolving partnership.
- 14/A/187. 3.2.05+C  
Dick and McCall [C has p.s. dated 30.3.05].
- 14/A/188. 28.9.05  
Visit of John McCall; birth of son on 23.9.05.
- 14/A/189. 2.5.06  
Hopes Simon Taylor will visit Britain; John McCall in London; eldest son in school in Edinburgh.
- 14/A/190. 3.1.07  
Long time since written as nothing to report; been occupied with affairs of late Sir David Carnegie and Major John Carnegie; children's education; Dick and McCall.
- 14/A/191. 28.3.07  
Birth of son on 2.3.07, to be called after friend P. Ballantine; war news.
- 14/A/192. 27.2.08  
Settlement between Dick and McCall; war news.
- 14/A/193. 28.9.08  
Birth of daughter on 1.9.08; will of John McCall.



14/A/194. 2.12.08

Acting as executor for John McCall.

14/A/195. 29.1.09

Family well, Robert and Simon at school in Edinburgh; John McCall's affairs; political and war news.

14/A/196. 27.4.09

Sale of John McCall's Kingston house; war news.

14/A/197. 31.8.09

Simon Taylor's health; John Taylor's health; visit to Bath; education of children, Robert to be a lawyer and Simon a merchant.

14/A/198. 2.2.10

Birth of daughter on 9.1.10 Jan - Catherine; William Graham wishes to pay off his debt to Simon Taylor.

14/B. Simon Taylor to John Taylor

14/B/1. 20.7.94

John Taylor's business plans with Mr Miles; Hibberts.

14/B/2. 11.10.94

War news from West Indies; shipment of negroes; John Tharp's plan to marry again - a widow of 20.

14/B/3. 26.3.1795

Hibberts; financial matters, refusing to lend John Taylor money for an estate.

14/B/4. 30.6.95

Time to stop sending African cargoes; war news.

14/B/5. 14.10.95

Unwillingness to lend John Taylor money; other financial matters.

14/B/6. 31.1.96

Brissett's bills; Maroon war ruining the country.

14/B/7. 18.2.97

Does not want to lock up his money in John Taylor's land; hoped John Taylor had taken the hint in his previous letters.

14/C. John Taylor Miscellaneous

14/C/1. 2.9.90 John Taylor to James Renny

Hurricane and damage done.

14/C/2. 1.12.98 John Taylor to James Renny

Visit from Ballantine - old Jamaica friends were spoken of, hopes he will visit England.

14/C/3. 25.6.1802 Charles Selkrig to John Taylor

William Graham and settlement of his affairs.

15. **Thomas Fry of St. John's College Oxford**, written from Bristol

15/A. Thomas Fry to Simon Taylor

15/A/1. 19.8.70

Asking Mr Recorder Dunning's opinion on his [Simon Taylor's] father's will.

15/A/2. 3.9.70

Sending Mr Dunning's opinion [see 15 B1].

15/A/3. 1.10.70

Worried that none of his letters have been received.

15/B. Thomas Fry to Simon Taylor

15/B/1. 30.8.70

John Dunning's opinion on Patrick Taylor's will of 3.9.1754; the will and problem of what to do with Robert's third share as he died under age; whether the relatives of Susan's dead husband can claim a share.

16. **Richard Grant**

16/A. Robert Graham to Simon Taylor

16/A/1. 6.11.93

Lady Taylor's suit and other legal opinions on it.

16/A/2. 4.12.93+C [with C of no. 1]

Hay opinion [see 16/C/2] and what the Reids have discovered.

16/A/3. 13.12.93+C

Witnesses have said Philip Haughton acknowledged Martha as his wife; details of what Robert Graham has discovered about the marriage.

16/A/4. 1.1.94+C

Robert Graham has seen the entry in the Fleet marriage registers.

16/A/5. 5.2.94+C

Robert Graham and Mr Malcolm have tried to find the record of Martha Howard's marriage to Mr Carter.

16/A/6. 5.3.94+C

Possible letter in possession of John Graham relating to payments to Martha Howard by Philip Haughton.

16/A/7. 2.4.94+C

Examination of witnesses.

16/A/8. 8.5.94+C

Mr Shaw's opinion of the case [which differs from Robert Graham's].

16/A/9. 2.7.94

Case before Mr Hargrave.

16/A/10. 7.8.94

Richard Brissett knew of the marriage; distress of Lady Taylor.

16/A/11. 3.9.94

Hargrave's opinion.

16/A/12. 3.10.94

Hargrave still not given his opinion; possible compromise with Reids.

- 16/A/13. 6.11.94  
Hargrave still not given his opinion.
- 16/A/14. 9.1.95  
Various legal opinions.
- 16/A/15. 6.2.95  
The case.
- 16/A/16. 5.3.95  
Hargrave's opinion.
- 16/A/17. 30.3.95  
Sending rest of Hargrave's case.
- 16/A/18. 3.4.95  
Hargrave; Hall estate.
- 16/A/19. 7.5.95  
Opinion of Mr Sewell.
- 16/A/20. 5.6.95  
Consultation between Hargrave and Sewell; death of Martha Howard after her examination.
- 16/A/21. 1.7.95+C  
Sending copies of the examination of several witnesses, wrapping for reports. [C has p.s. dated 5.8.95].
- 16/A/22. 3.9.95  
Further examination of witnesses.
- 16/A/23. 8.10.95 [with C of no 22]  
Robert Graham obtained deed signed by Martha Howard after supposed Houghton marriage.
- 16/A/24. 5.11.95  
More on the deed and witnesses.
- 16/A/25. 7.12.95  
Sending further documents.

- 16/A/26. 3.2.96  
Non-receipt of mail from Jamaica.
- 16/A/27. 3.3.96  
News from the West Indies.
- 16/A/28. 4.5.96  
Martha Howard's use of name Howard.
- 16/A/29. 6.9.1803  
Loss of Mr R. Lee's legal papers.
- 16/A/30. 3.10.03  
Lawsuit by Mrs Chamber's children against Mr Miles; asking Simon Taylor to further career of his son Richard who is in the navy.
- 16/A/31. 8.4.05  
Settlement with Simon Richard Brissett Taylor; details of proposal and Robert Graham's meeting with Robert Taylor - most liberal, most generous.
- 16/A/32. 4.12.06  
Deeds from Mr Arcedeckne.
- 16/A/33. 30.12.06  
Sending copy of last letter and deeds.
- 16/A/34. 3.8.08  
Packet for Mr Arcedeckne.
- 6.9.08+C  
Lawsuit with Arcedeckne regarding land.
- 16/A/35. 9.12.08  
Acknowledging his letter; son now 2nd lieutenant.
- 16/A/36. 2.1.09+C  
Evidence in Arcedeckne suit.
- 16/A/37. 1.3.09+C  
Anna Susannah Taylor's marriage proposal and implications under the 1805 settlement.

16/A/38. 10.6.09+C

Settlement on Anna Susannah Taylor.

16/A/39. 7.7.09

Proper settlement on Anna Susannah Taylor.

16/A/40. 15.2.10

George Watson's sureties.

16/B. Simon Taylor to Robert Graham

16/B/1. 18.10.93

Action by Reids on death of Samuel William Haughton; details of marriage of Philip Haughton.

16/B/2. 26.11.93

Asking Robert Graham and Neil Malcolm to check under what name Martha Howard married Carter.

16/B/3. ??1.94

Receipt of Dr Hay's opinion: asking Robert Graham to get other opinions.

16/B/4. 14.1.94

Retaining copy of laws of Jamaica.

16/B/5. 8.2.94

Receipt of opinions; activities of the Reids; Brissett had assured Simon Taylor in 1786 that the honour of a marriage was a falsehood.

16/B/6. 28.2.94

Believes Fleet marriages are good in law.

16/B/7. 15.5.94

Cannot believe what Brissett tells him.

16/B/8. 15.6.94

He will do all in his power to clear the estates.

16/B/9. 20.7.94

Dying words of Philip Haughton; perfidy of Mr Malcolm who knew of the lady's existence; Simon Taylor is going to withdraw his slaves from the disputed estates.

- 16/B/10. 8.8.94  
Folly to be throwing away his health and time on the suit; Brissett has agreed to leave the Taylor family provided for at his death.
- 16/B/11. 14.9.94  
Sending deeds for Hargrave's opinion; the Reids want "Mountains of Gold".
- 16/B/12. 18.10.94  
Perfidy of Lady Taylor's relations.
- 16/B/13. 16.11.94  
Legal opinions.
- 16/B/14. 12.12.94  
Glad Hargrave taking pains with his opinion.
- 16/B/15. 4.1.95  
Examination of the witnesses.
- 16/B/16. ??6.95  
Hargrave's opinion; Hall estate.
- 16/B/17. 31.1.96  
Deed signed by Martha Howard.
- 16/B/18. 26.3.96  
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- 16/C. Robert Graham Miscellaneous
- 16/C/1. 2.8.94 from Francis Hargrave  
Opinion taking a long time.
- 16/C/2. 8.12.60  
G. Hay of Doctor's common opinion on the case - Philip Haughton's brother and collateral relations cannot dispute validity of his marriage with Mary Brissett.
- 16/C/3. nd. Robert Graham's writing that he checked "platts" in the office against originals and proved them copies [relating to Arcedechne suit?].



17. **George Hibbert**

17/A. George Hibbert to Simon Taylor

17/A/1. 17.8.91 to Simon Taylor in Bristol  
Arrival and sale of sugar.

17/A/2. 7.4.92 to Simon Taylor in London  
Beginnings of negotiations with Dundas.

17/A/3. 12.4.92 to Simon Taylor in London  
Recompense for Dr Thompson.

17/A/4. 16.4.92 to Simon Taylor in London  
Meeting.

17/A/5. 30.5.92 to Simon Taylor in London  
Parcels.

17/A/6. 9.7.96  
Payment of sand by Thomas Parker.

17/A/7. 7.12.97  
War and possible sedition at home.

17/A/8. 8.2.98  
Action over bills by Edward's House; his nephew Robert entered the House.

17/A/9. 20.3.98  
Protests by planters and merchants at postal services to West Indies; "little worm"  
Wilberforce at work again.

17/A/10. 3.4.98  
Receipt of sugar and shipment of coal; state of sugar market.

17/A/11. 2.8.98  
Slave rebellion; war news.

17/A/12. 7.12.98  
Armed ship should carry important post; sugar duties.

- 17/A/13. 14.2.99  
War news; Simon Taylor's property liable for income tax.
- 17/A/14. 5.4.99  
Agitation against the slave trade; taxing of non-residents.
- 17/A/15. 8.10.99  
Growing trade between America and West Indies; excise duties; news from France.
- 17/A/16. 7.11.99  
Demand for sugar.
- 17/A/17. 2.4.1800  
Sugar duties; various proposals regarding abolition of slave trade.
- 17/A/18. 5.4.1800  
News from West Indies; income tax.
- 17/A/19. 8.5.1800  
Result of conference between Mr P.H. and the merchants on their grievances; use of sugar in brewing; on sending black troops to Jamaica.
- 17/A/20. 11.8.1800  
Payment on Simon Taylor's account; George Hibbert's attachment to Simon Taylor and his family.
- 17/A/21. 14.11.1800  
Simon Taylor's plans to visit America; war news.
- 17/A/22. 12.1.01  
Payment of money owed to Simon Taylor; war news; prohibition on sending herrings to West Indies as negro food.
- 17/A/23. 26.2.01  
Political news; illness of the King; slave trade; death of his partner Fuhr.
- 17/A/24. 9.5.01  
American form of government; political and war news; price of sugar.
- 17/A/25. 3.9.01  
Effects of abolition of slave trade; his firm to enter into new partnership.

- 17/A/26. 8.10.01  
Peace with France; St. Domingo will no longer have a free black population.
- 17/A/27. 7.11.01  
Return of peace has not enlarged demand for sugar on the continent as the merchants expected; Trinidad to be cultivated without slaves.
- 17/A/28. 2.12.01  
Events in St. Domingo; pressure group formed by the malt distillers in Parliament; his new partnership.
- 17/A/29. 8.1.02  
Commodity markets; new co-partnership with cousin Robert and brother William.
- 17/A/30. 3.3.02  
His new House; new West India Docks; rumours about failure of Great Grocery House in Thames Street.
- 17/A/31. 5.5.02  
His business; Brissett's business; sugar market.
- 17/A/32. 9.7.02  
Worried over settlement reached in St. Domingo.
- 17/A/33. 31.8.02  
New business; commodity markets.
- 17/A/34. 3.9.02  
Defence of Jamaica; meeting with Lord Hobart.
- 17/A/35. 1.10.02  
Introducing lawyer Henry Kingsman.
- 17/A/36. 2.11.02  
Duties, equalisation between East and West Indies sugar; meeting with Addington and Vansittart.
- 17/A/37. 7.12.02  
Navigation Act; sugar duties.
- 17/A/38. 6.1.03  
Sugar market; equalisation of duties.

- 17/A/39. 2.2.03  
St. Domingo; commodity duties.
- 17/A/40. 2.3.03  
East India sugar trade; business.
- 17/A/41. 6.4.03  
Sugar duties - bonding system; another meeting with Addington and Vansittart.
- 17/A/42. 6.5.03  
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- 17/A/43. 2.6.03  
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- 17/A/44. 6.7.03  
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- 17/A/45. 9.7.03  
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- 17/A/46. 6.8.03  
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- 17/A/47. 5.9.03  
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- 17/A/48. 1.11.03  
His hopes to get the West Indian Agency; possible French invasion.
- 17/A/49. 10.12.03  
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- 17/A/50. 5.1.04  
West Indies Agency and re-election of Mr Lyon.
- 17/A/51. 8.3.04  
Commerce; price of sugar; black troops to be sent to East Indies; birth of 9th daughter.
- 17/A/52. 3.5.04  
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- 17/A/53. 6.6.04  
Slave trade; commerce.
- 17/A/54. 4.7.04  
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- 17/A/55. 1.8.04  
Slave trade defeat; sending Cobbett's Journal which deals with the commercial question.
- 17/A/56. 8.9.04  
Antagonism of Ministry towards colonies.
- 17/A/57. 5.12.04  
Would the negroes understand difference between suspension and abolition of the slave trade; possible colonial trade with continent.
- 17/A/58. 6.3.05  
Tharp's estate; defeat of Wilberforce in Commons; correspondence with Cobbett.
- 17/A/59. 1.10.05  
Sending letter from Cobbett [see 17/B/2]; news from continent; seen Simon Richard Brissett Taylor - much improved by continental tour.
- 17/A/60. 2.12.05  
Living of Chippenham, intended for one of John Tharp's sons.
- 17/A/61. 4.12.05  
Tharp's affairs; Brissett's estates.
- 17/A/62. 31.12.05+XC  
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- 17/A/63. 8.2.06  
Tharp's estate; appointment of Mr Wedge as trustee; death of Prime Minister Pitt.
- 17/A/64. 5.6.06  
Tharp's affairs.

- 17/A/65. 30.6.06  
Tharp's affairs.
- 17/A/66. 2.7.06  
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- 17/A/67. 7.8.06  
Tharp's affairs; war news.
- 17/A/68. 1.10.06  
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- 17/A/69. 1.10.06  
Tharp's estate - payment of various debts.
- 17/A/70. 5.11.06  
Tharp - appointment of Mr Dalton to adjust differences; more West Indian planters in new Parliament - hope they will make a stand; George Hibbert given easy seat.
- 17/A/71. 3.12.06  
War news; its influence on trade; what George Hibbert hopes to do in Parliament.
- 17/A/72. 8.1.07  
Petition of planters to the King; reception of Lord Grenville's bill for abolition.
- 17/A/73. 7.2.07  
Feeling of Parliament now for abolition - George Hibbert will press for compensation in same bill; report of debate in Lords.
- 17/A/74. 7.3.07  
Abolition gaining ground in spite of George Hibbert's efforts - report of his speech on value of colonies.
- 17/A/75. 3.6.07  
George Hibbert returned for new Parliament - will continue to represent West Indian interests; sugar market.
- 17/A/76. 6.8.07  
George Hibbert has been ill; colonial trade with America; report on West Indian trade not yet printed; settlement of Brissett's affairs; would like to see Simon Richard Brissett Taylor in Parliament.

- 17/A/77. 22.8.07  
Introducing General Darby.
- 17/A/78. 2.9.07  
Sugar market - possibility of brewers using it.
- 17/A/79. 8.10.07  
Relations with America; Prime Minister Percival says something will be done for West Indian planters and merchants.
- 17/A/80. 8.10.07  
Debts of Joseph Brissett; shipment of sugar.
- 17/A/81. 7.7.08  
Losses due to absconding of Sir William Hillary; Distillery Bill passed, but good grain harvest so probably will not need sugar.
- 17/A/82. 8.9.08  
Brissett's affairs; Hillary's debts - George Hibbert has a claim on his estate of Adelphi [incomplete].
- 17/A/83. 4.10.08  
Distillery Bill; sugar market.
- 17/A/84. 5.10.08+C  
Legal bills on Brissett's estates.
- 17/A/85. 7.12.08  
Effects of America's embargo of trade; commodity duties; distilleries' consumption of sugar; business of various estates.
- 17/A/86. 9.1.09  
Markets; war news from Spain.
- 17/A/87. 31.1.09  
Hillary estate: sugar market.
- 17/A/88. 1.2.09  
American embargo; Ireland's distilleries not to use sugar.

17/A/89. 1.3.09

Brissett estate; problem of getting staves to West Indies for rum barrels due to American embargo; possible trade with Florida.

17/A/90. 3.4.09

Irish Chancellor defeated over distilleries; cost of Brissett proceedings.

17/A/91. 3.5.09

Reconciliation with America; sugar markets.

17/A/92. 10.6.09

Reconciliation with America; defeat of France by Austria; sugar market.

17/B. George Hibbert Miscellaneous to George Hibbert

17/B/1. 12.4.96 from Simon Taylor

Maroon rebellion; death of Richard Brissett and details of his will.

17/B/2. 15.9.05 from William Cobbett

Simon Taylor's report and gift of rum.

17/B/3. 11.5.16 from John Shand

Shipments of produce from the various estates of George Watson Taylor.



18. **William Sleigh**

18/A. William Sleigh to Simon Taylor, except no. 3

18/A/1. 20.8.1794

Helping Simon Taylor disprove the Reid suit.

18/A/2. 7.2.95

In his opinion Reids will not be able to establish their claim and will be impoverished in trying to.

5.3.95

Mr Hargrave's opinion is being copied to be sent out to Simon Taylor.

18/A/3. 4.8.95 copies: to William Sleigh from Thomas Hibbert

Prepayment of bond owed by Sir John Taylor to Hibbert, Purrier and Horton.

5.8.95 to William Sleigh from Hibbert, Fuhr and Hibbert following:

4.8.95 to Hibbert, Fuhr and Hibbert from Nathaniel Phillips  
Payment of bond taken out by his son-in-law Alan Cameron.

5.8.95

Above bonds and various sums owed to Simon Taylor by Hibberts.

18/A/4. ??1.96

Securities for Simon Taylor's money with Hibberts and Earl Ferrar's estate.

18/B. Simon Taylor to William Sleigh

18/B/1. 14.11.94

Lady Taylor's suit and obtain security for money in hands of Hibberts.

18/B/2. 20.5.95

Thanking him for obtaining security; Reid's case.

18/B/3. 6.10.95+C

Hibberts'.

19. **Tharp Family**

19/A. John Tharp to Simon Taylor

19/A/1. 8.2.91X

Simon Taylor wishes to purchase adjoining estate of Cheshire.

19/A/2. 13.3.91

Mr ? accounts to be examined.

19/A/3. 28.3.91X

Purchase of estates.

19/A/4. 5.4.91X

Visit to Simon Taylor and state of crops.

19/A/5. 26.4.91X

Hall's accounts and putting his own estate in order.

19/A/6. 15.10.91 [from Bath to Simon Taylor in London]

Effects of taking the waters and proposed visit to Bristol by him and Simon Taylor to look at property.

19/A/7. 23.12.91

Attendance at dinner and purchase of an estate.

19/A/8. 3.8.96 [from Chippenham Park near Newmarket]

Business; his son's "parade and folly"; their son Major Thomas on half pay and wants to be a planter.

19/A/9. 8.6.97 [from Bath]

List of his troubles (weather, Maroons, etc.); misbehaviour of his sons Joseph, William and Thomas; hopes that son John is starting to improve.

19/A/10. 1.3.1801

Elopement of wife and deed of separation she must not co-habit with son-in-law Rev Burton Phillipson; if John Taylor proceeds the Bishop will strip him, but has 3 children by John Taylor's daughter and she refuses to leave him. He is determined to go back to Jamaica.

19/B. Miscellaneous

- 19/B/1. 19.8.97 Simon Taylor to John Taylor  
Problems of Jamaica; Simon Taylor's explanations and comments on the activities of his sons; advises John Taylor on how best to treat them.
- 19/B/2. ??8.90 Joseph Tharp to Simon Taylor  
Joint trip to St. Thomas'.
- 19/B/3. 29.7.1792 Thomas Tharp [in Gibraltar] to Simon Taylor  
Introducing Dr L'Empriere.

## 20. Miscellaneous

### 20/A. Letters to Simon Taylor

- 20/A/1. 14.7.82 Robert Taylor at Lucca  
Mr Malcolm in bed; Mr Brissett about to arrive [This is not cousin Robert Taylor].
- 20/A/2. 22.1.85. John Taylor at Kingston  
Needs new clothes [Simon Taylor's son?].
- 20/A/3. 4.3.96 John Taylor at Prospect Penn  
Forwarding letters [Simon Taylor's son].
- 20/A/4. 17.12.97 John Taylor at Prospect Penn  
Sending articles asked for [Simon Taylor's son].
- 20/A/5. 22.2.89 Robert Gordon  
Simon Taylor employing his nephew.
- 20/A/6. nd. Sarah Taylor  
Building of an asylum next to her house [Simon Taylor's daughter?].

### 20/B. Letters by Simon Taylor

- 20/B/1. nd. to ?  
Claim by Clarke on his land.
- 20/B/2. nd. to Lyssons overseer  
He is ruining Simon Taylor by bad management.
- 20/B/3. 25.3.85 to Dr John Patterson  
Power of attorney on behalf of Dr Farquhar and Mrs Harris.
- 20/B/4. ???.3.86 to [Mrs Millward]  
Decline in her estate Albion.
- 20/B/5. 20.4.86 to Thomas Hibbert  
Estates' business and that Sir John Taylor very ill with dropsy at Hanover.
- 20/B/6. 12.8.86 to William Hudson  
Management of the Penn estate.

20/B/7. 29.3.87 to Edward Fuhr  
Selling Sir John Taylor's pictures.

20/B/8. 31.3.87 to Dr Nicholls  
Thanking him for looking after the Taylor children; illness of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor; how Sir John Taylor died in debt and the present condition of his estates preclude any payments from them.

20/B/9. 17.6.87 to ?  
Money owed by McGillwray and Neil Malcolm's actions relating to Sir John Taylor's estates.

20/B/10. 25.9.87 to Thomas Millward  
His wife's estate Albion; Simon Taylor denies mismanagement.

20/C. Miscellaneous

20/C/1. Copy made by Robert Taylor of receipt for payment by Robert, Earl Ferrers on his mortgage held by Simon Taylor 1.11.96.

20/C/2. Copy from Playfaer's *Genealogies* vol 7, C appendix of the Taylor family tree.

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### RICHARD BRISSETT (d.1796)

Jamaican planter, Lady Taylor's mother's brother, Simon Richard Brissett Taylor was named after him.

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### Mrs EDWARD HALL CODRINGTON

Jane, daughter of Jasper Hall, Receiver General of Jamaica (d.1778) and Simon Taylor's ward; m.1802 Admiral Sir Edward Codrington (1770-1851); two of their sons were also admirals.

Letters from Simon Taylor

1804:1/F/44

**JAMES DICK**

Brother of David Dick; in partnership with John McCall took over John Taylor's business in Kingston [see John Taylor].

Letters to Robert Taylor

1812:13/D/5

**JOHN DUNNING (1731-1783)**

1st Baron Ashburton; eminent lawyer and MP; the following is his opinion on Patrick Taylor's will.

Letters to Simon Taylor

1770:15/B/1

**THOMAS FRY**

Of St. John's College Oxford.

Letters to Simon Taylor

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**WILLIAM GILPIN**

Graduated from Oxford 1778 and succeeded his father at the school he founded at Cheam; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor attended the school.

Letters to Lady Taylor

1797:3/C/2

**ANNE TAYLOR GRAHAM** (d.1780)

Simon Taylor's sister; m.1764 Robert Graham.

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**MARGARET GRAHAM** (b.1766)

Daughter of Anne and Robert Graham.

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**NICOL BONTINE GRAHAM** (b.1778)

Son of Anne and Robert Graham; sent out to Simon Taylor where he acted as his agent in Kingston, later went to Canada; became Marshal de Camp in Austrian service, Knight of Maria Theresa and member of Aulic Council; m. French lady and had a son.

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**ROBERT GRAHAM** (1730-97)

Receiver General for Jamaica 1753-64; member of the Assembly for St. David's 1765-6; m. Simon Taylor's sister Anne in 1764; returned to Ardoch, Scotland in 1771; m. 1786 Elizabeth Buchanan - later separated; MP for Stirlingshire 1794-6; succeeded through mother to estates of Earls of Glencairn and took name Cunningham Graham.

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10/C/1-5

**WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM GRAHAM** (1775-1845)

Son of Anne and Robert Graham; m.1799 Anna Dickson (d.1811) and Mrs Bogle; MP for Dumbartonshire 1796-97.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1798:1/B/12; 1801:1/E/9; 1802:1/E/39; 1803:1/F/25; 1804:1/F/45**

## **RICHARD GRANT**

Simon Taylor's solicitor in England.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1793:16/B/1-2; 1794:16/B/3-14; 1795:16/B/15-6; 1796:16/B/17-8; 1798:1/B/26; 1799:1/C/37; 1805:1/G/29; 1806:1/G/46,1/H/1,22; 1810:1/J/6,28; 1811:1/J/35**

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1793:16/A/1-3; 1794:16/A/4-13; 1795:16/A/14-25; 1796:16/A/26-28; 1803:16/A/29-30; 1805:16/A/31; 1806:16/A/32-3; 1808:16/A/34-35; 1809:16/A/36-9; 1810:16/A/40**

### Letters to James Room

**1806:13/D/4**

## **THOMAS GRIFFITH**

Old school friend of Simon Taylor; hoped to borrow money.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1799:1/C/29**

### Letters from Robert Taylor

**1800:13/D/3**

### Letters to Robert Taylor

**1800:13/D/3**

## **SAMUEL WILLIAM HAUGHTON** (d.1793)

Lady Taylor's father's half brother.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1780:2/A/45; 1784:1/A/39,44-45,47,2/B/51,55\***

**GEORGE HIBBERT OF HIBBERT PURRIER & CO.** (1757-1837)

Leading West Indian merchant in London; his firm were Simon Taylor's agents in London; Alderman of London 1798-1803; MP for Seaford, Sussex 1806-12; Chairman of West India Merchants until 1831 and agent for Jamaica.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1784:**1/A/42,48; **1796:**17/B/1; **1798:**1/B/5,9,18,30; **1799:**1/C/11; **1800:**1/C/39,1/D/22,37;  
**1801:**1/D/45,56,66,1/E/3,15; **1802:**1/E/25,30,35,44; **1803:**1/F/27,29,34;  
**1804:**1/F/42,52,60,62,1/G/3,11; **1805:**1/G/23,27; **1806:**1/G/47,49,1/H/2,8-9,15-16,19-20,28,33;  
**1807:**1/I/6,15,20,22,24,28-29,36,43,46,48; **1808:**1/I/50,59; **1810:**1/J/5,11,14,17; **1811:**1/J/37,42

Letters to Simon Taylor

A/1; **1792:**17/A/2-5; **1796:**17/A/6; **1797:**17/A/7; **1798:**17/A/8-12; **1799:**17/A/13-6; **1800:**17/A/17-21; **1801:**17/A/22-8; **1802:**17/A/29-37; **1803:**17/A/38-49; **1804:**17/A/50-7; **1805:**17/A/58-62; **1806:**17/A/63-71; **1807:**17/A/72-80; **1808:**17/A/81-5; **1809:**17/A/86-92

Letters from John Shand

**1816:**17/B/3

**ROBERT HIBBERT Jn** (1769-1849)

In 1791 became a partner in his uncle Thomas' mercantile house in Jamaica.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1801:**1/E/16,22; **1803:**1/F/36; **1804:**1/F/57; **1805:**1/G/39

**THOMAS HIBBERT** (1709-80)

Arrived in Jamaica in 1734; originally a middle man selling slaves shipped from Africa by English ships but became a wealthy planter; member of Assembly for St. George and for Portland and Speaker in 1756.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1786:**20/B/5

Letters to William Sleight

**1795:**18/A/3

**DR GEORGE HILL** (1750-1819)

Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, where Simon Richard Brissett Taylor studied; noted scholar and religious writer; one of his sons was sent out to Simon Taylor but died soon after his arrival.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1799:**1/B/42,1/C/10,23-4; **1800:**1/D/1,14,36; **1801:**1/D/55

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1798:**6/A/16; **1799:**6/A/19

Letters to Sir David Carnegie

**1798:**6/C/1

Letters to Robert Taylor

**1798:**6/B/1;13/A/111; **1799:**13/A/121,127,131; **1800:**13/A/136

Letters from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor

**1799:**6/C/2

Letters to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor

**1800:**6/C/3

**THOMAS HUGHAN** (d.1811)

Robert Taylor's partner (q.v.).

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1808:**1/I/55

**HUGH INNES** (1764-1831)

1st Baronet of Lochalsh; MP Rosshire 1809-12, Tain Burghs 1812-30, Sutherlandshire 1831; mother was Jean Graham so probably related to the Graham family; all the letters concern Nicol Graham.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1798:**1/B/2,38; **1799:**1/C/35; **1800:**1/D/13

## **WILLIAM McCULLOCH**

Simon Richard Brissett Taylor's tutor while he made the grand tour.

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1803:**13/Ca/1

### Letters to Robert Taylor

**1801:**13/C/1-11; **1802:**13/C/12-16; **1803:**13/C/17-22; **1804:**13/C/23; **1805:**13/C/24

## **GEORGE MALCOLM**

Lady Taylor's stepfather's half brother; went out to Jamaica, returned to manage estates in Scotland and returned to Jamaica.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1784:** 1/A/40,2/B/50,53\*

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1784:**2/B/49

### Letters from Richard Brissett

**1784:**2/B/52

## **NEIL MALCOLM** (1738-1802)

Merchant in Jamaica; m.1765 Mary Haughton (Lady Taylor's mother).

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1785:**1/A/37; **1788:**4/B/1; **1793:**4/B/2-5; **1794:** 4/B/6-9

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1793:**4/A/1-5; **1794:**4/A/6-10

**ELIZABETH TAYLOR MAYNE** (b.1782)

Daughter of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor; m.1805 William Mayne against Simon Taylor's wishes and cut off by him.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1798:9/A/1; 1799:1/B/46,1/C/16; 1800:1/D/4,25; 1801:1/D/51,1/E/13;  
1802:1/E/37,51,55; 1804:1/F/46,1/G/4; 1806:1/H/25**

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1797:9/B/1; 1798:9/B/2; 1799:9/B/3; 1801:9/B/4-5; 1802:9/B/6-7; 1803:9/B/8; 1804:9/B/9;  
1805:9/B/10-11; 1806:9/B/12; 1808:9/B/13**

**WILLIAM MAYNE** (1776-1843)

Son of failed banker (Mayne and Graham); m.1805 Simon Taylor's niece Eliza. Simon Taylor objected because William had no means; entered the army, Major General Royal Lusitanian Legion during the Peninsular War and was a Captain in the Life Guards at Waterloo.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1804:1/G/5**

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1804:9/C/1; 1805:9/C/2-3**

Letters from Lady Taylor

**1804:3/A/19**

Letters to Lady Taylor

**1804:3/A/19**

Letters to Robert Taylor

**1811:9/D/1**

## **CHARLES AND WILLIAM MITCHELL**

Jamaican planters who borrowed money from Simon Taylor.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1790:5/9-10**

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1790:5/8**

Letters to and from Richard Brissett

**1789:5/4-5**

## **DAVID REID**

His son hired out negroes in Jamaica.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1801:1/D/53**

## **JAMES ROOM**

Rented a house belonging to the estate of Sir John Taylor in Bristol.

Letters from Richard Grant

**1806:13/D/4**

Letters from Robert Taylor

**1806:13/D/4**

Letters to Robert Taylor

**1806:13/D/4**

**JOHN SHAND** (1759-1825)

An attorney acting with his brother William for absentee planters, including George Watson Taylor. As the executors of Simon Taylor's estate they controlled the Tharp (q.v.) estates (Simon Taylor was the only trustee in Jamaica) and apparently robbed it of considerable sums (see Tharp papers and A.E. Furness, *George Hibbert and the Defence of West Indian Slavery*, 1961); Member of Assembly for St. John 1802-18. Retired to Scotland in 1818.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1793:3/B/23**

Letters to George Hibbert

**1816:17/B/3**

Letters to Robert Taylor

**1816:13/D/7**

Letters to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor

**1812:6/C/8; 1813:6/C/9,10**

Letters from George Watson Taylor

**1815:8/A/1-6; 1816:8/A/7-8; 1818:8/A/9-12**

Letters to George Watson Taylor

**1815:8/B/1-6; 1816:8/B/7-24; 1817:8/B/25-29; 1818:8/B/30-34; 1819:8/B/35-36**

**WILLIAM SHAND**

See under John Shand.

Letters from George Watson Taylor

**1816:8/D/1-8; 1817:8/D/9-13; 1818:8/D/14-17; 1819:8/D/18-24**

Letters to George Watson Taylor

**1818:8/E/2; 1819:8/E/1-13; 1824:8/E/14**



**HENRY SHIRLEY**

Magistrate and JP, member of the Jamaican Assembly for St. George.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1802:1/E/26; 1803:1/F/24; 1806:1/G/50**

**WILLIAM SLEIGH** (d.1799)

Lawyer, whose daughter Margaret married Robert Taylor.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1794:18/B/1; 1795:18/B/2-3**

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1794:18/A/1; 1795:18/A/2-3; 1796:18/A/4**

Letters from Thomas Hibbert

**1795:18/A/3**

**ALEXANDER SPIERS** (1793-1877)

Son of Martha and Peter Spiers; JP, served in 39th Regiment during Peninsular war, Convenor of Stirling 1862-77; m.1829 Mary Buchanan.

Letters to Simon Taylor

**nd.:12/B/1; 1801:12/A/18; 1802:12/A/23; 1805:12/A/30; 1807:12/B/2; 1808:12/A/39;  
1809:12/A/42**

**ANNA SPIERS** (b.1794)

Daughter of Martha and Peter Spiers.

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1802:12/A/20; 1804:12/A/28; 1807:12/A/37**

**MARTHA GRAHAM SPIERS** (1772-1841)

Daughter of Robert and Anne Graham; m.1792 Peter Spiers (also spelt Speirs).

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1798**:1/B/4,16; **1800**:1/D/6,17,27,43; **1801**:1/D/67; **1802**:1/E/27,34,52; **1803**:1/F/7,32; **1804**:1/F/40;  
**1805**:1/G/15,24,36; **1806**:1/G/45; **1807**:1/I/12

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1792**:12/A/1; **1793**:12/A/2-7; **1794**:12/A/8; **1795**:12/A/9-10; **1797**:12/A/11-12; **1799**:12/A/13;  
**1800**:12/A/14-17; **1801**:12/A/18-19; **1802**:12/A/20-4; **1803**:12/A/25-26; **1804**:12/A/27-29;  
**1805**:12/A/30-33; **1806**:12/A/34-36; **1807**:12/A/37; **1808**:12/A/38-40; **1809**:12/A/41-2;  
**1811**:12/A/43-45; **1812**:12/A/46-47

**ROBERT STEWART**

Lawyer, acted with regard to William Graham's debts.

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1797**:10/C/5

**LADY ELIZABETH HAUGHTON TAYLOR** (1758-1822?)

Daughter of Philip Haughton and Mary Brissett, whose families were old Jamaican settlers; m.1778 Sir John Taylor but property she inherited through her father was subject to dispute due to a previous marriage contracted by her father while a minor in London.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1786:3/B/1-5; 1787:3/B/6-16; 1788:3/B/17-19; 1793:3/B/20-24; 1794:3/B/25-30; 1795:3/B/31-36; 1796:3/B/37-38; 1797:3/B/39; 1798:1/B/13,28; 1799:1/B/44,1/C/3,19,34; 1800:1/D/3,11,34,39; 1801:1/D/46,50,61,1/E/14; 1802:1/E/38,46,49; 1803:1/F/5,11,19,30; 1804:1/F/47,61,1/G/6; 1805:1/G/18,21,34; 1806:1/G/42,1/H/5,13,26,30,1/I/2,4; 1807:1/I/9,27,38; 1810:1/J/21,32**

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1792:3/A/1; 1793:3/A/2-8; 1794:3/A/9-12; 1795:3/A/13; 1796:3/A/14; 1798:3/A/15-16; 1799:3/A/17-18; 1800:6/A/28; 1804:3/A/19; 1805:3/A/20**

Letters from William Mayne

**1804:3/A/19**

Letters to William Mayne

**1804:3/A/19**

Miscellaneous

**1793-1822:3/C/1-8**

**SIR JOHN TAYLOR** (1741-86)

Simon Taylor's younger brother; m.1778 Elizabeth Haughton. Lived in London where he was made a baronet in 1778; died heavily in debt in 1786 while on a visit to Jamaica. Simon Taylor took over the debts and managed their joint estates; Simon Richard Brissett Taylor erected the following tomb stone "Sir John Taylor of Lissons, Baronet. Amiable in his manners, steady in his attachments and exemplary in the practice of the social and domestic duties he died during a visit to his estates in this island 6 May 1786 aged 41".

Letters from Simon Taylor

**nd:**2/D/2; **1771:**2/A/0; **1772:**2/A/1-6; **1773:**2/A/7; **1774:**2/A/8-12; **1775:**2/A/13-18; **1776:**2/A/19-22; **1777:**2/A/23-26; **1778:**2/A/27-32; **1779:**1/A/1-3,2/A/32-37,38\*,39,40\*-41\*; **1780:**1/A/4-12,2/A/42\*-44\*,46\*-50\*; **1781:**1/A/13-20,2/A/51\*-54\*,55,56\*-59\*; **1782:**1/A/21-26,2/A/60\*-62\*,63,64\*-66\*; **1783:**1/A/27-34,2/B/36\*,37,38\*-41\*,42,43\*-44\*; **1784:**1/A/35-38,41,46,49,2/B/46,47\*-48\*,54\*, 56\*,57

Letters to Simon Taylor

**nd:**2/B/1-2; **1779:**2/B/3-10; **1780:**2/B/11-18; **1781:**2/B/19-24; **1782:**2/B/25-28; **1783:**2/B/29-31; **1784:**2/B/32-35,45; **1785:**2/C/1-11

Letters to Richard Brissett

**1784:**2/D/3

Letters from Robert Graham

**1786:**10/B/1-2

Letters from Gavin Hamilton

**1777:**2/D/1

## **JOHN TAYLOR**

Second cousin to Simon Taylor, brother of Robert Taylor; m.1793 Mary McCall and had 10 or 11 children; after commercial activities in New York he went to Jamaica where he acted as Simon Taylor's agent in Kingston. He started in business for himself importing slaves and established the firm Taylor Ballantyne and Fairlie. He returned to London in 1792 leaving his clerks David Dick and John McCall to take over the firm, and Nicol Graham to become Simon Taylor's agent. Dick and McCall quarrelled and the firm was reorganised as Dick Orr and Clark. Robert Taylor's firm dealt with them and suffered due to Orr's speculations. John bought his father's estate Kirktownhill in Scotland in 1795.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1794:**14/B/1-2; **1795:**14/B/3-5; **1796:**14/B/6; **1797:**14/B/7;  
**1798:**1/B/7,14,19,32,35,37; **1799:**1/C/2,7,12,28; **1800:**1/D/8,12,23,33,41;  
**1801:**1/D/48,52,65,1/E/1,6,10,17,21; **1802:**1/E/32,36,40,1/F/2; **1803:**1/F/8,15,22,37;  
**1804:**1/F/51,1/G/1; **1805:**1/G/17,22; **1806:**1/G/44,1/H/17; **1807:**1/I/21,30,45; **1810:**1/J/1,16;  
**1811:**1/J/33

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1781:**14/A/1; **1782:**14/A/2-3; **1783:**14/A/4; **1784:**14/A/5-12; **1785:** 14/A/13-24; **1786:**14/A/25;  
**1787:**14/A/26-34; **1788:**14/A/35-37; **1789:**14/A/38-47; **1790:**14/A/48-73; **1791:**14/A/74-84;  
**1792:**14/A/85-91; **1793:**14/A/92-106;**1794:**14/A/107-117; **1795:**14/A/118-126; **1796:**14/A/127-136;  
**1797:**14/A/137-140; **1798:**14/A/141-147; **1799:**14/A/148-159; **1800:**14/A/160-165;  
**1801:**14/A/166-173; **1802:**14/A/174-180; **1803:**14/A/181-184; **1804:**14/A/185-6; **1805:**14/A/187-188;  
**1806:**14/A/189; **1807:**14/A/190-1; **1808:**14/A/192-4; **1809:**14/A/195-197; **1810:**14/A/198

## **JOHN TAYLOR**

Simon Taylor's illegitimate son.

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1785:**20/A/2; **1796:**20/A/3; **1797:**20/A/4

## **MARIA TAYLOR** (b.1784)

Daughter of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1799:**1/B/47,1/C/15; **1800:**1/D/32; **1801:**1/E/12; **1803:**1/F/6; **1806:**1/H/18; **1807:**1/I/11,32

## **MARTHA TAYLOR** (1786-1817)

Daughter of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1799:**1/B/48,1/C/14; **1800:**1/D/5,18; **1803:**1/F/16,20; **1805:**1/G/33; **1806:**1/H/6,23; **1811:**1/J/40

## **ROBERT TAYLOR**

Simon Taylor's second cousin; m.Margaret Sleigh and had three children. Originally a sailor in the East India trade, he settled in London and in 1797 founded a merchant house with A. Renny which became Simon Taylor's main agents. In 1799 the firm expanded with Thomas Hughan and started to ship negroes to Jamaica, their agents in Kingston being his brother's former firm Dick and McCall. Renny resigned in 1805 and Hughan died in 1811. When the reckoning was done it was discovered the firm was heavily over committed and involved in speculations by Orr in Kingston. Due to this Simon Taylor lost confidence in Robert Taylor at the end of his life but up till then had entrusted him with all his family and business arrangements.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1794:**13/B/1-6; **1795:**13/B/7-17; **1796:**13/B/18-23; **1797:**13/B/24-29,I/B/1; **1798:**1/B/6,8,11,22,24-27,34,36,39-40;  
**1799:**1/B/41,49,1/C/5-6,17-18,22,26,31,33; **1800:**1/D/2,9-10,21,24,31,35,38,42;  
**1801:**1/D/44,49,54,58,64,1/E/2,4,8,11,18,23;  
**1802:**1/E/24,31-2,41-2,45,48,53,56,1/F/3; **1803:**1/F/4,10,12,14,18,23,26,28,31,33,35,41;  
**1804:**1/F/48,50,53-56,59,63,1/G/2,7,8,10,12; **1805:**1/G/13,19-20,26,28,31,35,38;  
**1806:**1/G/40,48,1/H/3-4,10,12,14,21,29,31,1/I/3,5; **1807:**1/I/7,14,17,23,26,33-4,39-40,44,47;  
**1808:**1/I/49,52,56-8; **1810:**1/J/3-4,9-10,15,19-20,23,25-27; **1811:**1/J/29,36,38,41,43-4,46-9;  
**1812:**1/J/50-3,13/B/30-35; **1813:**13/B/36

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1791:**13/A/1; **1792:**13/A/2-9; **1793:**13/A/10-25; **1794:**13/A/26-40; **1795:**13/A/41-55;  
**1796:**13/A/56-70; **1797:**13/A/71-94; **1798:**13/A/95-112; **1799:**6/B/7,13/A/113-134;  
**1800:**13/A/135-152,13/D/3; **1801:**13/A/153-164; **1802:**13/A/165-181; **1803:**13/A/182-195;  
**1804:**13/A/196-206; **1805:**13/A/207-220; **1806:**13/A/221-233; **1807:**13/A/234-247;  
**1808:**13/A/248-261; **1809:**13/A/262-276; **1811:**13/A/277-298; **1812:**13/A/298-319;  
**1813:**13/A/320-327

### Letters from James Dick

**1812:**13/D/5

Letters from Thomas Griffith

**1800:13/D/3**

Letters to Thomas Griffith

**1800:13/D/3**

Letters from Dr George Hill

**1798:6/B/1,13/A/111; 1799:13/A/121,127,131; 1800:13/A/136**

Letters from William McCulloch

**1801:13/C/1-11; 1802:13/C/12-16; 1803:13/C/17-22; 1804:13/C/23; 1805:13/C/24**

Letters from William Mayne

**1811:9/D/1**

Letters from James Room

**1806:13/D/4**

Letters to James Room

**1806:13/D/4**

Letters from John Shand

**1816:13/D/7**

Letters from Simon Richard Brissett Taylor

**1798:6/B/1; 1799:6/B/3,4,5,7; 1800:6/B/8,9; 1801:6/B/12; 1811:6/B/1,13/A/308**

Letters to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor

**1799:6/B/2,6; 1800:6/B/10,11; 1811:6/B/13; 1812:6/B/15**

## **ROBERT TAYLOR**

Not cousin Robert Taylor, at Lucca.

Letters to Simon Taylor

**1782:20/A/1**

## **SARAH TAYLOR**

Simon Taylor's illegitimate daughter.

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**nd.:**20/A/6

## **SIR SIMON RICHARD BRISSETT TAYLOR** (1785-1815)

Son of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor, brought up as Simon Taylor's heir, quarrelled with Simon Taylor over the settlement made on him when he came of age and over Simon Taylor's wish he marry Robert Taylor's daughter. Went out to Jamaica in 1811/12 to be resolved with Simon Taylor.

### Letters from Simon Taylor

**1798:**1/B/15,31; **1799:**1/B/43,1/C/1,8-9,25,30,38; **1800:**1/D/7,15,30,40;  
**1801:**1/D/47,57,62,1/E/7,19; **1802:**1/E/29,43,54,1/F/9; **1803:**1/F/13; **1804:**1/F/58,1/G/9;  
**1805:**1/G/14,30,32; **1806:**1/G/41,1/H/11,27,32,1/I/1,6/C/4\*; **1807:**1/I/10,13,18,25,31,35,37,41;  
**1808:**1/I/51,54,6/C/5; **1810:**1/J/2,7-8,12,18,22; **1811:**1/J/30,34,39,45,6/C/6\*

### Letters to Simon Taylor

**1792:**6/A/1-2; **1793:**6/A/3-6; **1794:**6/A/7-9; **1795:**6/A/10; **1796:**6/A/11-12; **1797:**6/A/13-14;  
**1798:**6/A/16; **1799:**6/A/17-23; **1800:**6/A/24-28; **1801:**6/A/29-34; **1802:**6/A/35-38; **1803:**6/A/39-41;  
**1804:**6/A/42-45; **1805:**6/A/46-50; **1806:**6/A/51-62; **1807:**6/A/63-71; **1808:**6/A/72-81;  
**1809:**6/A/82-91; **1810:**6/A/92-95; **1811:**6/A/96-106; **1812:**6/A/107-113

### Letters from Dr George Hill

**1800:**6/C/3

### Letters to Dr George Hill

**1799:**6/C/2

### Letters from Nicol Graham

**1814:**6/C/12-13

### Letters from Robert Taylor

**1799:**6/B/2,6; **1800:**6/B/10,11; **1811:**6/B/13; **1812:**6/B/15

### Letters to Robert Taylor

**1798:**6/B/1; **1799:**6/B/3,4,5,7; **1800:**6/B/8,9; **1801:**6/B/12; **1811:**6/B/14,13/A/308



Letters from George Watson Taylor  
**1812:6/C/7**

**JOHN THARP** (1744-1804)

Planter, owner of Good Hope estate, member of Assembly; m. Elizabeth Partridge of St. James, married again in England and returned to Jamaica after the scandal of his wife's affair with her stepson-in-law (see Tharp papers at Cambridge Record Office and P.J. Tenison, *Good Hope Jamaica: a Short History*, 1971).

Letters from Simon Taylor  
**1797:19/B/1; 1799:1/C/20,32; 1800:1/D/29; 1801:1/D/63**

Letters to Simon Taylor  
**1791:19/A/1-7; 1796:19/A/8; 1797:19/A/9; 1801:19/A/10**

**JOSEPH THARP** (1766-94)

Son of John and Elizabeth Tharp, Captain in 1st Life Guards.

Letters to Simon Taylor  
**1790:19/B/2**

**THOMAS THARP** (1772-1815)

Son of John and Elizabeth Tharp, Lieutenant-Colonel in the army.

Letters to Simon Taylor  
**1792:19/B/3**

**ANNA SUSANNAH WATSON TAYLOR** (1781-1853)

Daughter of Sir John Taylor and Lady Taylor; m.1810 George Watson, inherited Simon Taylor's property on death of brother Simon Richard Brissett Taylor.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**nd:7/A/1; 1787:7/A/2-3; 1788:7/A/4; 1789:7/A/5-6; 1791:7/A/7; 1792:7/A/8; 1797:7/A/9; 1798:7/A/10; 1799:1/B/45,1/C/13,7/A/11\*-12\*; 1800:1/D/16,26,6/A/13\*-14\*; 1801:1/E/5,7/A/15\*; 1802:1/E/47,7/A/16\*; 1803:1/F/38,7/A/17\*; 1805:1/G/25,7/A/18\*; 1806:1/H/7,24,7/A/19\*-20\*; 1807:1/I/16,19,42,7/A/21\*-22\*; 1808:1/I/53; 1810:1/J/13,7/A/23-24**

Letters from John Cooper

**1835:7/B/1-4**

**GEORGE WATSON TAYLOR** (1770-1841)

Son of George Watson of Jamaica; m.1810 Anna Susannah Taylor and took name Watson Taylor; MP Newport Hants 1816-18, Seaford 1818-20, East Looe 1820-26 and Devizes 1826-32.

Letters from Simon Taylor

**1810:1/J/24; 1811:1/J/31**

Letters from John Shand

**1815:8/B/1-6; 1816:8/B/7-24; 1817:8/B/25-29; 1818:8/B/30-34; 1819:8/B/35-36**

Letters to John Shand

**1815:8/A/1-6; 1816:8/A/7-8; 1818:8/A/9-12**

Letters from William Shand

**1818:8/E/2; 1819:8/E/1-13; 1824:8/E/14**

Letters to William Shand

**1816:8/D/1-8; 1817:8/D/9-13; 1818:8/D/14-17; 1819:8/D/18-24**

Letters to Simon Richard Brissett Taylor

**1812:6/C/7**