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Gent<sup>m</sup>

Yours favours I rec<sup>d</sup>  
& have talk'd with the underwriters, about your Insurance  
& for answer they decline writing to Antigua on any  
terms, & the premium to Nevis, St Kitts, Stacia or any  
of the Virgin Island directly from Portsmouth is 20  
£<sup>6</sup> but then you must give the master positive  
Orders to fall to Leeward of the Port he designs for  
which is the constant practice of the Vessels that  
go from this port & to that may be attributed ~~is~~  
that so many Vessels <sup>from this port</sup> escape the Enemy, as you must  
be sensible that by running down the Latitude  
of Antigua they go right in the way of the French  
Privateers, on the above terms you may have what  
sum you please Insured, As to the time of Credit  
wee always receive Premiums & pay Losses once a  
Quarter

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Quarters & the presents will be up in about 3 Weeks  
from this time w<sup>ch</sup> will be soon enough for the  
Dep'ts you are now sending, and if at any other  
time you want Insurance the office will give  
3 or 4 months credit provided in that case you'll  
carry as long (if a loss should turn up) for your  
money after proof of the loss —

You need make no apology for writing  
me on this affair as I shall cheerfully embrace every  
opportunity to render you any service in this place  
& remain —

Yours most Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. Williams

Excuse in correctness  
as I'm afraid of missing  
the post & so not time to copy

Mess<sup>r</sup> J. J. J. J.

W. Williams