

This conversation with Mr. St. having taken place ~~at~~
almost at the moment of his embarkation there was no
time for showing him ~~any~~ several papers which might have
convinced him of his suspicion being in all probability
unfounded; but I shall now submit them to Mr. St. &
Mr. G. They are these:

1st That Lavalleya has not yet been captured, but that he has
contracted with me to domesticate all the wild cattle
at a certain price per head, he paying all expenses
of catching the same and transporting to the
Island ~~the~~ necessary gaulches and horses - And that
I am responsible to him for the expenses and damages
if he or the persons he sends should be prevented from
working catching the cattle. ~~At this point which~~
~~makes~~ ~~most~~ ~~interesting~~ being it is rather which
he could not know and on which I grounded on the
security of the admiral's letters, ~~which~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~
~~reason~~ "to continue the speculation until the
pleasure of the British Govt was known"

That ^{in 1829} long before ~~that~~ the British Govt took possession
of the Island, Genl. Lavalleya was in treaty with me
to do this very same business, that in 1832 we
again treated on the subject ~~that~~ that this year,
after my having in vain solicited assistance in every
direction for prosecuting my business, I at length
came to ~~an~~ agreement with Lavalleya, ~~in~~ in which
I ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~man~~ I had to make considerable sacrifices.

It is ~~impossible~~ for me to ~~be~~ know the intentions of others, but it
appears to me the most improbable thing in the world - he ~~is~~
~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~say~~ ~~he~~ ~~will~~ ~~not~~ ~~do~~ ~~some~~ ~~other~~ ~~business~~ ~~to~~ ~~act~~ ~~for~~ ~~him~~, but many of his
views ~~on~~ the business in object, go down himself, the gaulches are to take views

D. D. G. June 1836
to G. Vidal