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Samuel Wilcox to John Kean, August 13, 1788

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Dear Sir,

I have made inquiry relative to cotton—

I find before the war it was commonly purchased in the West Indies for about $3 from 7/4 to 8/9 per pound. At that time sold here by the bushel for from 21 to 21 1/4 pounds at 6/ the Dollar—

Surinam cotton has lately been sold by the quantity for half a Dollar 46 pounds. I am told it is now purchased in the West Indies for from 1/2 to 2/ at the rate of 6/9 Dollar—

By what I can learn there is not likely to be a manufactory of cotton set up in this state immediately. But that it will be the case some time hence there is not a doubt. I think as the importation of cotton is so generally prohibited it will be well for you to go upon the culture of it.

I am Dear Sir with the greatest Respect

Wm. Wm. Rush

Hartford
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