

*Extract of a letter from Cape Francois, dated 13th  
Floreal, (May 7.)*

“ I wish to give you, my dear friend, some account of the situation of St. Domingo at this moment. The treaty of Amity and commerce between the United States and this colony, has been signed and published in such a manner that we expect your ships will arrive here in a month from this day. There are indeed, goods which arrive daily by way of St. Thomas, but not sufficient to satisfy the great demand which has existed since the devastation of this rich and luxuriant part of St. Domingo: cultivation goes on favourably and with much spirit, thanks to our good general Toussaint Louverture. The police is conducted with great strictness both in the city and country. The productions of this country actually are in great demand; and merchandizes of every kind are very scarce, and consequently very dear: Flour sells at 24 dollars the barrel, wine 100 dollars the barrel, oil, 36 to 40 dollars, twelve bottles to the case; soap sells at half a dollar a pound: groceries in general are very high. I presume, that by the treaty of amity and commerce, which is about to be concluded, that the Americans will be able to come hither with much confidence, and respect from the English cruisers. All our privateers have been ordered to return, and to respect the flags of our allies or neutrals, and it has taken place since the proclamation, which has been issued by the citizen Romaine.”