

Ans. Raffles  
19 Aug. 1809

Princ. of Wales, Manu  
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My dear Sir,

The object of this is to request your  
kindly interference at the India House  
in favor of a lad of the name of Maersty,  
his father is a very respectable and sensible  
man, employed on the Survey of our  
Island and is receipt of very good  
Allowances - He has not interest to  
obtain a badge for him, and is only  
anxious to obtain permission for him  
to come out to this country with permission  
to reside and to assist him in the  
line of his profession - his application  
for this purpose has the favorable  
recommendation -

recommendation of our Government, tho' I  
am but doubtful how far the Court of  
Directors may approve of their  
interfering in so delicate a subject as  
patronage - Imagine a very little interest  
will affect it if you will do me the  
favor to assist him - our Island  
is principally peopled with folks who  
have come out god knows how & it  
would be very hard that those who are  
really good Subjects and are ready  
to enter into any Conditions should  
be prevented - I hope you will excuse

The duty I am taking with you, & believe  
me, with best regards to Mrs Taylor -  
Yours truly

W. R. P.