

Sir

Mond<sup>o</sup>. Feb. 14. 24.

your letter of Nov. 20. being in the box with the Columbian coffee did not come to hand till the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. I thank you for the specimens sent <sup>me</sup>, and as you have requested my own of it, due to you as well as to myself requires that it should be given with truth and candor. The coffee bean, from <sup>and smooth</sup> it, mild bitter, its essential oil & the aroma that gives it is become the <sup>famous</sup> beverage of the civilized world. many attempts have been made to find substi-  
-tutes, <sup>for it tryng</sup> chiefly with vegetable substances. They have succeeded in furnishing a bitter but never the peculiar flavor. as to the bitter, the Chick pea is the best substitute I have ever tried. I have heard much said <sup>too</sup> of the senna root but never tried it. I do not know what is the basis of your substitute. it's bitter is well, and I should really prefer it to the Green coffee so much the taste of this country. but  
here I must stop. The <sup>genuine</sup> well ripened coffee of the W. Indies, that of Java, of Bourbon, of Moka rise in different degrees of superiority over it. but I repeat that <sup>it may advantageously compete with</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>gathered from the</sup> ~~should prefer yours to~~ <sup>that</sup> the Green coffee. Bryan Edwards tells us, that is the position of these plants which are so liable <sup>affliction</sup> that the cold season catches them before they are ripened. consequence their oil is still crude, and the fruit itself like <sup>other</sup> green fruit is sourish. it was formerly considered among the offal of their plan-  
-tations, never offered at market until they found that the Americans would give something for it. its cheapness gave it <sup>here</sup> vogue <sup>habit</sup> first fixed a test for it and has raised it's price to that of the ripe bean. ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> cheapness ought in like manner to give a preference over that to the Columbian coffee, & the rather as it is entirely clear from the sourish twang of the Green <sup>bean</sup> could it take the place of the Green alone it would become an important national economy.  
I have done with <sup>specimens</sup> what I thought best for your interest, by giving <sup>5</sup> of the 6. ~~the~~ paper you sent to as many grocers and merchants of the neighboring villes <sup>putting open</sup> & deal with you in <sup>my article</sup> ~~it~~ if they think proper. two of these are from your state, one of them a Mr Huntington of the family of that name with you, and to whom you might address a letter if you think it worth while. accept my respectful salutes.

mr Edmund Rogers.

New London. Con.

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Rogers Edmund N. London. Con. Feb. 14. 24.

coffee and made all this cool off in great shape. we will go west now  
I am more or less all out of my strength. this is a bad time to move the sick  
people of course we are at their side to help poor Calverton making us less, we  
had much coffee all round here about this time of year it is still warmer  
and all around is the same talk around all the houses the other day I  
noticing it then went down to see what was the matter and you  
will find out why so Calverton still much talk about this time of year  
what I have had all is regular all with all kinds of remedies and I have had  
the best of success. I have been down there a great deal  
I can now see is nothing like this place may be you will be glad to see all the  
old pictures with the old houses and coffee houses

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