

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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**1734, November 26 (new style): John  
George Krauss to William Hall (b.1696)**



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Letter from Droupe  
a German  
1734

to W. Hill great grand father  
of T. H. Hall

Frankford on the Oder  
the 26 Nov: new Style  
1734.

Sir

A Merchant and Friend of mine  
named Schöter returning to Hambrough  
gives me Occasion of paying my respects  
to You, as Duty requires, with a Letter  
For Distance of place cannot abolish the  
Sense of Gratitude, I have, for the many  
favours receiv'd at Your House, nor may I  
omit my wishes for a lasting Content  
and Happiness of You and Your dear Family  
At present I have taken again to the Law  
and live at the University of Frankford.

To  
Mr William Hall,  
Esq  
at the Black River Parish  
in  
Jamaica.

My Negroe is sold to the King of Prussia  
who keeps at Potsdam (his usual Country seat  
four German Miles distant from the Capital City  
of Berlin) more then twenty Negroes among  
his Body Guards of tall Grenadiers, who do  
march near the Drum and play upon Pipes, when  
the Soldiers do draw up to exercise or do  
their Duty. Your quondam desire of having  
a Musician coming over to You; I have thought  
of; yet cannot find a Subject both fit and  
willing to accept of. Many are frightned  
with the tediousness of the Journey, or are  
otherwise distrustfull. If You are still of the  
same Mind, Sir, then I will beg of You, to  
despatch a new Order on Your Factors in  
England, to acquaint me with their being ready  
to bear the Charges of travelling thither. I  
should have writ myself to them, and it might  
have been perhaps usefull in other matters, but  
must accuse here my own Negligence for not  
having recorded their Names. My Intention

May let me know, what Harpsichord Masters there be at  
present in the Parishes of S. Elizabeth & Westmoreland, in  
case, you please to honour me with a few Lines

is to trouble You, Sir, shortly with a fresh  
Account of my Station & way of Living. For  
this time I must beg the favour of tendering  
my respects to Mr. Gale my second Benefactor  
as likewise to Mr. Kelly and their families.  
Wherewith I conclude assuring You of my  
Respect to shew me self

Sir.

Your humble servant  
John George Knapp

Writing in this Country Sir, you will do best  
to note your address on the outside of the letter in French  
perhaps thus:

A Monsieur  
Monsieur Jean George Knapp  
Caddu des Droits

Frankfort sur l'Oder

par Mess. Hofmann.  
Expeller going de la  
Mazise de Prusse.