

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1748, May 18: William Hall  
(b.1696) to Thomas Hall (b.1725)



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Dear Thom

Shamick Town Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1745

James of the brass job did not arrive here till Saturday  
 He pretending himself on the road, and just now out James of the brass  
 Boy? upon Examining the acct. sendd one of Mess<sup>r</sup> Hamilton of  
 Delawney Town of money due to the Negroes I find they do not agree  
 with the acct. for money <sup>paid 25<sup>th</sup> ad 1747</sup> I find two acct. in one of £10.6.10  
 & £11.16.10 with a acct. underneath for only £14.5/ which for me being  
 I'd him 12 Pistols that no more money, but I apprehend I had him the  
 remainder after & he went to give me a acct for the whole, but I can't  
 find any such, and I find two other acct. in one sheet ~~of the~~  
 of Negroes in Letters from March 1746 to July 1747 and in the whole to  
 31.10/ and I find a separate acct. of July 19<sup>th</sup> 1747 for 27 Pistols which  
 does not answer that sum, by which I apprehend some mistake  
 which if you can recollect, if not I shall send to Mr Hamilton for an  
 acct of what money I paid him last year, & let me know as soon as  
 possible, that I may be able to settle that acct. with the acct. sent  
 I must yet learn whether you are in the list for James acct. will  
 Eng<sup>l</sup> and the Negroes to happen as it don't suit you to come  
 up, I doubt not but will get you. I need I don't hear of any of the  
 small Box about either of the Towns, that if affairs at home  
 will admitt want rather you could come up, were I sure if you  
 come at all as it will spare you the trouble of coming again  
 & I presume you may be able to deliver the Sugar to Boston  
 before Octob<sup>r</sup> as the Count don't sell this kind of Sugar, as to  
 Petre salt, I hope to be down almost in time for that night  
 as the ship ~~did~~ <sup>did</sup> not sail from Barbadoes <sup>last</sup> yesterday, and I apprehend  
 she is to stay some time at Savanahabias, Sugars now are at an  
 extravagant price here, I saw yesterday on Monday last only some  
 Sugars at 35/ the best as well as I can compare at this time, not so  
 good as any of our Nation comes before the House, Stevenson & Vaughan  
 are sending a large Ship down, & Mr Vaughan wants Sugar much he says  
 to one letter in sight at purchase, and Lovell their hire would be  
 glad to buy the Sugars, on the <sup>to ship on her</sup> samples here which may be easily sent  
 so that unless Petre will give a good price, I shall otherwise

20th May

Wm. Smith

1745  
May 18

Discourse of them and say him in fact, I should be glad to know  
as soon as possible if you can get me any Mahogany Plant  
as I wrote you last, I am not sorry you should let us know how  
more than 40 lbs. as I think you had them a great deal under price as sugar  
will run. I would wish to be had left if I could be done without (some) prices  
I would have you by no means do so; I have recd no letter from  
Mr Douglas since I came up, they were last arrived when the fleet sailed  
which arrived here on Monday last (consisting out of 3 or 4 sail of  
ships under command of a sixty gun ship and a snow, three of them  
had sailed at <sup>the</sup> arriving about 2 weeks ago, they bring out, that the  
last night arrived at Antigua after them, & brought news that there  
had happened a great fire in the City of London consumed above  
100 houses, burnt down all George Lane & Change Alley and  
half the Jamaica Coffee House, I send a paper enclosed which is  
the only one I could get find worth reading, another is sent in the  
Town of what they are I want examined, with the things you wrote  
as above some less for my dear girls, I shall write you again of  
the same & get a discharge, and the Blatts you desire, Mr Field tells me  
Mr Barnett has entered a caveat against a patent for the ~~the~~  
of Land, I have not yet had time to enquire further into the affair  
but shall immediately do so if you get it removed, some of your friends  
has betrayed you to him I wish it may not be Mr S. P. whom  
you desire to employ, if latter, I don't know who could do it  
else they seem very great, and I presume confident in that as well  
as another affair, the Breve Bill is not yett come over so that  
unless it does before the time expire there will be a dissolution of  
Parliament, and pray you will make what Interest you can among  
our friends, but as private as you can, I would have you intimate  
it in public that there will be no dissolution, & that the Bill is  
come over, as they are kept in the day here) and may make them the  
more sure, I believe I shall stay here one week in Court  
at least, & say I doubt whether our House will be up before they  
as I would gladly see the issue of the election of Collin Campbells for  
Blair since if returned found, I have sent Mr Attorney General in the  
Case, & am drawing up a state thereof which I hope will be

finished to day to lay before him for his opinion thereon, if  
encouraged by him I shall then see Mr Burt

Barlow is a minute of what is done in the House & now  
before it, as high as I can recollect which please to communicate  
I wonder the Gent went not as they proposed send me letters  
petition to the House, or a letter to move for a Bill to  
appropriate Land for the fort at Martha Boca, which now  
is too late as the House is come to a resolution to receive nothing  
new

I have wrote to Mr Marnock hereby to send up payment to Mr  
Ginck for his money for which I was security before Court, which  
if you should see in Bay you'll best him to

Having wrote to you yesterday & called to the house in  
a hurry could not finish, which set so late & being tired I had  
closed it till this morning, & now nothing new only some  
persons, <sup>all Kingston</sup> order'd into Custody for rebellion & harboring some persons  
of the assembly about the negro Bill about  
I would not have you take notice of my suspicion of the person  
I mention about your land as I know very well, till I can  
have some better reason

If you do come up say I'll let me know in time, & I will  
stay away extraordinary, I shall write you again by Mr Johnson  
very short I suppose will come away in a day or two, I hope  
I shall have leisure to write you more correctly far from home  
now, I had I know what I say therefore conclude  
with my best wishes & tender regard

Dr Thom your most affec<sup>t</sup>ed Father  
W. Hall

I shall buy some provision  
& send by Saughan Stevenson  
ship when she goes, if any  
thing wanting let me know that  
I may get it send by her

Thursday even