

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1748, July 3: William Hall (b.1696) to Thomas Hall (b.1725)



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Mr. Thomas Hall  
all  
V. L. Jones

1946  
July 6

Dear Thom The Town 3 July 1746

I was oblig'd a few days ago by Mr. Beadly who promised to dispatch the letter to you, since which nothing new has occurred; yesterday I rec'd yours by draw and give me pleasure to hear you are well.

All the last week we could not make a home, and as I am willing to see what change or new productions this turn of affairs may bring forth in the house, I have resolv'd to stay till Wednesday or Thursday, and then determine if will to set out for Westmoreland

I had some thoughts of buying some Negroes, till this change which we observ'd to you in my last must in a little time lower the price of Negroes considerably, which the merchants all here still hold up, tho they will give no price for our goods. The report I wrote you last of the ~~charge~~ of suspicion inducing the King of France into the war I had now is without foundation. However it came about was very sudden the french had a very great army in the field had design'd march'd towards home Lager. it in a day or two the Austrians had but 20.000 men in the field, and whether it was out of resentment to them or to save Holland or a little is conjecture, but is said will be no advantage to us Spain nor the Emperor is not mentioned in the negotiation which is for no limited time. The articles of treaty of



understand is still kept a secret which does not look well  
as Providence is now reasonable. Hence I ought to turn  
Tunis off my leaf, & half a day's barrels of very fine for  
our own eating, for as the French are now starving  
they will take this opportunity of supplying themselves  
sufficiently in case a peace should not succeed, so that it is  
believed beef will be extravagantly dear & scarce, that I am  
glad I bought so much before, I believe I shall see Capt  
Collingwood again. Adieu Adieu; but there is no great fear  
of the guns falling much there is so little left, and I  
believe he will have no opportunity of getting much at St  
James, at least here at 3/4

The Fleet that had sailed but two days ago, that is to say  
part of them as could get in again. Here, a great many of  
them too said is gone to seaward among which I hear is  
the Duke of Cumberland's three ships that loaded at Matanzas  
Bay  
as I don't think of staying above 3 or 4 days in Westmore  
I shall expect the pleasure of seeing you all soon at St James  
particular my dear little girls whom I long to see much  
conclude with best wishes  
I am your most affectionate Father

this comes by a fellow  
of our Boons

I don't get any more news papers, but will try to get  
some to send you