

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1750, April 1: William Hall (b.1696) to Thomas Hall (b.1725)



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Dear Thomas

The Reaver is a servant whose time I purchased here of Mr Woolley he is a wheelwright, he is some of the neatest workmen, but I had him cheap I gave £30 for the man & set of tools, this tool is worth here at least £20, & such a bargain as I could not get, I wish he may be kept to work with Duff about which I am not sure if no such way in hand he may do any other jobs but doubt him be idle, The tools are all laid up in a bundle never opened since they came to Jamaica, I desire you order them to be laid up & not opened till I come over

Call Thomas's weight, I have barrel nails by one I kept here some coal & iron, & my little chair from here & some other things which I don't recollect the particulars but believe the Reaver can, there is 7 more boxes kept up in a little square box which may open as I believe Duff may want they are all I could get here, a box of pipes some angles (Chisels &c)

I had James G. matter who came here a Thursday night, I gave him leave to set till Saturday morning then take 4 hands from Anne & go to Luanae for what I told him to show off but your matter takes prevail on her that to let them go up till tomorrow for fear of losing them Sunday, which will detain ours at least two days, I wonder you did not observe my disposition in sending over of matter the sooner they are not fit to work which would have saved us of their keeping there useless and might have had the life of of good ones in the room, matter telling there ^{is a house} ~~is a house~~ there was fit to work, I think you are right in determining to call them comes first that will make good sugar & leave

those fit for nothing but sun and Melage till last
provided they are such as are to come in again next
year, otherwise I think those that have a prospect of
standing well on the Stage some years (as I apprehend that
bottom may) of cut large stages (areas) should be cut in time
tho' to a loss one year

I expect Mr Crawford here tomorrow to finish one title
to him for the name and then I have only further papers
and to settle with Cunningham which have appeared to refer
that keeps, & if I can't get them finished this week I am
determined to come over directly, if well, but have been
for some days past afflicted with a pain in my bowels
which now has come to violent burging.

~~My~~ but wish to conclude me

Dr Thomas of Great St. Peter

Highgate
1st April 1750

W. Hall

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