

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1750, July 29: William Hall
(b.1696) to Thomas Hall (b.1725)



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Dear Thom

I am sorry I could not have the pleasure of a line from you when you left westmoreland, having this opportunity by a vessel of Mr Bradley's which I expect may meet you before you leave town acquaint you all here is much as you left your family at D. was well at Saturday last, The season ever since you went from hence that we grow very dry with the great breeze, which however is very serviceable to us in cutting and hauling out Mohogany, I had cut very a little above 81 ft feet (cut several stumps on the hill some might find it, and most of it held out to Cummins Road, about 20 to the side, we should have done more last week, but our Messrs were on the high^{way} as they must be the next, after I expect to get five thousand a week

Mr Graft is disappointed in loading his ship at Martha's Vine, hoping to buy my plant to give either Cash or bills for it but as I have promised it to Mr Gordon (and not treat with him, he said he would write to Mr Gordon to know if they could be off, & let him buy it, I believe he is under a great difficulty in regard to freighting the ship which is chartered, & will be shipped 1st Sept next, and every one almost has disappointed him, & all the plant here has been sold by Mr D. I hope to be able to get for Mr Gordon by 1st of Sept about 50 or 60 feet & hope to cut not less than 2000 stumps after that crop that I pray you would know of Messrs Gilders and Gordon whether they will engage to take it all, if they do I will not dispose of any otherwise, & to know what time they be ready for it & what if

I could wish Mr Mitchell would be satisfied with a payment that way, as I am sure it will be much more to my advantage to sell at here the stormy months are now coming on and the price will be great in going to market as well as lying at

Thomas Hall Esq

from Deyell

1791
July 24.
Thos Hall
from his father
William Hall

Exington, I should be glad you would know his thoughts
thereon, as well as Capt Richards & Gordon in regard to paying
him. The Ball of his Cart all was six hundred odd pounds
since which I sold about 100 odd and him by Surin & about 300
but when I would see he would discount with him for me so that
I don't Surin owe him about 200 odd pounds,

Capt Rogers is now in here by whom I purpose to send
him some Mahogany, if he will stay till I get it down. I
hope to have upward of 10 tons sent to the River this week & if
any rains may have an opportunity of a flood to carry it down
if not I can in three or four days with three wains carry it
down by Land

I don't not but you will be sufficiently tired by my
Circ^s to any of which I assure I am far from desiring you
would ~~be~~ into any promises or engagements ~~now~~, this you
may assure them which I shall be ready to comply with to
give up all I have ^(whatsoever at Westmoreland & present)
to the payment of my Debt, this if you could propose any
scheme of to their satisfaction I will readily submit to & return
to Westmoreland, where I am sure we can make more than will
maintain us and apply somewhat towards our debts, I shall say
no more to you on this ^{had} but this that you can think of any
method with them that is agreeable you may be sure of my
Concurrence therein.

Esmond being a special day, & several may be
qualified may be attend to do it as I purpose to take
my leave of them often, & perhaps of all publick business
return to Westmoreland about a week hence & stay there till
the meeting of the assembly when I purpose to accompany

your Mother to Town where I shall of necessity have
some affairs to settle, and hope to do it there in such
a manner as to be able to return altogether & live in quiet
and ease the small remainder of my life

I write this in a hurry but had been thinking that you must
excuse the blunders, nor can recollect any thing else of
Consequence, but to earnestly to advise to take care of your
health, not so much for my own sake (tho' of the utmost
Consequence to me in this life) but for that of your dear
family. which consideration I hope will have that weight
with you it deserves. I should thank you by most affectionate
wishes conclude me

Yours &c
Monday 29 July 1751.

of most affectionate Father

Will Hall

Mr. [redacted] from Exeter yesterday lined and carried frankly & here
[redacted] gave a sermon