Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1755, October 30: John Pownall to Hon. William Murrary and Sir Richard Lloyd

Whitehall Oct.r 30. 1755

Gentlemen

  I am directed by the Lords Commiss.rs for
Trade and Plantations to send You the inclosed four Acts
lately passed in the Island of Jamaica, together with an Address
of the Council & Assembly to his Ma.ty thereupon and as they
appear to their Lordships to be of great Importance and may
greatly affect the Wellfare, & Interest of that Island & the Rights
& Propertys of his Majestys Subjects residing there their Lord-
ships desire the Favour of Your Opinion upon them in Point of Law
as soon as conveniently may be.

  By the first of these Acts entitled An Act for
removing the sev.l Laws Records, Books, Papers, & Writings &c.
several Laws heretofore passed in that Island & confirmed by the Crown,
are altered or repealed, their Lordships therefore desire Your Opinion,
whether the Legislature of Jamaica have a Power by their Con-
stitution to pass such a Law, to take immediate Effect, without
the Crown's Consent, & without inserting in it a Clause, suspend-
ing it's Execution, until the Pleasure of the Crown, could be
known, and to the End that you may be the better enabled to form
an Opinion upon this Question, I am directed by their Lord-
ships to send You Extracts of all such Parts of his Majestys
Commissions & Instructions to his Gov.r of Jamaica, as relate
to the passing of Laws I am

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       Gentlemen

    Your most obed.t & humble Serv.t

     John Pownall
      Secretary

To the Hon.ble William Murray.
&
S.r Rich.d Lloyd his Maj.tys Attorney &
Soll.tr Gen.l