

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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



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Whitehall Oct. 30. 1755

Gentlemen

I am directed by their 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 & Property of his Majesty's Subjects residing there their Lordships 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. 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Books, Papers, & Writings &c. several Laws heretofore passed in that Island & confirmed by the Crown, are altered or repealed, their Lordships therefore desire Your Opinion, whether the Legislature of Jamaica have a Power by their Constitution, to pass such a Law, to take immediate Effect without the Crown's Consent, & without inserting in it, a Clause, suspending its 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 Lordships to send you Extracts of all such Parts of his Majesty's Commissions & Instructions to his Gov.^r of Jamaica, as relate to the passing of Laws I am

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Teeth.

Gentlemen

Your most obed.^t & humble Serv^t
John Pownall
Secretary

Hon^{ble} William Murray
&
J^r Rich^d Lloyd his Ma.^{ty} Attorney
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