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1759, March 29: Mary Barclay to Thomas Hall [son]

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Mr Hall
Arrivd
29 March
1759

Philadelphia 9 mo 4 1758

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Thomas Hall Esq.
at Mr Jamaica Coffee House
at the Stocks Market
London

Mar 1759

Dear Son

The Longe wished for Packett is at last Arrived, which Brings me your welcome letters and the Post just going I have hardly time to acknowledge the receipt of them the fears & anxieties I have been in for all your Safetys cant be express'd but thanks to our Great & good God that has Preserved you all through the Dreadfull Seas caused you and all your Dear family safe Arrival to England where I hope & wish you to enjoy all the Pleasure and satisfaction you Desire I thank you my Dear Son for being so particular in the account of your Voyage all your occurrances w.ch gives me great Pleasure and more Especially when you tell me that you were all well and that you are reconciled to the Climent I hope the Gout wont be very troublesome to you. I am glad you have placed my Dear Gull & Boys att School and Dont not but they will be pleased with their Situation and Endeavour to fetch up there lost time the Greatest pleasure I can have first will be to hear from you and your Dear family often and hope my Dear Son you will study to make my Daughter shining in the Station she is in, and Dont let your Prudence in Conducting your affairs with Generosity become my fear you may shun the fate of many of our Countrymen — the last year has been very Dry Especially at Mr James and there has been great Scarcity of Provisions at Trenton particularly so and you have lost some very Valuable Slaves on both Estates Mr Thinlater has with his Brother purchased a Rugge work at Mr James and as I hear Spends most of his time at it I seldome or ever hear from any of your Estates but since Mr Heath two Days agee who told me they Believed you would make two hundred Hogsheads at Trenton, all our friends here are well & desire kindly to be remembered to you particularly Mr. Williams & Mrs Mechin who are

Husband is run away for Debt it is Said gone to England
to His uncle you Mention Mrs Caulfields Disposeing of
Her Lands in this Parish and am very glad the Sale is
not good for the Man that went over to Purchase it was
Determined to take an advantage of Her not knowing the Va-
lue of the whole Sold, as Soon as I can See Wallace the Surveyor
will Endeavour to get Platts & Devitions of the Land
as was among the three Sisters Mrs Mahagen Died first
and left no Children So that two Shairs of the hole must
belonge to Mrs Caulfield — I think it was fifty acres
in the Savana that belonged to the three Sisters, there was taken
Some land about Bargaining Gilate where Flan
formerly had a Pen, and as here Mahagen Sold
belive the other Sisters Did not Sell theirs the Ma
Bought the Bay gives out that He has Bought
Wright in Westmore land I think it great Pi
be Cheated out of all Her wright for Such a Trifl
I wish you would purchase the Savan land as
it Joyns on Molly's Hall now it is Cleaned &
fenced in it Looks very well and had I not agreed to let Mrs
Nuttall have it, could have Hired it out at a great
rent it Looks quite lightsome many People
asks to rent it we have now got the Courts of As-
Sises or Oyer & Terminer they have bin Sitting there
two Days and has brought a great Concourse of
People to Savemalunker and Such a hurry and
Confusion about me, that I Shant be able to write
to my Daughter and Beg she will excuse me
till the next opperturnity and except of my love
Blessing and all that is Dear to Her your Self & my Dear
G. Children not forgetting Mrs Humphrys —

Mr Barclay likewise very particularly presents Her
love & best respects to you both Mrs Humphrys
& the Children I am my Dear Son most affe
affectionate Mother
Mary Barclay

Jamaica 29 march 1759

I have had my health very
well Since you went away and Mr Barclay
no Gout — the Committee has bin Sere here
fore Nights past it apears a little to the Esterward
of the Sun rising and apears a Bout three feet
Longe — If you buy the Savana Land take
Title in your own name — adue my De
heavens bless you all