

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1759, August 23: Mary Barclay to Thomas Hall [son]



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Lancaster 23 August 1759

Dear Son

I received your welcome letter Dated 21 May 1759 -
 Brought me the agreeable news of yours and your Dear
 Childrens healths and I have not the least good news
 of my Daughter that she shall continue indisposed with the
 best recovery and every thing else that would contribute
 to her Recovery. I received ^{many} letters from you & several from
 my Daughter all with assurance that the affection you bear
 me and make you absent the better soon. I wrote you
 & my Daughter several others by different Ships with the hope
 they ^{get} safe the last first being with a Thunder storm - Con-
 sidering what number of fresh Provisions being every where
 nor no sea taken by our Admiralls & Commodores to accept
 any of them, all they mind is to look for Prizes for their
 selves to get Money - you mention your returning some
 time the next year not withstanding it would give me
 great joy to see you, and I believe an advantage to you
 in best. I would not wish you to cross the sea nor to
 go a life these trouble some times, beside I fear it will
 give my Daughter too much uneasyness - I am great-
 ly pleas'd with the good accounts I hear of my Dear Molly -
 I hope she will endeavour to improve her self & make her
 Parents Happy. I have had a great pain of Pleath ever
 since you went away, & Mr. Barclay more Pleathy and
 quite free from the Gout, it has been very sickly about
 the Country lately & particularly so among the poor Negroes
 in St. James, I think if you could meet with a Doctor
 one that has had some Experience & been bred to the
 Hospital, you would do well to get one for your
 Whites & send out Medicines with them, for I can help
 thinking your Sick & Distempred Slaves have not
 the due care taken of them they ought to have, many
 being laid out as uncurable, to go where they might

Mr Barclay
23 Aug 1759

Thomas Hill Esq

a little cure of medicine be cured — we have had
a plentiful year of Corn & Mountains tho the weather is
now too dry for the reason of the year Particularly
with us I hope when you get a house in the Country
it will be more agreeable to my Daughter as well as con-
venient for the Children Mr Barclay desires what ever
you want the Use of James William you will
apply to Mr Carre I found an old Deed that was in
the House relating to Mrs Robert Dupperly & have
sent you the Copy by it you may find what she
has a right too by the Deed the title was divided among
three Suters Mrs Mahagen had her share & gave it away the other
two shares falls as I apprehend to Mrs Robert — I wish
you could purchase as it will be a good addition to Mr
Deeds I believe the Surveyors made a Mistake in my Survey
accs, and fear that quite I gave Mr Dupperly with
not be found to be on my Land the House is
to help pay Mr Deeds, Dunbars House & Land
the Income is sold for seven hundred pounds
if you should come over bring a Brick & tile maker
to the Land about Molley Hall makes exceeding
good Bricks & tile & I believe it might be worth while
to make them there so near the Market — we have
no news worth mentioning but all friends well & beg to
be remembered to you my love to Mrs Cumbrill till I find
Father has not broke his Heart for the old Lady and talks
a great Deal of the young Lady but as yett not made
of one — we saw all we can to put Marriage out of
I hope this will find you and all your family
well and that my Daughter is better to whom I beg to be
kindly remembered as likewise to all our Dear Children
Mr Humphreys & the Children you are Begging

You will continue to let ^{hear} me often from you
I am with all Due love Blessing & affect. my Dear
Son
Your most affectionate Mother

Mr Barclay Desires Her kind
Love & Best regards to my Daughter
your self & all the rest of the family
Mrs Mocher send Her respects &

Mrs Barclay desires me to let you know she would
give Mrs Robert 300 pounds for her right on the
Man in care you should not be inclined to purchase
it tho I think in case you want to give the woman
when you come over the House at the best
for twenty pounds a year but Question some
if she gets any thing for it

old Mr Bucknill Dyd a few Days ago
we are sorry for the Death of Mr Putridge
and thank my self very happy you had the Small
Pox before you went off