

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1759, October 28: Mary Barclay to Thomas Hall [son]



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17. 11. 1759
Thomas Hall Esqr
To the Care of Thomas &
Stephen Sullers Merchants
Pachott at London

MAH
28th Oct
1759

Dear Son
Jamaica 28 October 1759

I received yr Letter in July as likewise my Daughter & yr
3^d August wth gave me great Pleasure to hear you &
all your family were well and that you had got so per-
fectly agreeable a Situation for your family I hope
my Daughter will keep her health where she can have
Old Gardens & Orches, to Sweet her ~~and~~ Don't think you
went great for all those conveniences, I hope you had an
agreeable journey in the Country, and I'll keep your
health - am greatly pleas'd to hear you are not so fat
anymore as I left Jamaica you mentioned in your
of yr last ^{letter} yr returning the next year to this Island not
withstanding I should be extremely glad to see you
here I hope you'll not resign your life while the
war lasts - I have not heard from Joseph lately but
have some Novels from thence an Old Doctor much
Cooper Doctor & some others, ~~another~~ has bin Supt
Don't ~~know~~ now so well, but is in a very declining
State, Doctor three times Supt but now seems quite
well, & hope he will be able to go to work again
I shall say nothing of Trinities management as I
believe Mr. Kuyler, can give you a more certain ac-
count of it than my self - all things go on well at
home as I hear, & they are making a great plant the
regions there well furnish'd wth plenty - Mr. Barclay has
made some inquiry about Mrs. Purfield's Land at the Key
and says the short of it is ~~found~~ & the stone very old &
rotten that the out side worth is not more than four
hundred pounds, as to the Savana if the power is not
yet come over I beg you'd purchase it, I would give
150 or 200 pound for it rather than not have it, as
it will make a great addition to Witley Hall

Looking over my Fathers old Papers I found a Will of Mrs
Caulfield's & find by it there is one hundred acres
of Land adjoining on Barham's Estate and the river &
as I am informed is now in pairs ^{that} her mother &
Aunt Prichard did not sell, must belong to her, & if
so much ^{be worth} a great Deal of Money, I have desired Mr Pen-
land to search the office & let you know how it is
There is an old negro fellow belonging to Mrs Caulfield
one that was her G^d father's & given to her mother his
name is Spunk was her mother's waiting man when she
use to live here, he has bin very ill, died by those that
lived with him, and I believe has bin absent some time from
them he was once a very good slave, but now almost
useless! His labour, he came here & begged I would buy
him & believe he is some where about this part
Mrs Caulfield will take twenty pounds for him
knows & if he should come here again will stop &
attend her a bill for the money.
I hope all this the June fleet is arriv'd and that
your Suggers will get to a good Market. I have al-
ways write to you by all the fleets & every Packett
but believe the Letters have miscarried
we have now fair weather & plenty and the Country in
Generall health. I hope my Dear Son you
still continue to let me hear from you as often as you
can, with the greatest Pleasure I can have. Mr
Barclay begs to be kindly remembered to you I
have not to write but best wishes love & Blessing
to you & yours are as ever my Dear Son
my Compliments to Mrs Caulfield Your most affect^d Mother
Mary Barclay

[Vertical handwritten text, possibly a list or notes, written on the right side of the page. The text is difficult to decipher due to its orientation and cursive style.]