

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1760, August 31: Mary Barclay to Thomas Hall [son]



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My Dear Son

Jamaica 31 August 1760

You made me happy by your last letter dated the 5 June as it brought me the good tidings of all your health and my Dear Daughter's recovery I hope you had an agreeable passage through England, and met with a place suitable for the Torpise you mention I cant blame any Person for desiring to live in England to Jamaica and hope you will not oblige you to come over before the War is ended I wrote you by Mr Paterson & several before, hope the fleets are safe arrived we have not yett got in all the rebel Negroes <sup>no</sup> Computed to more then fifty out, men & women and they are not to be found the party continually after them we have several Company of Soldiers quartered about in the places of most Danger to prevent their robbing & getting more ammunition as it is thought what they had is almost expended, it has already Cost the Country four thousand pounds for necessaries to support the people & party on Duty and they have bin greatly harassed the Head of the Rebels now left is one Simon who has sent word that if he lives till the Dry weather comes in not one mill shall work the next Crop for he will burn all but it is hoped he will not be long before he is taken I sent you a Copy of Mr Coulter's Father's Will and shall be glad of a Title for the Island, Mr Carr promised to send what other papers was necessary we have now fine Reasonable weather, and all the Negroes every where seem to be quiet as they have had such bad Success with these plots tis hoped they wont think of it again we have but one Ship that sails from this port in this fleet and we have no acquaintance with the Cap<sup>tn</sup> is the reason I cant send you any thing tho I have two fine Books & a Monkey for you a little & some parrot feathers

London  
 To the Care of Mr Thomas Hall Esqr  
 of the Parish of St Thomas &  
 Spoken Street in Marshfield

22/10

Mr Paterson

of Paris for the Girls all which I must defer till next year  
I hope this will meet you & all your family and all your  
Charges in good health to whom I beg to be kindly remembered  
Particularly to my Dear Daughter who I beg will excuse my  
not writing to her as I have nothing worth communicating  
I am well as usual Mr Barclay presents His love & Dear  
Greetings to you all my Compliments to all Inquiring friends &  
am with Love & Blessing my Dear Son

Your most affec<sup>t</sup> Mother

The Garden seeds of sent me all  
Grew and the Cabbages would be  
very fine but the weather has been  
very unkind for them &

Mary Barclay

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

*[Vertical handwritten text, possibly a list or notes, written on the right side of the page.]*