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

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 tidyes of all your health and my Dear Hughy recovery I hope you had an agreeable tower through England, and meet with a place suitable for the Purpose you Mention — I cant blame any Person for prefering living in England to Jamaica and hope your Father will not oblige you to come over before the War is ended I wrote you by Mr Paterson & Severall before, hope the fleets are safe arrived — we have not yett got in all the Rebbel Negroes Cais Computed to no more then fifty out, men & women and they are not to be found the parties Continually after them, we have Severall Company of Soldiers quartered about in the places of most Dainger to prevent there robing & gettin more amuition as it is thought what they had is almost expended, it has already Cost the Cuntry four thousand pound for necessarys to Support the people & parties on Duty and they have bin greatly harrased the Head of the Rebels now Left is one Simbon who has Sent word that if he lives till the Dry weather comes in not one will Shall work the next Crop for he will burn all but it is hoped he will not be longe before he is taken — I Sent yu a Copy of Mrs Coulfield & Fathers Will and Shall be glad of a title for the Jamaica Lands Mr Carr promised to Send what other papers was necessary we have now fine Seasonable weather, and all the Negroes every where Seem to be quiet — as they have had Such bad Success with these plots its 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 Capt. is the reason I cant Send you any thing tho I have two fine Boars & a Munkey for Tom — a title & Some paint heels

Mr Hugh Dalrymple
Merchant
Thomas Hall Coopr
Thomas Lane
Merchant
London

& Parat for the Girls all w.ch I must refer till next year
I hope this will meet you & all your family and all your
Charge 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 veale Mr Barclay presents his love & Dutiful
Respects to you all my Complyments to all Inquiring friends &
am with Love & blessing my Dear Son

Your most affect. Mother

Mary Barclay

The Garden Seeds you sent me all
Grew and the Cabbages would Cut
very fine but the weather has been
very unkind for them &