

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1761, October 30: Mary Hall [wife] to Thomas Hall



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Oct 30. 1761

To, Thomas Skidley Esq

at Mr. Skidley's Lodginghouse  
in the High Street

Portsmouth

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I had the pleasure of my Dr Gowins Letter to  
 hear that you were well oh could I but say all here  
 was so, but indeed I cant however take all acc<sup>t</sup> as my  
 friends from the poor Creatures will admit me to  
 give you, Sally is allow'd from room to room poor  
 Tom is on the turn but so fretfull no one can  
 make him take any thing or keep in bed but  
 myself poor Dr D is extreme ill & after 2 days  
 appearance by Phillis or my keeping her in bed  
 all this day is out as thick & dummy as ever the  
 small pox came out on any one & cant keep  
 up poor little thing so last night that offer'd her,  
 Molly has been days complaining, as I took her  
 for my bedfellow, I cant say I've had a nights  
 sleep since you went what with my fears for  
 you & her restlessness, & today is out thick on her  
 oh Tom my did you not see or was you blind  
 & could have expected otherways when you  
 left me my case is hard yet I must not complain  
 I've been ill ever since Sunday, the only comfort  
 is I am not with those fears I had 6 weeks ago  
 & nought to comfort me but sorry room with  
 a sick child except you w<sup>ch</sup> lies forsaken for my  
 Lodging is here & there however let it pass whatever  
 I meet w<sup>th</sup> shall for the future Lye in my breast & so  
 submit to my God for his will to be done with me as  
 he sees fitting, I wont upbraid you or cast any of  
 my complaints more before you but offer up my

Sincere prayers to our Almighty God for his  
blessings & mercies attend you in all yr undertakings  
& to return you safe & in health to your D<sup>r</sup> little ones  
I am yours joins with one of poor Molly & I all  
in all due to you & ma & am

my D<sup>r</sup> Cousin  
Yrs most sincerely  
M L

I have been short  
but oh when I feel  
what am I to do but  
sent my complaints  
to the author so excuse me  
for the last time adieu

30 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1761

I've never been down stairs but once since you left us  
to let us hear if young B. is at Portsmouth it seems  
he was to be married that month & M L knew all about it  
for they were to come to town next week on that acct. her  
fortune is £1000 & it was to be laid out in jewels. They are  
afraid that he is down at L. m n instead of Portsmouth