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1762, March 31: Stephen Fuller [merchant] to Thomas Hall



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London 31. March 1762.

Dear Sir,

We received your favour of the 26th Inst from Kingston J^r: and two days afterwards received your favour of the 27th Dec^r: from the Madiras. Mrs Hall received her Letters in the same order as to time, and fretted herself much at not hearing from you from the Madiras. Tho' it was plain enough to us that your Letter ^{from the Madiras} was detain'd by some accident or other, as we knew you was safe & well, by a Bill drawn upon us there. However it is all made up ^{now} by your Letters from Jan^y: & Madira both, and Mrs Hall is in much greater Spirits & much better health than usual, or than when you left her. You will have an acct of the family from her & Molly; but however it may be proper to assure you that they are all perfectly well. The Boys at Ston, or rather one of them, William, have been endeavouring to play a few tricks with us, but we have been too cunning for them: and they have been kept hard to work. William had a sore leg, but we found a better Surgeon at Ston, than at London and so cured him there.

We have had very particular & long accts of your Alarms & apprehensions at Jan^y: but knowing more of things here, than you could possibly at the time of the Date of your Letters know there, we seem to be tolerably easy, tho' there are some People that have insured upon their Property there. We are not sorry in the general, that you have been alarmed there, as it has naturally put you upon your Guard, upon which we are willing to keep you; but I depend upon it that the French & Spaniards both will have their hands full in defending their own Property, instead of attacking yours. We had News of our success to Mrs Hall.

2^d J^r J^r Letter
31 March 1762

W^oz
 To Thomas Hall Esq^r
 at St. James's
 Jamaica
 P. Falconer Esq^r
 J^r J^r C

at Martinico about 4 days before we received
your letter from London. otherwise it is possible
we might have been more alarmed here. We look
upon Martinico as absolutely our own, and begin
to look forward for the Havannah; hardly any body
thinking of Hispaniola; but I am for going regularly
on, and wish for a visit to Hispaniola. First

As to our European affairs, nothing
very considerable has happened since you have
been gone, except the Treaty between Prussia
& Prussia, which we are told is agreed upon,
the Preliminaries all settled, and nothing
wanted but ratification. What Benefit
we are to receive by it, Time only can discover.
I don't see any great matter in it, farther
than enabling the King of Prussia to bid Friend
& foe like his Brother-in-law. The Case is
to guarantee Silesia to Prussia, & Prussia
to guarantee Holstein to the King; so that Denmark
is to go to Pot. I believe we shall do nothing
for Denmark, at least I hope so, as we are under
no obligation, but quite the contrary; unless
you reckon (lost) Severn an obligation.

April 1st I have heard to day that the French
have offered to accept of the same Terms which
they refused last year; and it is reported also
that we have taken the rest of Martinico that
held out, and also the Grenada's & St Vincent.
Stocks have risen 3 per cent upon it to day.

Enclosed we send you an Act of Sales
of 45 whet. 10 by the Swann, 10 by the Marlborough
& 25 whet by the Sally. By the next opportunity
we shall send you Act of Sales of the 21 whet
by the Pitt Brigate & 21 whet by the Hampden,
and also your Act of Sales.

As Martinico is in all probability taken
long before this time; if it should fall in
your way to get us a Correspondent or two
there, or at Guadaloupe it might be of
great service to our house.

We have very few Sugars left on hand
& consequently they sell very well, tho' not
quick - Rum's don't rise at all.

We are in hourly expectation of
good news from your part of the world.
What is very remarkable considering the
great Powers we are at War with, we
expect none from any other part of
the world. We shall send you books and
Papers by the fleet; there is nothing that
will pay for its carriage by the Packet.

We are, Dear Sir, with our
hearty wishes for your health & welfare
& safe Return your most affectionate
Friends & most obliged

W^m Pitt

Thos. Pitt

My Daughters desire to be
particularly remembered to you;
and if you see Miss Lewis, to her.

The Ship Hungerford was taken, & retaken
by a Man of War. By which you are much
better off, than you would have been in case
she had been insured, for doing which we had
not previous notice. The Insurance wd have been
at least 30 Guineas per Cent.