

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1767, April 27: John Scott [overseer] to Thomas Hall



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Dear Sir

Jayall April 27th 1767

I wrote you in March by the Africa Watson via Bristol
In answer to yours by the Northampton Barford, and gave you acct.
of the tiles that came in the St. James Highatt, I have used near all abt.
the Barbicue Shade & the Sorting house Roof. I also acquainted you of
my Continuing untill next year. As your agreeable Friendly Letter
took so much Effect on me I did not know how to Leave Jayall, altho
the Aching about me continues, and my Eyes weak; I am still in
hopes of having the pleasure seeing you once more before I go

I observe in yours you mention you could not come on account
of your Childrens Education; I hope they have that Blessing Endowed
on them they will be as apt to learn in your absence, as your pres.
and more over one in your Circumstances that will not fail in advanc-
ing where with all to their Teachers; I believe there is many Children
who is sent to England for their Education that had better Stayd at
home, and perhaps would have made bright men, But for want of
remittances from their Parents to their Correspondence is the reason
their Teachers is Delatory in learning them, and the Correspondent is
Careless about them, and occasion, an Indifference on Both Sides
as for Instance, Mr. Clarkes Children, them as well as some others
is sent Little Fools, & returns home great ones, and all for want of
the thing call'd money; that the Parent is not Interest enough to Support
them in their Learning; But its not the Case with you, for I am
well assured you begrudge no Expence, and there is no fear But yours
will make bright men & Ladies, If you do Leave them for a while
and I think one of your Interest, that is such a vast distance from it
Should, and would be very requisite to take a trip once in two, or three
years and see it; and if what is said be true, I think it would be
very proper for you to Come over and put matters to rights, I am afraid
~~I shall~~ I shall not be able to bless so much for you as I did last year, altho
that was but a small quantity, and all for the want of good. Some come out
as yet, The Quaker & some other Vessels, is arrived at Montego Bay

do
Thomas Hall Esq^r
In Dean Street do the Square, to be left
at the Jamaica Coffee House
By the Northampton
By Barford - London
W. G. P.



Childrens
Education

W. G. P.
do
Apr 25th Tho Hall

The London merchant Magneft is not arrived But is dayly Expected. I
would be glad you would order the things that is sent out for Tryall to be
Landed at Duns hole; Particularly the cybars to prevent the grumbling
amongst those negroes, For these two years past It has been Landed. at the
Bay & sent to Irwin, and brought from thence on Mules. I cant say by
whose orders it was Carried there, and Irwin neg^r is served long before
then here, and these negroes said they pick the best and send them the worst
whether its so as they say, or not, you know negroes are a Dissatisfied
Sort of People, and to prevent any grumbling or uneasyness It can be
Easily Landed at Duns hole, I dare say you know nothing to the Contrary
but Every thing for Tryall was Landed at Duns hole; and I remember ^{me}
told me before you left this it should be so, and it was so before you
left this Estate, that all the Plantation Stores was landed at Duns hole. But it
is with that as its with many things, I wrote you last year, any thing for
this Estate may as well be Landed at Kingston as at Montego Bay, unless I
Chance to go there and Enquire, and get a Capt. to send it up in his Boat, Indeed
I never get a copy of what is come for the Estate not these two years past,
so that I am at a loss to know what is come, or what ship it came, Indeed
as to the Ship, its no matter, so I could but get the Stores in time; I hear
nothing about the Mill Can nor Gudgeon was sent for, the Satch is come.
I am afraid there is too many peices to the Bottom to last long, one entire p.
would be much better & the sides is too deep, It seems Large, tho I've not mea-
sured it yet, I will measure it & let you know, the exact q^{ty} of it.

I will write you by Morgan who purpous sailing in a few days, and
will give you a full account of my proceedings since last plant. I wrote
By the Ship, Cap. Johnson, for some shoes for M^{rs} Scott & C. and for six
Bottles Snuff, But have not recd any. M^{rs} Scott has recoverd grately
since her last illness, her joint compliments & Good wishes for yours
& Family, health & happiness —

D. Sir, y^r most obt^d Serv^t.

J^o Scott