

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1770, October 31: James Kerr [attorney] to Thomas Hall



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Torwin 11th October 1770

Thomas Hall Esq^r

Dear Sir (Copy)

On the otherside is copy of my two last letters to you since I have not heard from you. I find that all the Plank & some of the Boards charg'd in Torwin Accounts last year were used about the Dam & Gutters, which gave way as a time when plank could not be sawed to repair it I have already writ you that I have bought 23 Negroes for your Estates which are divided in the following manner viz^t

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|-----|-------|------|---|
| Men | Women | Boys | |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | on Torwin being breadwinners & soppers & none in the Estate |
| 2 | 5 | 4 | on Williamsfield Estate |
| 2 | 6 | 2 | on Worcester Estate |
| 6 | 11 | 6 | These were the choice of two Ships & I paid £55 |

& Duty for the Men £53 & duty for the Women & 40 & Duty for the boys all which do very well. On the 6th Inst. I gave Thomas Hamilton Bills of Exch^{ce} on Robert Gordon Esq^r for £500 & of the 8th Inst. I gave Erskine & Motthead Bills of Exchange on Robert Gordon for £250 & towards payment of the above negroes in your account to which you'll please desire him to give due Honour. He shall pay here these are the first Bills & I hope will be the last I shall draw on your Account pay^{ble} out of this for I shall endeavour to get 15 or 20 more Negroes for your new Estate before Christmas which I think will make them pretty strong & enable them to go on with small supplies afterwards. Mr. Stone says he will pay your son Thomas's Legacy next year - would it be agreeable to lend it to Dulix's Ferring for a couple of Years upon very good Security he is a most industrious man & wants to build a Water Work but cannot do it & make his other payments let me know your mind on this matter.

I am not at all satisfied with the present made of letting out your Wharf, since I have been over you have lost three Negroes some by accident & some by being neglected when sick & the Repairs above £100 so that it doth not appear to me you get any thing by it. I have therefore let Mr. Celand know that I will rent it for the time to come without Negroes & given him a Month to consider of it he lives mostly in the Mountains where

James Neve. 1770
Jamaica Estate acc^t
Negroes 95

John Gordon Esq^r
Amis

For Hall Esq^r
in the Car

Wm. Gordon Esq^r

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where he is setting a Sugar Work, so that the Wharf is chiefly
under the care of his Brother John & another Boy, I am afraid
this new Settlement and Mr. Muris Debt will hurt that Family
I am pays more regard to his own opinion than any others,
I have been round your Estates, The new Estates look very
well The old ones have suffered by the dry weather, If the
Seasons that have been for a fortnight past continued I hope
the farms will entirely recover, & make more than last Crop as
there are good plants in the Ground, but really if the dry
weather had continued 2 or 3 weeks longer most of the Plantations
would have been entirely dead. There are 3 bunches of Rum
from Tryall Estate marked I II shipped on board the Sally
Capt. Curtis for which he gave not bill loading the Wharfinger
has a Receipt for them dated 9th Sept last signed John Brown
I hope Capt. Curtis has delivered them to your order as he
must be sensible it was a neglect in his not landing them
at Montego Bay, I expect to send you a Box of Shaddocks
by the King George to the care of Mr. Gordon give him
directions about them I am with regard

Dear Sir

Your mo. obed. Servt.

Dear Sir

Port. 3rd October 1770

The foregoing is Copy of my last Letter
I have not heard from you, nor is there any atten-
-ation in your Letter here so that I have been
I suppose then the Season continued but rather
Moderate then water; I am glad to hear
your Wharfe without Regard to the 130th you
find an Difference from the 1st Ind. 1775, Capt.
Maxwell has got the Box of Shaddocks mentioned in
my last, and I am with regard
D. In your obed. Servt.
James Fort

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