

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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had not in 1841 of the report another. I suppose someone has picked away
 our brains here. The one very much obliged to you for taking care of them. They
 will be much obliged to you to take them to the printer. I shall be very glad
 here on his return. I shall see that he is in England about 27th of
 March. I have not been written at in any of your papers. I have not
 in almost worn out by its hands. He arrived last night & I have just received
 your letter on a separate subject. Thank you for it & I pray do the same to
 me. He for me of take care to him from Vienna, if we ever get there but I will

we do for it. I mean to remain in my way. I go to Vienna they stay about 4 or 5 days &
 then turn our faces homeward, returning by the Vienna - Zurich - Solothurn
 Rhone & by some means down the Rhone, but I know not at what place we
 shall take steam boat. I have not better words to search for that we have
 some time about the 16th of October the middle here buy much of the people are
 that to look at after the city returns in September. The cars on the Rhone are
 beautiful. But they are the I have seen no little dogs like him. I shall be put
 up on a good above the lake has some many good things. Near the place we
 are that I do not know. It is quite simple & white marble. Surely he is some day & that he

R. P. C. O.
 1641
 1841

24th Nov - Milan
 Appleton

Hall signed
 Holywell
 Boston on
 11th of Nov

your arrival
 My dear W. Hall
 I wrote to James from Lucerne & desired the would for
 ward my letter to you, fearing I should not have time to write another
 letter, which proved to be the case. I was very much shocked to hear of
 poor Emily & Shostone's death, & wish particularly I could write to softly
 bid I have not an idea where a letter would find her. Since we have
 been in Switzerland they have been constantly on my mind. I have
 frequently heard their names at the places we have been at. Particular
 ly Lucerne, where I received your letter, which this short was better than
 any I had. I hope you have seen the letter I sent to James I will present
 both our movements from that time. On Friday the 13th we ascended the
 Pythe, passed the Hospizack & by Tell Chapel on our way to Arth, from
 which place we ascended. It is much the most difficult ascent, but we
 took it on account of its being the steepest side of the Mountain, it was so steep
 I could scarcely sit on my horse, & the worst roads we have seen. After all our
 trouble we went thro' all the agony of thinking we were too late for the sea
 but however we were just in time, 5 minutes & we should have lost it all
 the courier's fault. It was a glorious sight, which I shall never forget. I shall
 say you remember her it well. I located the 11 lakes without difficulty. our
 beds on the top of the mountain were tolerable, & we sat down between 6 &
 7 to a very good supper. We had a splendid sun rise the next morning, & it
 was a laughable sight to see the people at the top of the hill in every sort of dress
 from Ision gowns to drapery gowns, a Professor's lady had her blanket round her
 I was near being a sufferer from the discussion, indeed we have both been free
 ty from the sheets being damp. I luckily soon found it out, but after we were
 set to discuss I had so many rheumatic symptoms that I was quite obliged
 was going to be laid up. Charles has been very unwell ever since. So has

Mr. Schultz. I walked down the mountain 2 hours & 1/2 good walking. we descended
to Neggio, on Lucerne Lake. & then to that place by water. We had a good view of
Lucerne Lake as we went to Arth. English Unacademy is now performed. Sunday
Sunday at Lucerne. The Lucerne very much. The lake is beautiful. I found today
amusement in making out the pictures on the budget. Had the lion carved on the
rock when you were last here? It is a fine thing. The day I went with Charles
alone to see it, we had a company of Swiss soldiers & their officer showing it to them.
Before they marched away they sang a sort of dirge. Hadn't something applicable
to the event commemorated. On Monday morning we all, carriages &c, embarked on
board the steam boat, & reached Lucerne at other end of the lake in about 3 hours.
Seeing the scenery to great advantage, but the heat was dreadful. I had to
sit in the carriage in the full sun. I could not stand it. I sat under the awning.
We slept at Hospitale, a small village, near the top of the St. Gothard, on the
S. side but not people. The ascent is very grand. particularly about the Devil's
Bridges: & we were well repaid for the long & tedious ascent in many parts
the road is a succession of zigzag terraces: & follows the course of the Rhodanus
to its rising. The ascent to the Val Isantina is much steeper than the other
sides. I counted 30 terraces in succession in one part only. & about one third of
the way down passed a quantity of snow, with the river running under it, but
evidently fast melting away. we met 230 goats in one flock. The Val Isantina
is equal in some parts to the Devil's bridge in my opinion. & the beauty of the
Spanish Chestnut delighted me as we got near to Bellinzona. This is a
 nasty dirty place in a fine situation. I was driven for the first time by
bugs & was in such a state by one o'clock in the morning with a chun 3
times its natural size & both hands swelled, that I declared my intention
of sitting up till morning. however Charles found one of the remedies I killed
him. & by means of rubbing my face & hands with whisky & salt in
mediately I appeared next morning much as usual. the flies I make up
my mind to endure, & this is the only time we have met with the other hor-
rors. From Bellinzona we crossed Monte Ceneri, with the assistance of some
Bullocks. fortunately the road is made thro' a forest of chestnuts. which of
forded us a good shade from the dreadful heat of the sun. We dined at

Luzern. & then visited the lake & proceeded to Como. I am sorry to say it was dark
some time before we got there. So I did not see the lake from the high ground
Charles was so poorly that we did nothing the next day but went from the
Lake in the evening to look at the Villa Pastorale & afterwards went to the
Opera & were much amused. The following morning we took a boat to go to
Bellagio about 18 miles up the lake, where we dined & returned in the eve.
As we went we stopped at a beautiful Villa. The Villa Sommariva, the gar-
dens & flowers are like fairy land. & the interior of the fine statues by Canova
& the fringe of Thorwaldsen executed for Napoleon, & intended for his triumphal
Arch at Milan. This is to be sold just as it stands. for about 6000 £
English money, with pictures & furniture. We did not get back to Como till
10 o'clock. 14 hours for we started at 8. I was so tired! but I had to do
not know the meaning of the word there. we were 10 hours in the boat.
We have since been to Lago Maggiore, which I admire very much indeed.
Much more than Como. we went by Varese, where I saw a Villa belonging
to the Duke of Savoy's brother. What a fine view it is from after you leave
Varese, over that lake & Maggiore! We had a very pleasant voyage up
Lago Maggiore. the wind was high & we took so much water into the boat
that I was wet thro' indeed I think this we did not get safe over, it was very
going we landed at Isola Madre, & loaded out the boat. I was delighted with
the Isola Bella. How beautiful the views of the lake are from every point.
then the gardens so singular, & the flowers in such luxuriance. we measured
one Magnolia. which 3 ft. 6 in in circumference 3 ft from the ground. We staid
2 nights at Beorno, a comfortable Inn enough. & returning to Como on Monday
this letter I shall keep till we get to Milan. it has been principally
written at Beorno. We have had very little rain, but we can see by the
roads that showers are about. it rained & was a violent thunder storm
the night we were at Beorno. I saw Hugo Heyden's name on the boat
dated July 7. Hot as it is, I do not think I am so completely overcome by it as
I was in Switzerland. the water was so dirty. I hope you have been quiet
lately. I am very much interested with all we have seen. but I do not know
I shall be very happy to be again amongst you all. From Milan where we