

my Dear Sir

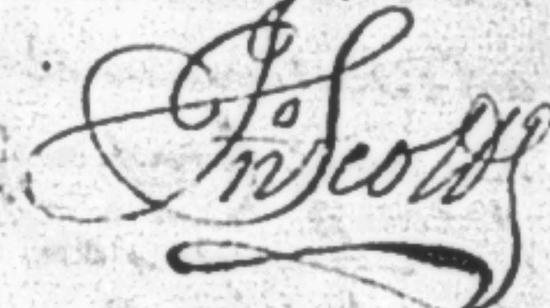
St. James May the 10th 1769.

your kind favor of the 20th Mr. Gray came to hand the
4th Inst. for which I sincerely thank you and wish it was in my power to
rebalance this Hall past Favors. I hope you'll not be losers by this Bills. Mr. —
Sharp's Bill, was always counted good; I believe the occasion of it was owing
entirely to the Death of Mr. Curtis, as, as it generally does with most men of
great Business, it occasions a stagnation for a while. I don't think Mr. Sharp would
have drawn, if he had not had effects here. — I have now before me to enclose —
the Second Bill of Mr. Bernard on account of Fairfield Est. on Mr. Vincent & his
Subjects for £100 St^r, and the Second Bill of Mr. Ruffee for £151. 8. 6 St^r. on Mr.
Reynolds & James, which you'll please to Lodge in my Esq^r. Here Son & Atkinsons
hands to whom I shall write to sail from hence, which with the Blessing
of God Almighty we take our Departure from Sucea for Philad^a. on Saturday the
14th Inst. — I left Tryall yesterday, I assure you it was with a heavy heart —
I did not think it should be so heavy when I first proposed going, but when
most of the negroes came to tell me wife & good boy, You'll scarce speak to me —
They have behaved very well & I hope they'll continue so. Toney Holt is a good lad
and I believe will turn out well & follow my advice, more especially that of
keeping company, which is the root of all evil: I dare say he would always
have hangers on, if he was to shew the least countenance to them, but I don't
think he will, as the Doct^r, who is a good Body, and one that I shall always
regard. He has said enough to him about it, as well as my wife & I have.
Poor thing she could not help shedding tears when she was taking leave of Little
Billy & the house negroes — A Sabunday last there were 122 hhds Cotts included
and 148 acres rattoon, to cutt; I think there will be 200 which I wish with
all my heart, I made out the memo. for Plant^t. Stores & have just inserted no
more articles than what is really necessary, as I don't see the occasion of it, where
fluties a, there is a plenty of what is not inserted in the memo. on the Est.
I observe what you write in the Conclusion of your Letter, oh that I could
see that day, when you land in Philad^a, my house shall be at your
service. As I trust in God, I shall live comfortable there, I intend giving up all
the house affairs entirely to my wife, who is a good economist, and a fond
woman of children, she makes the old Proverb true; The barren woman
shall keep house, and be a joyfull mother of children — I have not words
to express my thanks for your repeated Favors, and more especially for your
last, concerning Sharp's Bill, — Mr. Kerr told me, you wrote him to give me
a sack of Burnt Barrel of Sugar, which he has, and for which I return you
my unfeign'd thanks; I would not let the day pass to the last day, my —

leaving the State, it's only to the 1st of this month, I was out some times -
settling with those I had here Bonds, which has been my method to serve
my friends, I have got in near all except a Bond of mt. £. 13. which is not
due till the 2d July; tho' he has pay'd part of that off; I shall leave it
with my good friend Doct: Fowler - I shall send another of mt. John Sharp
Bill as soon as I arrive in Philad: - as I promis'd not to send soon it being
on Vincent Bisceoe for which reason he intends to resign to him, and he is
afraid, if I send it from hence it will appear before he does, as he intend
to go in the Dunicker, and as I've promis'd, I will comply with it, altho' it's
an odd request; they are drawn in the Doct: Fowler & he would not have got
them so early, only on that proviso; you'll please direct to me to the
care of Capt: William Morell on Society hill In Philad: - I am with
my sincere wishes for yours & family's health & happiness, and the great
God send you all that you wish & desire, is the hearty prayers of him
who is

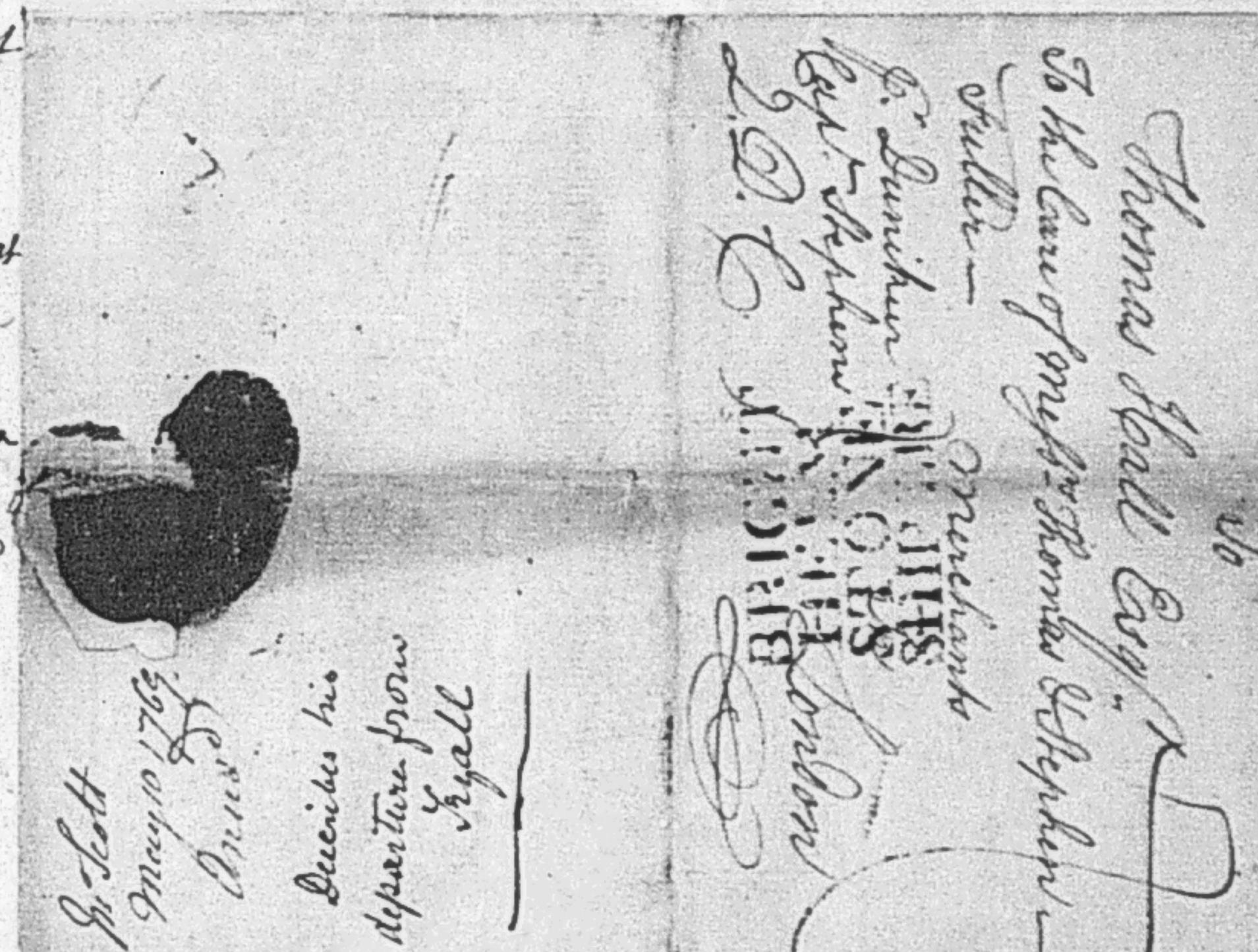
D. Sir

My sincere well-wisher F.



P.S. Mrs. Scott desires kindly to
be remembered to you & family
and wishes you & family all the
happiness this world can afford

Yrs



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**CORRESPONDENCE - John Scott
[overseer] to Thomas Hall, 1768 May 10**



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