

Dear Sir,

Tryall July the 12th 1767

According to my promise In my last by the Dundee Frigate I have
whom I sent you a small Box with three apples out of your Garden as a Curio
and some Casse nuts for the Children which I hope may get safe to your hands
I now send you lighted Shadocks & 36. oranges in a Can with partitions. The
Shadocks is all I could get; only six off from your tree. which is the largest amongst
them. the rest Mr. Sill gave us which is reckon'd the best in this neighbourhood. I
wish with all my heart they may get safe & sound to your hands: Captain
Thoburn has promised me to keep them in his Cabin. they are all paper'd
and pack'd in as carefull as I could; I am glad there is more ships arriv'd at
Montego Bay then was expected & thought of. and hope your sugars and rum
will be shipt in good time. the Charlot Calvert arriv'd last month. I was doubt-
full of him. But he stay'd some time at the Windward Islands. The Friendship
Dun arriv'd a little time before Calvert. and a ship call'd the Bee. so that we
are not at a loss for V. Sells; I have rec'd two large Butts lately; I dont know
who they came in, nor by whose orders they was shipt. they are not like the
others was here formerly: they have a hole in one head instead of the Bilge
I suppose they was intended to be set up on end instead of laying down
but I must have the hole stop't very tight. and make a Bung hole in the
Bilge as our rum house is not highth enough for them to stand on the head
I dont think it a good scheme to keep so much rum laying by after
Crop. I think its money laying dead. in the first place: and the strength will
Evaporate laying so many months. and there will be a soaking in the Butts
However. you know best; Its not every person that can afford to keep rum
so long. If the planters would not be so greedy. I should have said the Distillers
they employ to Distill at so much p. Cunction, or at so much p. C. by India
-vouring to make a great qty of rum. they hurt the Quality greatly. by draw-
ing the rum too lowe from the Stills. and while they do that they never
can make good Flavoured rum. If they had ever such a large stream of
water running in the Tanks or Tubs; they all know Jamaica rum must be
strong enough to sink oyl, and that but Indifferently from many Estates
Especially by the Distillers that undertakes to Distill as above: and if a Butt
or Buts of rum is not high enough when they are to be Drawn off to send
away. ~~they must~~ which is occasion'd by throwing up too much Lume from
the Stills at different times. which does not only occasion the rum to be
than turn over —

under proof, But it gives it a hogue, and when the Still is drained so low -
all the High wines that can be thrown in to make it proof will never take
away that bad scent; A planter ~~is~~ may hire a Distiller as he pleases; But
The Overseers ought to Inspect into it and see that the Distiller does not take
the rum so low from the Still; as the latter will not have the blame
laid to him by the Employer, and it would be more credit to the former
to have well scented rum made on the Estate -

There has not ^{been} much sugar shipped from hence since I wrote you by the
Dundas Frigate which was the 7th Inst, so that I cant as yet ascertain to
the exact Qty that there will be as I have a good deal in pot to knock out
yet. I intend to set about them the ensuing week if the weather will
permit: ~~and~~ I shall be able by the sailing of the London Merchant to give
you an exact account of Both muscavado & Hdayd -

Inclod is the plat of the piece Land I took in, and run by Mr. Scarlett
I would have sent it sooner. But as I expected the Frame & Glass with the
plat of the Estate. I thought it would be of no use to you only to see it. But
I hope this may be in time for you to get it asaid to the former -

Your People here are all thank God pretty well, the wenches thank God
is after the old rate still increasing & multiplying; I am sorry to acquaint
you that two Died. ^{late} just fallen. Such things will hapen some times, and
I am sure no care is lacking from Mr. Scott. who joins in Compliments
and good wishes for yours & Family health & hapiness. which is sincerely
from him who is -

D. Sir. yr. Sincere well wisher

Wm Scott

P.S. I return you many thanks
for the wine, Porter & Cheshire Cheese
which was Excessive good. yr. as above
J.S.

July 12. 1767
Wm Scott
Rum
M. G. P.
The Barber Cap.
London
Dover
SHIPPER
Thomas Hall Esq.
J. Dean Street Soho Square
to be left at the Jamaica Coffee House

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[overseer] to Thomas Hall, 1767 July 12**



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