

60 Collier  
29 Nov 1762  
To Thomas Hall  
respecting his  
sons at Wm.

To Tho: Hall Esq  
St James's  
Jamaica

Dear Sir,

London 29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1762

I went down to Wm last week, when I paid my respects to all the Masters, particularly Dr Dampier, & Mr Norbury. Both of which, but the latter more particularly, have promised me to give more than ordinary Attention to your Boys. As the Boys break up next week, I thought it not proper to make Mr Norbury any present before the Holidays, for fear he should forget it before they are over. I think the Present you mention will be quite extravagant and will not answer the Purpose half so well as a much smaller sum, laid out in a different manner; I have already tried the Experiment in regard to Billy Lewis, and have found it answer beyond my Expectation as he has improved more within these last four Months, than in twenty months before. I gave Dr Dampier & Norbury each five Guineas, and left two more with each of them, to give the Boy himself from time to time as he should deserve it. I am of Machiavel's Mind that Benefits should distill by Drops. Dampier & Norbury have both promised to come and see me in the Holidays, when I shall be Tho: Hall Esq



have an opportunity of more particular  
conversation with them, and putting matters upon  
such a footing with them, as shall make it impossible  
to neglect them<sup>Boys</sup>. Prilly's Illness in the summer  
has thrown him behind hand, and he has lost  
his remove, which I am glad to see affects him,  
and he has promised me to take all possible pains  
to recover it; I wish he may keep his Promise, but  
I doubt him; As to Hugh I am in no pain about  
him, he has got two Removes within these three  
months, and I am certain his Ambition will carry  
him through the School with equality at least, which  
is as much as can be expected. considering how late  
he came there. William & Jack Lewis go on very  
well. Hugh is next boy to Jack in the same remove.  
I have quite got the better of the Tapping affair:  
All my Boys there now work as hard out of school  
as they do in, except William, who I believe will come  
in for no share of the Prize, which I am to give at Xmas.

I can't get them out of the Ship yet; The first I have not yet tasted; but the Santa is excellent. Mary Rose sent me some, but her's is abominable, I fancy the Sailors get at it on board, and recruited what they stole with water. 1 lb 1 lb 1 P. 1 lb 1 lb

The Ratifications of Peace with France & Spain were exchanged at Versailles on Monday last; on Tuesday we had a Proclamation for a Cession of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Sicily~~, in the usual form. 12 Days in the Channel, six weeks to the Canaries, 3 months to the Equator, & six months elsewhere. People vary much in their opinions in regard to the Articles, but I believe most sensible People approve of the whole, tho' parts of it may be objectionable. The Articles have not yet been made public by Authority. I hope this will find you in perfect Health; I shall be glad to see you here, but yet I hope you will not come, and leave the least little undone behind you. By this conveyance I send a Mandamus to my Friend Mr Lewis, to be one of the Council, which is an affair I have been a long time endeavouring to accomplish, tho' hitherto without success. I am with my daughters particular respects to you, Dear Sir, y<sup>r</sup> most affectionate Friend & most  
Hble. servt. M.<sup>rs</sup> Fuller.



# **Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records**

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[merchant] to Thomas Hall, 1762 November 29**



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