

Jamaica 23 August 1759

Dear Son

I received your welcome letter Dated 21 May 59 -
Brought me the agreeable news of yours and your Dear
Childrens healths and I have got the same good news
of my Daughter that she still continues indisposed with the
Pulset recovery and every thing else that would contribute
to her Recovery. I received ^{many} letters from you & several from
my Daughter all with assurance that the affection you bear
me and make you absent the better soon. I wrote you
& my Daughter several others by different Ships with the hope
they ^{get} safe the last just arrived with a Thunder storm - Con-
sidering what number of fresh Provisions consumed every where
nor no place taken by our Admirals & Commodores to accept
any of them, all they mind is to look for Prizes for their
Belver to get Money - you mention your returning some-
time the next year notwithstanding it would give me
great joy to see you, and I believe an advantage to you
in best. I would not wish you to cross the Seas nor being
ye a life these trouble some times, beside I fear it will
give my Daughter too much uneasyness. I am great-
ly pleased with the good accounts I hear of my Dear Molly -
I hope she will endeavour to improve her self & make her
Parents happy. I have had a great pain of Pleath ever
since you went away & Mr. Barclay more Pleathy and
quite free from the Gout. it has been very sickly about
the country lately & particularly so among the poor Negroes
in St. James, I think if you could meet with a Doctor
one that has had some Experience & been used to the
Hospitality you would do well to get one for y^r
Whites & send out Medicines with them, for I can help
thinking your Sick & Distempered Slaves have not
the due care taken of them they ought to have, many
being made out as uncurable, to go where they might

W Barclay
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Thomas Hall Esq.

a little cure & medicine be cured — we have had
a plentiful year of corn & Mountains tho the weather is
now too dry for the season of the year. Particularly
with us I hope when you get a house in the County
it will be more agreeable to my Daughter as well as con-
venient for the Children. Mr Barclay desires what ever
you want the use of James William you will
apply to Mr Carre. I found an old Deed that was in
the House relating to Mrs Robert Dupper & have
sent you the copy. By it you may find what she
has a right too by her Mother the hole was divided among
three Sisters. Mrs Mahagen had her share & gave it away, the other
two shares fall as I apprehend to Mrs Robert — I wish
you could purchase as it will be a good addition to Mr
Hall. I believe the Surveyors made a mistake in my brother
Acers, and fear that mistake I gave Mr Durrant would
not be found to be on my Land. The House is
to help pay. His Sept, Dunbar, House & Land
the income is sold for seven hundred pounds
if you should come over bring a brick & tile maker
to the Land about Molloy. I shall make exceedingly
good Bricks & tile & I believe it might be worth while
to make them there so near the Market — we have
no news worth mentioning but all friends well & beg to
be remembered to & my love to Mrs Anne Rutledge till I find
Father has not broke his heart, for the old Lady and talks
a great deal of the young Lady, but as yet not made
any — we have all we can to put marriage out of
I hope this will find you and all your family
well and that my Daughter is better to whom I beg to be
kindly remembered as likewise to all our dear Children
Mr Humphreys & the Children, your care — Begging

You will to continue to let ^{hear} us often from you
I am with all due love blessing & affecting my Dear
Son
Your most affectionate Mother

Mr Barclay Desires His Kind
Love & Best regards to my Daughter
your self & all the rest of the family
Mrs Mochen send Her respects &

Mrs Barclay desires me to let you know she would
give Mrs Robert 300 pounds for her outright on the
Bay in case you should not be inclined to purchase
it. I think in case you want to give the money
would be to get a power from her to dispose of it
when you come over the House at the Bay
for thirty pounds a year but Question some
if she gets any thing for it

Old Mr Bucknall Died a few Days ago
we are sorry for the Death of Mr Rutledge
and thank my self very happy you had the Small
Pox before you went off

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to Thomas Hall [son], 1759 August 23**



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