

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]*

Mr. Tho: Hall  
at Christ Church  
St. James's

Dear Thom

The weather having continued intolerable since I have  
you seem penitence, that I have not thought fit yet to return  
on my journey and as I find I have (conveniently) now lie up to the  
first day of the assembly's sitting, I shall defer sitting and have been till  
about Tuesday next stay two or three days at Luana and get on  
thence about Saturday is as to get to Town about the Monday after

I am very uneasy not to have heard since from St. James. This  
morning to George there to send a messenger to see an Indian and a woman  
with an account how every thing was but she seems yet to be  
in my glad to hear from you before I go from hence and have  
as we have had nothing but floods of rain here every day I feel you  
have the same there. But if the weather is not so good with you  
not soon, they of hope for the Mill to well that you will get to  
grinding, if you make the Negroes assist to carry the fuel about  
which I think you have well do a little so as to get of some of the fuel  
before they are quite spent, as I fear three weeks will soon be  
of being out of the best first that if we become at all  
the worst, the people here in a bad way no way to be  
mills see they want to carry down sugar molasses in several more  
warthen men came in to get molasses is said another penny a great  
by for it.

We have rec'd a letter from Capt. Wilson of the Span whom he  
has informed us that he has not yet determined as to building a  
Vessel, but thinks it best to buy and as there is of late above twenty  
Vessels fitted out from North America to Guinea with some intention  
it not advisable to proceed on that voyage directly as was proposed  
but desires he may have leave to come to Jamaica with a Northern  
Cargo, & from hence to go to London & so to Guinea, unless we  
determine otherwise when he comes here, & in the mean time till  
he hears from us he will be looking out for a command in a vessel  
that may be bought cheap as it is expected many will be sold  
they return home from there had Voyages which must make this year  
on which we have write him accordingly, and we have agreed to

Ship him about 2500 specie in sugar or molasses, sugar by his best  
will answer as well as any thing, especially fine. I am brained by Mr  
Thompson some sugar he is to receive from Mr Lawrence which if he  
gets I shall ship an ind. double keel which will be about 70, I will  
try to get some of Mr Lewis Williams who made very good, and if he can  
will get me a little freight on board each of the Repablick Montezgo  
Buy a few (a) of molasses or sugar put in you can get and let the  
Coopers make small casks which as will suit them & reserve the finest  
sugar for that purpose

I have wrote to Mr Nicks to send home Mr Mans Negroes as soon  
as this second month is out which I think is the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month  
which you'll see this time He had them entered in the Pass, and when  
they come to prison order them with old Harry Peter & some other if  
they can be spared from the Crop to go to falling of making any  
Squaring Corescutting & making bits ready again. this Crop is over  
when I design to sell as many negroes as I can saving to saving order  
none of the small trees to be squared, as I suppose to put them up  
sawed which will save both trouble & timber. Square none but  
what is too large & uncommodious to sell round, & what they do  
square let them be Corescutted first to see how they shape some

Just as I had wrote the above, I recd your letter by Jly about  
10 o'clock this day and am sorry to hear the weather has been so wet  
I think you are right to leave of those lanes & cut the best first  
I doubt not but after some dry weather they may make sugar  
if not it will be best to burn them as they stand & find them for  
Syrup & rum at the end of the Crop

I would have you ship about 20 hogsheads of sugar in the  
Ship at Montezgo Bay, & as soon as I go to town will send you  
samples of sugar & the prices, and as by them may have an idea how  
sugars here sell <sup>in England</sup> there, you may be better Governed how to dispose  
of any of any ships offer, as I have not owing some money I will  
pay him there if he will give any thing of price equal to the  
markets in Down or at Home

Your mother desires your health of care over as soon as

you can, and order the old hair of Chair wheels at Foyall  
to be burnt & send over the Iron way, let your make new  
roads for the size Duke can give him directions, & send over at the  
Cannon if in time, as soon as Duke has finished the same he  
was about send him over here to make the Chair wheels but  
first let him see that all the wheels there is in good order, & some  
I shall get trees & tongues made in case of accident

I desire you will send a good trusty Carefull boy up to Town  
to be there a day or two often I get there, as I suppose to send  
my horses down to save that expense, and I pray you give me  
the satisfaction of a particular account of affairs of the plantation  
as you can, and as often as you can pray you would write  
as you may have opportunity, I very well here of the post and  
not much trouble to send your letters here

I am now pretty much tired of writing, nor can think  
of nothing more to say, I shall write you again before I go from  
hence, & conclude this with my best wishes

Dr Thom your most affct  
Father  
Wm Hall

Myself  
24<sup>th</sup> March 1748

Pray tell Geo. Shenes to gather  
the Damers on the tree, all  
the old Pasture to preserve  
I have hired Ben<sup>y</sup> Cozier the three make who will come over by  
the first Convoiance, so you may give him in, He will live  
at Foyall as long as he live best, I am to give him 50  
which is to have out in maintenance

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**CORRESPONDENCE - William Hall (b.1696)  
to Thomas Hall (b.1725), 1748 March 24**



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