

Dear Sir

London 27<sup>th</sup> April 1762

I received your favour of the 20<sup>th</sup> Feby. By what I can judge by my letter & Mrs. Hall's, your Presence in Jamaica was not only necessary, but that you arrived just in the proper time to prevent the Disorders you found there being of any great Detriment to your Affairs. Tho' I should be very glad to see you at home again, yet I cannot help wishing that you may stay there till your <sup>whole</sup> Machine is put in such order, that it will go of itself when you are absent, and that there may be no occasion hereafter for your leaving your family & Friends, and the undertaking so disagreeable a Voyage. I am glad to find that you are all so easy as to your apprehensions of a Visit from the Enemy: I know your Situation is such, that you will be liable to be plunder'd & pillaged, by small Parties, which is extremely disagreeable, but People here don't take that into their consideration. If the whole is pretty safe, they do not enter into particulars. In your letter by the former Packet, you told me you look'd upon the news from Old France, and from Hispaniola to be a fineeze. We look upon it now in the same light here: at least some of us do. And that that Schooner which was taken with the Spanish Manifesto, and letters from France on board, was sent out on purpose to be taken; in order to terrify Jamaica, and was run into the Hands of our People in order to draw off our Ships & Forces from Martinico, before they had done their business there, to the defence of James which they never intended to attack. They have ~~done~~ played off an Artifice of the same kind in Europe: they were about concluding some particularly Treaty with Vienna, and I am not certain if something of that kind was not going forward with a northern Power, and in order to accelerate Matters, they gave it out, that they had beat our Forces at Martinico, kill'd 5000 of them, & <sup>had</sup> destroyed several of our Men of War; took great pains to have it immediately published in the foreign Gazettes, & to have those Gazettes distributed all over the Continent: *Sony le deum*, & *had* *deum de joye* all over the Kingdom.

To Mrs. Hall Esq.



I can give no guess what Prices Sugars will bear at the coming in of the Fleet: To be sure, you will be at greater charges, but for all that, I should wish that the Prices should not be extravagant, as I am afraid, if they are, that we shall never get out of this War without another Tax upon Sugars; which we shall never get rid off as long as *Samuel* lasts. People here look at the Riches of half a dozen individuals, and never consider the Poverty of the thousands and thousands of Particulars, and by that Rule of judging persuade themselves that you are able to bear a Tax more than double, of what you pay at present. Sugars bear a very good price now, tho' they are about 2 Shilings lower than a month ago. Rums don't rise at all; we have near 800 Puncheons in the Merchants hands now, who are selling them at Publick Sales, which is a great hindrance to the Rum Dealers: The best Rums not worth more than 4 Shil or 5/6 per Gall.

Molly and the Rest of the Children are all perfectly well; Molly was with me & my Daughters at the Play last night. The Boys are all at school again & perfectly well; and go on pretty well. I have seen Dr Barnard who tells me he has no fault to find with them. Mrs Hall has been perfectly well hitherto, but is at present not quite so well as I could wish her. My Daughters desire to be particularly remembered to you. I am Dear Sir  
Most affectionately & truly Yours  
J. Fuller.

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April 27  
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[merchant] to Thomas Hall, 1762 April 27**



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