

Not to ship any Sugars till his arrival, but as this
 Accident has happened, must Intreat you'd please to
 ship all the Sugars &c. as soon as possible, & also beg
 that there may be timely Advice sent for Insurance
 to Messrs. Collett & Co. As Two different Gentles,
 here, have within these three Months sent out a vast
 Quantity of Stores, I should think would be sufficient
 not only to this Year's Crop but also the next, as they
 Amount to upwards of £1800 which I thought it
 very Necessary to Inform you of. I should also think
 there will be no Occasion to draw but few if any Bills
 this Year except it be for the hire of Negroes to get
 of the Crop

~~These Expenses sent you the Excess relative Capt. R. R. R.~~
 will advise of any more necessary

I am D. Sir Your most humble Serv.
 Jane Barnett

M. Barnett
 Letter
 Shipwreck.
 March, 1763.

Dear Sir

London 2^d March 1763

Probably before this reaches your hands
 you will have learnt of the sad Catastrophe happened near
 Dungeness Lighthouse to the Queen Charlotte Capt. Mackenzie
 wherein with myself & Family, we Embarked at Deal the 12th
 Febr'y together with Mr. Hardiman & others for to return
 to Jamaica, but after tiding out a Storm of near 30 hours
 in the Downs, we fell sail about Noon on Monday with a
 fair wind & fine weather; when on Tuesday morning the
 15th Febr'y a heavy Storm came on with dark hazy weather
 when Endeavouring to get back into the Downs, we grounded
 about 11 o'clock at Noon near Dungeness Lighthouse, with
 such a violent high Sea continually tuning over the Ship
 that the Capt. with 20 more poor Souls perished in an
 Instant almost from the Deck - among whom was my
 dear Mr. Barnett, & Mr. Hardiman, & five other Male
 Passengers - But myself with my Two Daughters & all
 the helpless Females were saved by the permission of
 Providence (of which Mercy I hope never to forget, or
 cease being thankful for.) and I am sure that your own
 generous Breast will paint to you the distresses of Mind,
 which I have, & do still suffer on this melancholy Occasion,
 deprived together of a tender Husband, & an able faithful
 Agent & Friend whom Mr. Barnett had engaged to go with
 us - and who by his Will dated in Bristol the 16th Day of
 July 1762 has appointed your good self together with

Mr Robert Spragge
Cock ~~Robert Spragge~~ I give me the Three Executors to his said
Will, and Guardian to his & my Children, by which Power
I have here proved the said Will in Doctors Commons &
Administered thereon as the Law directs, and Intreat the
Favour of you to be so kind as to take upon you the Office
of Acting with me, as I hope & flatter myself you will
as likewise Col. Spragge.

The Necessity therefore of my Case renders my Importuning
you so the more Justifiable, as Mr. Barnetts Eldest
Son has now a Power of Attorney to Act, and he has
given too many Instances of his Little Affection & Regard
for my Children, so that it would be highly imprudent
for me to leave the Direction of my Affairs any longer in
his hands. and therefore permitt me again Dear Sir
to repeat that you will please to Administer in Jamaica
as soon as possible, and then give Mr. William Barnett
the present Attorney Notice of it, in order to prevent any
other Mischiefs that might otherwise ensue.

My Distress is too great for to
permitt me to come out immediately. But should you
resolve not to Act, I must & will come out, rather than
see my Children Ruined, yet I hope & persuade myself
that you will let me know your Resolutions by the
first Conveyance, & will please to Act, untill I can come
out to release you of the Trouble.

and if you think that the Shipping of Sugars & drawing
Bills, & writing the Letters may be too Troublesome to you
you

You might please to appoint a person to that Office by way of
Clerk, whom you could rely on. Or I would send out One
from hence to your assistance therein. All that I at present
Beg & Intreat is the Favour of your Protection, for the
sake of seeing Justice done my poor Fatherless Children
and to become their Guardians; having One Son
named Jonathan. Two Daughters, Jane & Martha
now with me here, & Mary Ann with Mr. Woollery in
Jamaica.

I herewith send the Copy or Duplicate of Mr.
Barnetts Will for your Government, and shall think it
Seven Years untill I hear you have received it safe and
will Administer thereon. The Duplicate of the Will
will come by Capt. Peck as its too large to come by the
Packet. I should have sent you Ring in Memory of
the Deceased, but as I hear you intend coming soon to
England hope to have the pleasure to Deliver it you with
my own hand. Please to Order the Sugars & other
Produce to be Shipt to Mr. Colletts House the same as
in Mr. Barnetts Life Time, Jam &c.

Dear Sir
I Refer you to the above Copy of my Last &
Packet, I have now sent you & Capt. Peck, the Duplicate
of Mr. Barnetts Will, which you please to Administer
on as soon as possible, as I have wrote you the Urgent
Necessity for so doing. Mr. Barnett not long before his
Decease wrote to his Son Will. Barnett ordering him
not

London 8th March
1763

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

1709 - 1892

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**CORRESPONDENCE - Jane Barnett
[friend] to Thomas Hall, 1763 March 2**



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