

Dear Sir,

London 2 Jan'y 1764.

Your family is all perfectly well. Mrs Hall I think rather better than usual, Dr Heberden has attended her two or three times, and she thinks herself the better for his Prescriptions.

I have sent you by one of our Ships in the fleet, some of the Pamphlets that are worth reading, tho' some I send you are not so - but they will let you into the common chit chat.

We expect very soon a Declaration of War against Spain, and we imagine that the Spaniards have already declared, but are not certain of it. This is certain, That Fuentes and his family set out for Dover yesterday in their way Home, and Ad Brille is expected from thence every day. Fuentes has delivered a Manifesto to our Ministry which you will see in the Papers. There is a personal Violence in it against Mr Pitt - which I think it becomes so great a Personage as his Catholic Majesty. I hope you will put yourselves in the best Posture of Defence in your Island as it is not improbable but that they may <sup>pass</sup> you a visit sooner than you expect it.

The Expectation of a War with Spain has raised the Price of our Sugars abt. two or three Shillings per Hundred, and if it should take Place, I believe the Prices will be considerably higher.

Our Fleet is destined to sail the tenth or eleventh of this month. I wish it safe to Jamaica. & I hope this letter will find you safe & well there. I have examined the Boys, and made them all do the same Piece of Exercise for a Reward, when Hugh carried it. I have a great opinion of him, he has stronger Sense, and more Ambition than any of them. My Girls desire their Father's respects to you. I am dear Sir your most faithful Friend

X servant John Butler



J. Fuller 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1761

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

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[merchant] to Thomas Hall, 1761 January 2**



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