

Dear Thom

Shamick Town Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1748.

James of the brass job did not arrive here till Saturday  
He pretending himself on the road, and just now out James of the brass  
Boy? Upon Examining the acct. send me by Mess<sup>r</sup> Hamilton of  
Delaware Town of money due to the Negroes I find they do not agree  
with the acct. for money <sup>paid 25<sup>th</sup> of 1747</sup> I find two acct. in one, of £10.6.10  
& £11.16.10 with a acct. underneath for only £14.5 of which for me being  
I find 12 listers that no more money, but I apprehend I had him the  
remainder after & he went to give me a acct for the whole, but I can't  
find any such, and I find two other acct. in one sheet ~~and~~ of  
of Negroes in rather than March 1748 to July 1747 and in the whole to  
31.10/ and I find a separate acct. of July 19<sup>th</sup> 1747 for 27 listers which  
does not answer that sum, by which I apprehend some mistake  
which if you can recollect, if not I shall send to Mr Hamilton for an  
or what money I paid him last year, & let me know as soon as  
possible, that I may be able to settle that acct. with the acct. sent  
I must yet learn whether you are in the list for James & it will  
do, and the consequences to happen as it does not go to come  
up, I doubt not but get you. I am, I don't hear of any of the  
small box about either of the Towns, that if affairs at home  
will admit would rather you could come up, & see how if you  
come at all as it will spare you the trouble of coming again  
& I presume you may be able to deliver the sugar to Boston  
Peterson & Co. as the Count don't sell this kind of sugar, as to  
Peterson & Co. I hope to be down almost in time for that night  
as the ship ~~did~~ not sail from Barbadoes <sup>last</sup> yesterday, and I apprehend  
she is to stay some time at Savannah, sugar now are at an  
expensive price here, I saw yesterday on Monday last only some  
sugar at 30/ the best as well as I can compare at this time, not so  
good as any of our Nation comes before the House, Stevenson & Vaughan  
are sending a large ship down, & Mr Vaughan wants sugar much he says  
to me either in freight or purchase, and Lovell & Co. here would be  
glad to buy the sugar, on the <sup>to ship on her</sup> samples here which may be easily sent  
so that I think Peter will give a good price, I shall determine

20th  
May

Wm. Smith

1748  
May 18



Dispose of them and say him in fact, I should be glad to know  
as soon as possible if you can get me any Mahogany Board  
as I wrote you last, I am not sorry you want it but I have never  
more than 40 lbs as I think he had them a great deal under price as I have  
told him. I would wish he had left it (and he does without further delay)  
I would have you by no means deem; I have not written him  
and I say since I came up, they were last arrived when the fleet sailed  
which arrived here on Monday last (consisting out of 3 or 4 sail of  
ships under command of a sixty gun ship and a snow, three of them  
that sailed at <sup>the</sup> arriving about 2 weeks ago, they bring out, that the  
lastest arrived at Antwerp after them, & brought letters that there  
had happened a great fire in the City of London consumed above  
100 houses, burnt down all George Lane & Change Alley and  
half the Jamaica Coffee House, I send a paper enclosed which is  
the only one I could get find worth reading, another parcel in the  
Trunk which they are I have examined, with the things you wrote  
as above some letters for my dear girls. I shall write you again of  
this soon & get a discharge, and the letters you desire, but I tell me,  
I am not sure I have not sent against a patent for the ~~the~~  
Land, I have not yet had time to enquire further into the affair  
but shall immediately do so if I can get it removed, some of your friends  
has betrayed you to him. I wish it may not be but I.D. who  
you desire to enquire into, if I attend, I don't know who could do it  
else they say very great, and I presume confident in that as well  
as another affair, the Breach Bill is not yet come over so that  
unless it does before the time expire there will be a dissolution of  
Parliament, and pray you will make what interest you can among  
our friends. But as private as you can, I would have you intimate  
it in public that there will be no dissolution, & that the Bill is  
come here, as they are kept in the day here) and may make them the  
more sure, I believe I shall stay here one week in I don't  
at least if I don't doubt whether our House will be up before then  
as I would gladly see the issue of the election of John Campbell for  
Bristol if returned for it, I have just had a letter from him in the  
country & am drawing up a state thereof which I hope will be

finished to day to lay before him for his opinion thereon, if  
encouraged by him I shall then see Mr. Burt

Barlow is a minute of what is done in the House & now  
before it, as much as I can recollect which please to communicate  
I wonder the Gent would not as they proposed send me letters  
petition to the House, or a letter to move for a Bill to  
appropriate land for the fort at Martha's Vine, which now  
is too late as the House is come to a resolution to receive nothing  
new

I have wrote to Mr. Marnay hereby to send up payment to Mr  
Finch for his money for which I was security before Court, which  
if you should see him pray you'll meet him to

Having wrote to Mr. yesterday I called to the house in  
a hurry could not finish, which sits so late & being tired I find  
closing it till this morning, I know nothing new only some  
persons, <sup>all of Kingston</sup> ordered into custody for rebellion & harboring some persons  
of the assembly about the negro Bill about

I would not have you take notice of any suspicion of the person  
I mention about your land or show any your self, till I can  
have some better reason

If you do come up I say I'll see you in time, I will  
stay unless extraordinary, I shall write you again by Mr. Marnay  
by which I suppose will come away in a day or two, I hope  
I shall have leisure to write you more correctly far from home  
now, I hardly know what I say therefore conclude  
with my best wishes & tender regards

I am your most affectionate Father  
Wm. Hall  
Thursday even  
I shall buy some provision  
& send by Captain Stevenson  
ship when she goes, if any  
thing wanting let me know that  
I may get it sent by her



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