

8 April 1746

Sir Kingston Jamaica, 22 March 1746

It is now almost a year since I wrote you in a
manner ^{propose} of ^{marriage} between your daughter and my son. And also
with some sugars I ^{propose} ^{to} ^{send} you by ^{the} ^{next} ^{post} ^{to} ^{West} ^{India}, ^{of} ^{which} ^{have} ^{perhaps} ^{been} ^{favoured} ^{with} ^{an} ^{answer}

(How low & disagreeable a description the former might have
met with (which I must conclude from your silence) yet as
a gentleman, I had a right to expect some answer (tho' in the
negative) if and as to the latter, in further relation to it it was only
to acknowledge the fact of my sugar, and what was done with them

I have been silent so long concerning your letters
might have miscarried till they arriv'd at both London and
Smith and no letters were ^{sent} ^{off} ^{at} ^{all} ^{the} ^{last} ^{notice}
taken of one gives me reason to conclude not only that you
decline but disdain any alliance or further correspondence with me
from these notions, I am sure you are ^{not} ^{convinced} ^{that} ^I ^{have}
very short, and no ^{plausible} ^{reasons} ^{to} ^{prevent} ^{such} ^{unjust}
^{to} ^{give} ^{it} ^a ^{harsh} ^{character} ^{behaviour} ^{chiefly} ^{when}
conscious I have, at least, endeavour'd to ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{most} ^{friendly}

Just before I came out of the country I wanted
on Mr Dehany to endeavour to be ^{blended} ^{from} ^{the} ^{of} ^{your}
sentiments, as I should not be ^{favoured} ^{with} ^{them} ^{from} ^{yourself}
she acquainted me ^{that} ^I ^{thought} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{of} ^{ambiguous} ^{words}
that you had consented ^{to} ^a ^{marriage} ^{between} ^{your} ^{daughter} ^{and}
my son, but attended with such unreasonable proposals and
restrictions, that you must necessarily conclude I should not consent
to, and applied to me in an ^{unreasonable} ^{way} ^{of} ^{refusing}

David Dehany Esq
Merchant in Bristol

From Tom Hall
David Dehany
residing the house
son of the former
15th daughter of the
latter

1746

For upon a just reflection, you must think a settlement of
£300 a year you demand on your daughter, very unreasonable
and not adequate to ^{your} £2000 you offer ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ fortune

This treatment will necessarily oblige me for the future
to be at least passive in that affair, so that it shall at
all times be ⁱⁿ ^{your} ^{power} and regard I have for your daughter and
as I was principally induced thereto by no other motive but
the happiness of my daughter the same motive shall continue
in directing him to the discharge of his own will

I would not have you conceive that I have any
resentment on ^{your} account of the protesting my debt, as I reserve the
affair of the signior's settling yet made up, you are not in
fact by my act, tho' I should have esteemed it as a very
great favour if you had only ^{promised} for as you might have done
you had security for your hands from the insurance made
on her which I presume you might have said for
the common interest allowed, but with this would have been
a favour, as such is ^{not} ^{to} ^{be} ^{consequently} ^{not} ^{to} ^{complain}

I shall not add till you be favoured with matter
from you to answer I need not confine myself to strict
precision, I know I ought not to have given you this trouble
which is only to show those sentiments with which I am

I am your very Obedt
Wm Hall

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**CORRESPONDENCE - William Hall
(b.1696) to David Dehany, 1746 April 8**



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