

Feb 20 1762 To

Mrs Hall

Dear Madam
London

Dear Molly.

Tryall Feb 20 1762

I wrote to you from Kingston just after
our Arrival. We staid there about 10 days & then took passage
again on board the Mary & in two day landed safe at
Annapolis where I deliver'd up my charge of Miss
Lewis to her Uncle George & Bosley and went up myself with
Coll: Barclay to Kirkpatrick where I staid 3 day but was
greatly affected with melancholly reflections, the old Coll:
altho somewhat broke is still pretty hearty, he was very
kind and obliging and would accompany me over here
we lodged on our way at Bosleys, they are both well, she
seems very happy and well pleased with her Daughter?
Mr: Radson came down with Miss Lewis, but as Mrs: Bosley
doth not want such a person, she must look out for a Place
she might have had a very good one in Town, but was desirous
of seeing the Country before she settled. We spent a day with
her & our Sister at the Point where they live since y:
Mama's death, they are both in good health tho' y: Sister is
not so fat as formerly. I got to Drwain the 4th Inst. Coll: Barclay
staid about a week with me & then returned. I found my
Estates & Affairs in great disorder & confusion and my
presence much wanted. Mr: Russia has been too severe
& tyrannical, there has been no less than 7 or 8 over-
seers at Drwain & 4 upon Tryall since my absence, you
may imagine such frequent changes & alterations
must be a great injury to my Gray Estates; he is of such
an unhappy disposition that he has farrnell fallen
out with almost the whole Neighbourhood & in short
no Overwir of any reputation would live under him
I have not yet had time to settle or look over my
Affairs

they are also in confusion & not kept in the manner I would
have them I intended Mr Cleland should have transacted
these matters but Rousea would take them upon himself, but
upon the whole I cannot as yet charge them with any
injustice, he has been at a good deal of trouble & I believe
his intentions might have been good, but he is of too severe
& absolute a disposition for such a Trust. The greatest
satisfaction I have is to find that I have not met with
any great mortality amongst my Slaves, it is true they
were greatly dejected & depressed with severe usage but my
prudence has sat that tonight I believe I have notified
you enough of Plantation affairs which I know you
are not fond of. As to my Health while I was in Town
I had a little of the Gout which made me very lame
but went off as soon as I got on board the Ship &
continued very well until last Saturday Night being
this day seven Night when I found my self a little queasie
the next day I took a Dose but at Night was seized with
a very smart fit of the fever which continued 18 hours
& put me in such a fright that I immediately got a
large quantity of Blood taken from me and as soon
as it intermitted took a dozen Doses of Bark which
has prevented any return & by Purgings & abstinence
I am now perfectly recovered again & have had no return
I am hope I have now gone thro all the Seasoning that I am
to have, for after having lost some of my English Blood
you need not be in such fear for me, I came here from
Trinidad Yesterday Evening - We have been greatly
alarm'd with the apprehensions of an Invasion & been
under Martial Law which still continues, However
Peoples fears begin to subside, we have just arriv'd the

the agreeable accounts that the principal Fort & Town at Mar-
tinico is taken which gives us hopes the conquest of that Island
will be soon compleat'd & that we shall have a sufficient
reinforcement from thence; but I am sorry to find that a
Spanish War seems unavoidable which will distress us a
great deal on this Side of the Island, where we are so much
exposed to be plunder'd & pillag'd & it will also exhance the
price of Mules & Cattle immensely - I hope by the next
Voyage to have the pleasure to receive some of your
Letters & give me the happiness to hear that you & my
Family are well I shall in return write so frequently
as I have opportunity. I shall forward my business
to return as soon as possible, direct your Letters with
your own hand & I shall leave Instructions with
Mr Cleland to return them unopen'd in case they
should come after my departure - My kindest
Tenders to the Children & keep up your Spirits in
hope of a happy meeting with
Dear Mother
All our friends here are well.
Please give my Compl'ts to Miss
Blakes & inform them Jos Ansbury
is well & is a very sober honest
good Lad

Your most affect.
The Hall

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**CORRESPONDENCE - Thomas Hall
to Molly Hall [wife], 1762 February 20**



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