

Mr. Amos
29 March
1759

9:40
to Miss Smith

Thomas Hall Esq.
at the Jamaica Coffee House
St. James's Street
London



March 1759

Dear Son
The Longe wished for Packet is at last Arrived, which
brings Me your welcome letters and the Post just going
have hardly time to acknowledge the receipt of them
the fears & anxiety, I have bin in for all your safety, cant
be express'd But thanks to our Great & good God that has
Preserved you all through the Dreadfull Seas caused you
and all your Dear family, safe arrival to England
where I hope & wish you to enjoy all the Pleasure and
Satisfaction you Desire I thank you my Dear Son for
being so particular in the account of ^{your} "Wage" all your
occurrences w^{ch} gives me great Pleasure and more
Especially when you tell me that you were all well
and that you are reconciled to the Element I hope the
Exort wont be very troublesome to you, I am glad you
have placed my Dear Girl & Trays at School and Dont
wot but they will be pleased with their situation and
endeavour to fetche up, there for time the Greater plea-
sure I can have near will be ^{to hear from} you and your
Dear family often and hope my Dear Son you study
to make my Daughter Glappy in the S^{er}vice she is in, and
Dont let your Providence in conducting your affairs with
singularity become my that you may shun the fate of
many of our Countryfolks — the last year has bin very
dry especially at St. James and there has bin great Scar-
city of Provisions at Irowin particularly so, and you have
lost some very valuable Slaves on both Estates Mr. Fin-
later has with his Brother purchased a Sugar work
at St. James and as I hear spends most of his time at it
I sildome or ever hear from any of y^{our} Estates but since Mr
Blenth two Days ago who told me they desired you would
make two hundred Hogheads at Irowin, all our friends here
are out & desire hardly to be remembered to you
particularly Mr. Williams & Mr. Mechin whose

Husband is run away for Dept it is said gone to England
to His uncle you mention Mr Caulfield's Disposing of
the Land in this Parish and am very glad the Sale is
not good for the Man that went over to Purchase it was
Determined to take an advantage of Her not knowing the Va-
lue of the Land, as soon as I can see Wallace the Swain
will endeavour to get ^{what} & Devotions of the Land
as was among the three Sisters Mrs Mahagen Swedish
and left us Children so that two Shares of the hole must
belong to Mrs Caulfield - I think it was fifty acres
in the ^{Parish} that belonged to the three Sisters, there was taken
some Land about Barram, I think where I have
formerly had a Pen, and as here Mahagen sold
believe the other Sister did not sell there, the Man
bought the Bay over out that He has bought
wright in Westmore Land - I think it great
be cheated out of all He wright for such a small
I wish you would purchase the Swain Land as
it joins on Waller's Hall now it is cleared &
fenced in it looks ^{very well} and had I not agreed to let Mrs
Nuttall have it, could have sold it out at a great
rent it looks quite light some many People
want to rent it we have now got the Courts of As-
sises or Orms & termine they have bin sitting there
two Days and has brought a great Concourse of
People to Savemalushar and such a hurry and
Confusion about me, that I can't be able to write
to my Daughter and beg she will excuse me
till the next opportunity and except of my love
Blessing, and all that, to Her your self & my Dear
G. Children not forgetting Mrs Humphreys -

Mr Barclay likewise very particularly presents His
love & best respects to you both Mrs Humphreys
& the Children I am my Dear Sons most ~~affectionate~~

affectionate Mother
Mary Barclay

Jamaica 29 March 1759

I have had my health very
well since you went away and Mr Barclay
no doubt the Committee has bin seen there &
four Nights past it appears a little to the Eastward
of the Sun rising and appears a Boat three feet
long - if you buy the Swain Land take
title in your own name - adieu my Dear
heaven's Bless you all

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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**CORRESPONDENCE - Mary Barclay
to Thomas Hall [son], 1759 March 29**



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