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To

Thomas Hall Esquire

To the care of Messrs

Fullers Merchants

in London

of the Island
Capt. M. Watson

Account of Slaves
Ricketts.

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Geo Ricketts
30 Aug 1760

Dr Sir as I wrote to you some time ago, have the less at present but
 comes with my kind love & respects to you Dear precious and all the rest of
 the good family, I return you my hearty thanks for all your Civilities to my
 Children, we have had a long and troublesome time of it on account of the
 Rebellion for this three months past, but hope please God the worst is
 over as they have killed & destroyed many of those vile Villains, but
 still many out, who fly like deer which gives us great troubles, and
 when it will be at an end I cant tell tho there is many parties after them
 Night & day, my wife her Mother and Miss Bennet was at your mothers
 about 12 weeks during the height of the Rebellion as most people left
 their Habitations to go there and next to the sea tho I never left my plant-
 tation, I praise god none of mine nor Johnson's Negroes were in the
 Rebellion if they had, we might been all destroyed, as my house is so
 high to the Mountains, tho often threatened to come down upon me but
 I praise God they never did, Coll^r Barclay & your mother treated my wife
 and family with such civility that its never to be forgot, I used to go once
 a week to see them & return home again the next day, for as my people
 was all quiet, I stayed by them in order to keep them so, I go on but
 slow at St. James's Occasioned by this Rebellion, as I have not been
 there this four months past, and of late have had a severe fit of Ill-
 ness this ^{weeks} 3 months past but I am in great hopes the worst is over
 as the fever has left me, as soon as ever I am able I shall go over there
 I like the Land and Situation of the place mighty well, & I believe it
 will make a fine Estate, the works in general are all framed and fit
 to raise, but as yet have not fixed a place where to set them, as the
 Center of the Land where they ought to be is too good to set works
 on which requires some thought & Judgement before they are set down
 I have not as yet drawn on M^r Cleveland but for £70 but much
 before long I shall be obliged to draw upon you for all
 the I have great Summs of money due to me, but the people are
 very Backward in paying, I shall not draw upon you if I can any
 ways avoid it, and if I do it will be some time first, M^r Cleveland
 has promised me to pay whatever money I draw upon him for
 but believe it wont be for more than the Interest, the first good
 opportunity I must be obliged to buy me 20^{ty} good new Negroes for
 New Canaan, if I do I shall then be obliged to draw upon you for
 some money, which I dont doubt will meet with due honour
 and am with kind Loves & Respects to you and family and all
 friends in general, from your affectionate Nephew
 and humble Serv^t
 Jamaica Canaan
 August 30th 1760
 George Ricketts

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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to Thomas Hall [son], 1760 August 30**



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