

Sir

Harrow January 3 1767.

I am but just returned from London where I have spent two or three days & therefore could not answer your favour sooner. I take it kind & am obliged to you for delivering your Sentiments in so candid & explicit a manner concerning my Sons & the plan of their University Education, of which I had formed a pretty clear Idea in the manner you represent.

Notwithstanding the partial prejudices of a Parent, I am very sensible of the little improvement they have hitherto made & how much time they have thrown away at Eton to no manner of purpose. I see with Concern they are not blessed with any great Genius & that they want that proper inclination & application <sup>to study</sup> to make up for that deficiency; under all these disadvantages I thought it absolutely necessary & proper to get them a private Tutor that they might have every possible aid & assistance to forward them. I entirely agree with you in opinion, that as they are so very deficient in the Languages, it will be to no purpose to attempt any thing that way, but would have (as you recommend) their Study's entirely directed to the Reading English Authors, the Mathematics & Philosophy. I think they may pass two or three Years with improvement at the University, to attain which I shall not think much of any extraordinary expence attending a private Tutor, for from such a One as Mr Moore I am well assured they will receive very great advantage not only in his assistance to them in their Study's but as a Friend & Monitor in directing & advising their Conduct & Behaviour, with pleasure I observe they express a particular



Esteem & regard for you and as I think them good natured  
& compleable I hope you may be able to discharge your  
Trust to their advantage & your Satisfaction, to contribute  
to the latter nothing in my power shall be wanting.

In regard to the other part of your Letter I was told by Mr.  
Fuller & other Friends (being my self a stranger to these matters)  
that 100  $\text{£}$ . per Ann<sup>o</sup> was a customary & usual allowance for  
a private Tutor & therefore proposed that Sum; but from the  
particular Circumstances attending your situation which  
might have occur'd to you when you accepted the proposal  
I am willing to allow you One hundred & twenty  $\text{£}$ . per  
Ann<sup>o</sup> payable quarterly or as you please commencing from  
the 1 September last past to pay all your Travelling Charges  
to & from Cambridge & to pay all other Expenses when you are  
from Cambridge attending my Sons at home or elsewhere. I should  
wish & hope you were to continue with them two or three years  
(unless you should in the mean time interval meet with any  
more advantageous establishment) after devoting so much  
of your time in so essential a service to my Family I  
should be ungenerous & ungratfull in thinking I had made  
you a sufficient recompence by only paying you your  
annual Stipend. I should be glad to see you here  
whenever it is convenient I would send a Horse to meet  
you but as the Weather will hardly admit of Riding I  
think you had best come on the Stage on Thursday or  
what day you will probably find me on Dean Street.

I am

As yr most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Ch<sup>l</sup> More;

W<sup>m</sup> Hall



# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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Charles Moore [tutor], 1767 January 3**



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