

His success at York we cannot think uncommonly great considering the thoughts of the great Stock upon it & of the former there has been great loss - We have candidly given you our sentiments on this subject & call ourselves you will rather approve than condemn the motives of our Conduct. These we thought proper to lay before you, but if from your longer knowledge of Mr. Waugh and better opportunity of deciding upon his Merits by his having been in your Service you find that we have taken up an erroneous opinion, and that you still wish the Present Governor to be superseded in his favour, we beg you will give us Intimation and the change shall immediately take Place - Slaves have not been so plenty as this Crop as was expected - Red Oak now are hardly to be got at all - White Oak not under 15 or 16 \$ per thousand - Mr. Hall's Estates are tolerable well provided, for we never like to leave things to the last. Flour is also scarce the importations from America having been nearly frozen from the effects of the Storm in July last being found to be little destructive to the Country - The Crops of Tidewater & James Hanover & Chesapeake promise to be good - here in Barbados the other Sugar Parishes have the like appearances - Mr. W. Hall has lately made a negotiation with the agents of Messrs. Gordons of Bristol to take up his Bills -

John Harrison Esq. Jamaica No. 14 to 15 1785  
 Sir  
 We received your esteemed favour of 2 Oct. We are since favoured with Letters from Messrs. Thomas Smith & Co. with Invoice of Supplies for Mr. Hall's Est. shipped in the Fortunate Sanguine who has been arrived at Kingston for a fortnight last - but not yet received this Port. We hear he is on his way round - The Supplies have been rather late of getting out we could wish they might always be here in season, that the Estates may be fully furnished at the time of pulling the Mills about - I wish Mr. Kirkpatrick had just begun Crop & should the Season be dry will do very well - For 9 months past we have been deluged with Rain, but within these eight Days & in latter ourselves that the fair weather will be usual & so will during the Grand Sugar months of March & April, I hope we begin the business of Sugar making about the first of March & have a prospect of making a Crop much superior to last year's. We do not like to say any thing positive respecting the Quantity we expect from all the Estates, we will only mention that we hope to exceed last year's shipment - The first Parcel will go in the Jamaica and Ellen which will be laden & sized before the sailing of this Ship - We are exceedingly happy that all last year's Sugars got safe to Liverpool & expecting the Auction of which we view only look for Accounts & that they have turned out to the Satisfaction of the Trustees -

Cunningham & Cleland  
 Feb. 12 1785  
 William Hall's Debts

EXERCISE  
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John Harrison Esq.  
 Charter Square  
 St. James's  
 London

As Conslie & Thomas it seems could not see have not learned the terms of the judgment, but we are sure it is a disgrace to Mr. W. Hall to be in such a Situation. He does not manifest a whit more regard for his Brother's huge Interest - Mr. Sr. Simpson is in a very bad way, so much so, that it is not supposed he can live many months. He will leave a very large Property, but we fear much encumbered - We are respectfully  
 Sir Your Obedt. Servant  
 D Cunningham & Cleland

As I have endeavored to make the account long & still more & less  
clearly - I'll just had not yielded the quantity of Sugar  
that we expected, Mr. Hall's particular accounts to only that  
been I had very bad sugar which go home in the way  
between the two we know we had to destroy the same  
that it was with very great trouble to Mr. Hamilton's Attorney  
that this bill was got. That the houses may not run into a  
like situation we have thought proper to employ a Scribe to  
keep them down till they can get to be taken of at the rate of  
1/2 lb per lb. It will besides cost a little for repairs of fences  
the quantity of houses is at 10 Acres which we doubt not  
will fully pay for the expense we are at with them -  
It certainly is very disagreeable to have a Property so  
unfavorably situated but at present it is impossible to  
do more for Mr. Hall's Interest than am pursuing the most  
now in Practice of taking care of the Land & leaving what  
little benefit we can to Mr. & Mr. Hall's part can be joined  
together. In your last Letter you express a wish that  
that Mr. Waugh could be engaged for Professor. We are  
very sensible of your just care to your wishes on every Occa-  
sion but we are sure you could not choose we should do any  
thing with impropriety. The present Overseers  
we found upon the Estates at the time of our departure,  
to whom we thought it best common justice to give a  
fair Trial & therefore continued them representing  
the Conduct we expected from them of Sobriety, Industry  
and something care & Attention to the Trust reposed in  
them. We have had the Pleasure to see them  
attend to their business & the Owners that lands we  
have pointed out for improvement of the Properties -

which we flatter ourselves you will experience annually  
more in the effect. In this situation we do not like to  
make an alteration at any of the Estates. It is a matter  
of Indifference to us who sees Mr. Hall's business, rather  
it is with some I am never shall sacrifice his Interest  
to any Private Concern of our own. -  
Mr. Waugh is a man we have  
long known upon the footing of a common Acquaintance  
without ever having had the smallest disagreement  
with us, but as the later happens to be upon the Estate  
I manifest an anxiety to give satisfaction, we think it  
wrong to displace him, especially as the Property is  
certainly thriving. The loss of Mules last year seems  
more to be misfortune than Misconduct. -  
From the issue of the Present year in Point of Stock, Quan-  
tity & Quality of Sugar we shall be able to determine whether  
as to Mr. Perry's merits. If it appears that a change  
will benefit the Property it shall be made of our-  
selves. Mr. Waugh has left York Est. upon some  
disagreement with Mr. Tutcher, that lately  
is a very poor state of Health, he is now mending but  
not sufficiently recovered we think for any Change.  
Our opinion of him is, that he has too high a  
Conception of his abilities in the planting line, which  
renders him Positive & dictatorial that he is too violent  
and severe with the Negroes. His manner is at all  
times ingraious & particularly so to Slaves. -

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the reverse side of the page, with some circular marks and a large dark stain.]*

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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