

Sir

Westmoreland Jamaica 25th September 1767

This brings you the Melancholy Account of the Death of our late Worthy father in Law Colonel Barclay, who departed this life the 29th of August last, and that with as amiable and Unblemished a Character as any man could possibly have had, he has left you and me his Executors, and for Your satisfaction, and that you might see in what Manner he disposed of his Estate, I thought proper to send You a Copy of his Will, which is here inclosed; Upon his Death, I immediately sent over to M^r. Kerr, and acquainted him thereof, and tho' he could not conveniently come to the Funeral! Yet he sent to M^r. Cleland who came over in four or five days, and took a Particular Account of all the Negroes &c. at Kirkpatrick Pen, which I doubt not he will transmit to You in a short time, and let you know every thing else proper or Relative to your Interest there; I had an Exact Account taken of the plate marked HK, and delivered a Copy of it to M^r. Cleland, The Breast Buckle I shall take Care of, till I have your Orders concerning it, and if I do not hear from you before May or June next, I hope to have the pleasure of delivering it with my own hands, as I then purpose taking a trip off, and that Chiefly on Account of my Sons already gone, as of some other part of my family I purpose carrying with me.

As I would willingly pay all due Respect to the Memory of our deceased friend, I must request that you'll give Directions for such a Tomb Stone to be made, as you'll judge proper for him, and have whatever Inscription made thereon as you'll think fit, and due to the Memory of so Worthy and good a Man, and let it be sent out here as soon as possible, whatever the Expence amounts to I shall desire M^r. Mure immediately to discharge it, as I purpose writing to him on the Occasion by the same Opportunity I now write to You.

M^r. Bowen and his Wife are greatly uneasy at Col^o. Barclay's Will, and have expressed themselves in such high Terms of Resentment both to me M^r. Stone and several others, that I think it greatly to their Discredit, they have taken away their Daughter from M^r. Stone's Care, however I hope they will soon think better and cool upon the Matter.

As I hope you will undertake the trouble of getting the Tomb Stone for Colonel Barclay, I request you'll likewise oblige me in bespeaking one from the same hand to be put over my little Girl Bonnella Stone who dyed the Day of January 1763 aged _____ and send both by the same Ship, and I shall write to M^r. Mure to pay the Expence of that and Col^o. Barclay's together.

You'll please to observe that Col^o. Barclay by his Will directs

Thomas Hall Esq.
in the Care of Mr. Mure Esq.
London

Received the within
of Mr. Hall, & Mr. Mure
of Mure's Hall
M^r. Barclay's
Will &c. &c.
L^o 25

Directs the purchase of Mr. Caulfield's Interest at Savannah to be made agreeable to the Instructions he gave you concerning it, which if not already completed, I would be glad that the Title should be taken in my name, to prevent any Disputes.

If you think it will be proper that Jimmy Jo and Billy Williams should be put into Mourning for their Grandfather, please to Order what is necessary, and I will write to Mr. Mure to defray the Expence, and give me leave at the same time to request you'd accept of Mourning suitable to the Occasion, and whatever charge attends it I will with the greatest Pleasure pay it.

I have spoke to Mr. Kinloch in regard to the Expences attending Mr. Williams's three Sons, and he assures me that he will, early in the next Crop, make proper Remittances on that Account.

I have been lately applied to by Mr. Raby Williams on Account of the Claim his Father lays to Carawina, I therefore thought proper to let you know it, and to inclose you Copies of two Letters I received from him on the Occasion, I thought it likewise proper to send you Copy of the Cases formerly laid before Mr. Ryder and Mr. Lutwiche, with their Opinion thereon, and apprehend it would not be amiss to have Copies of the same Cases forthwith laid before one or two of the best Council in England, (One of which I take to be Mr. Wilbraham) I have sent, to the Secretary Office, for Copies of the Lease Release &c. from Williams & Wife to Chase, which I hope have been drawn in an Effectual Manner, and shall if I receive them in time forward them to You, but therefore please to let me have your Sentiments in this Affair as soon as possible, with your Advice and Direction how I shall act, for I think it is a Matter of the utmost Concern to Mr. Williams's Children, and a thing that the sooner it is looked into the better.

Mr. Stone and family desire a Tender of their Love and Compliments to you and yours, and hope you all enjoy your health. I remain with the greatest Esteem

Y^r most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo. Stone

P.S. I apprehend Col. Barclay was about Seventy Years Old.

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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**CORRESPONDENCE - George Stowe?
to Thomas Hall, 1764 September 25**



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