

Mr. Thale Esq.

Point Jamaica 25th Sept 1769

My dear friendship
Cap. Dunn
My last to you was 25th July & since
that I have received your favour of 2^d June & 10th July & am
very glad to find you and family all well; last August
Court Mr. Heath's consent a judgment for your Debt Thomas
& Stephen Fullers Debt & Debt the Carver D^r Howle so that
you are only upon an equality with those Gentlemen
had you wrote me sooner that you expected a supersedeas I
should have claimed, but on Account of the Intercourse that
is between you & them I did not choose to do anything with
out orders, however I think you are very safe

I shall get plans of Tracts & Rivers made out & send you
I am not insensible of the Benefit you would receive from
a slip of your much about. Peter's house having a long way
been on the lock out since I turned but I believe nothing will
be what it was. I am told D^r Frising who proposes to build
will probably sell part soon & I have employed an
instance of this to advise them to make one an offer
Tracts matter. Mr. House is so rotten that I shall be obliged
to build it up this year with Stone & give it a new Roof. The
account of Matter this crop 600 guineas & send some Mules from
the other Estates to get the crops off. You have 10 60th Mus-
coveats & 24 Tierces blayed sugar on board the ship Olivia
Cap. Payne who sailed at Michago. & this is the last of your
crops I think the blayed sugars are very good & hope will
turn out well. Moorland would be of use to Worcester
but my Attorney writes me a clear Title cannot be got
without applying to Sir Henry Moor as it will not pass
legally under the will when the Title is cleared up. I expect
preference for 1000 lb. & some of Worcester Negro ground is
on it. This Estate looks very well at present and if the
crops do not lodge next month I expect a very good crop
next year. all the Month of August being dry has made
the

the Tractors at Williamsfield short and has affected also
the Carver's Tractor very much & occasioned a very great
scarcity of Negro provisions in that parish & many People
are at a great Expence for Price & Flour to feed their Negroes
I am told that Bernard must be at a very great Expence
I have been obliged to take all the Children at Tractor & Tractor
from their parents & feed them at the House & the working
Negroes at Tractor are supplied with a little Corn the last
three days of the Week as we have had fine seasons
since the beginning of this month I expect provisions
will be plenty on your Estates in 3 or 4 Weeks & that your
whole expence will not exceed 30 or 40. On the 17th Instant
I picked out of a Repelle from the Gold Coast belonging to
Mr. Holme & consigned to White & Betton at Montego Bay
25 fine young Negro Men for your Estates for which I am
to pay 25th & duty upon the Repelle & the Bills of Exchange
I had engaged the first choice of the Cargo from Mr. White
for some time & when I went on board the day before the
Sale I was determined not to give so high a price but
when I saw the people picked out they pleased me so
well that I could not part with them and after consid-
ering how much they were wanted on your Estates &
that I had orders lying in Town for 3 Months & could not
get any good Negroes and the probability of Negroes being
scarce this Season I say after considering all these circum-
stances I hope you will approve of what I have done
10 of these are put in Williamsfield 10 in Worcester & 5 on
Tractor I kept 10 60th of your Sugar to Mr. Holme of
Liverpool & shall draw on him for 150th in payment
of the above mentioned Negroes I have received
the Box of newspapers by Cap. Morgan for which I am obliged
to you. Your daughter was to have one half of the price of the
from

from Mr. Crofton however as it is true we will keep it
 John Crofton is soon to be married to Miss Irving Charles
 Bernard has been ^{so} happily by bad that his coffin was
 actually made he is now so far recovered as to be able
 to go to Montegobury a few days ago his recovery is a
 happy thing for his family. I am
 with great esteem

Dear Sir Your Obedt Servant

Jam. Kerr

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of the 25th of
 January 1770
 to Mr. Hall.
 Negro's bought from

in the care of Mr. Webb
 Thomas & Wetherhead
 of the City of London
 Thomas Hall Esq
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Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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