

Letter from Droupe
a German
1734

to W. Hill great grand father
of T. H. Hall

Frankford on the Oder
the 26 Nov: new Style
1734.

Sir

A Merchant and Friend of mine
named Schöter returning to Hambrough
gives me Occasion of paying my respects
to You, as Duty requires, with a Letter
For Distance of place cannot abolish the
Sense of Gratitude, I have, for the many
favours receiv'd at Your House, nor may I
omit my wishes for a lasting Content
and Happiness of You and Your dear Family
At present I have taken again to the Law
and live at the University of Frankford.

To
Mr William Hall,
Esq
at the Black River Parish
in
Jamaica.

My Negroe is sold to the King of Prussia who keeps at Potsdam (his usual Country seat four German Miles distant from the Capital City of Berlin) more then twenty Negroes among his Body Guards of tall Grenadiers, who do march near the Drum and play upon Pipes, when the Soldiers do draw up to exercise or do their Duty. Your quondam desire of having a Musicians coming over to You; I have thought of; yet cannot find a subject both fit and willing to accept of. Many are frighted with the tediousness of the Journey, or are otherwise distrustful. If You are still of the same Mind, Sir, then I will beg of You, to despatch a new Order on Your Factors in England, to acquaint me with their being ready to bear the Charges of travelling thither. I should have writ myself to them, and it might have been perhaps usefull in other matters, but must accuse here my own Negligence for not having recorded their Names. My Intention

May let me know, what Harpsichord Masters there be at present in the Parishes of S. Elizabeth & Westmoreland, in case, you please to honour me with a few Lines

is to trouble You, Sir, shortly with a fresh Account of my Station & way of Living. For this time I must beg the favour of tendering my respects to Mr. Gale my second Benefactor as likewise to Mr. Kelly and their families. Wherewith I conclude assuring You of my Respect to shew me self

Sir.

Your humble servant
John George Knapp

Writing in this Country Sir, you will do best to note your address on the outside of the letter in French perhaps thus:

A Monsieur
Monsieur Jean George Knapp
Caddu des Droits

à Francfort sur l'Oder

par Mess. Hofmann.
Expéditeur général de la
Mazette de Prusse.

Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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to William Hall (b.1696), 1734 November 26**



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