

Dear Thom
Shamick Town 30th June 1748

Since my last we have had a very great and sudden turn of affairs, yesterday arrived the Sheerness Man of war Capt Shipleton from London with a declaration of cessation of arms ~~with~~ between Great Britain France, & Holland the preliminaries for a peace being signed at Aix la Chapelle and expected to be ratified by the severall powers, Spain & Germany is not mentioned but is supposed will come in and there will be a generall peace; the particular articles of peace we know not it is said the King of Prussia threatened the King of France to march a Body of 150 Thousand men into his Dominions if he did not come into it.

This has created a great Confusion & especially among the Trading people, they say the Merchants have wrote from home to purchase no Sugar, and the sale of all Commodities at all stand Ships set up for freight at Hampton for 5/6, I now think we are lucky in selling what we had

The assembly met this day but could not make a house I shall stay till Sunday. In order if we can make a house, to see what business we are likely to go upon; and as this turn has happened I believe we shall think it proper to alter our resolution of raising the deficiency and let it be on the former footing, and I believe I shall set out from hence on Sunday morning unless something extraordinary occurs to detain me longer, I have ordered some provisions to be sent on Road by the Duke of Bedford who I expect will set out from hence in 8 or 10 days, she calls at Blessfields, and I hope to be at St. James by the time she will arrive there, Mahogany kind is likely to be the best article now, and I intend to set about cutting some as soon as possible, I expect this will give a turn to the price of myraer who are still extravagantly dear but a great many expected in, and if the planters keep off buying must in 3 or 4 months be very cheap. My best wishes to you all conclude me
I am your most affct^d Father
Wm Hall

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