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To
Hugh's Hall Wentworth
Esq:
Portsmouth

Edmund Hall

My dear Sir,

I have been long indebted for several of your most obliging favours, and in a particular manner for your attention to the boats I had unprofitably given you the trouble of. I have not been without hopes ere this of making you an adequate ^{return} return, which, from the great demand for this country's produce, I have now the mortification to find abortive.

Give me leave to enforce my supplication for a continuance of your assistance, your notice of M^{rs} Hall and my babes, whose childish little dreams have often sooth'd the ear of their indulgent father: And their innocent youthful fancies have been a pleasing amusement.

Let me take so much decent pride and dignity upon me, as to tell you, that but for the general opinions of you, and the goodly conceptions of most men, in the point of friendship, I had not ^{applied} troubled you on this score: For if I know you right, your pleasure is greater in obliging me, than I can feel on my part, till it falls in my power to oblige you.

The friendship you have honored me with, being the incitement, must be the excuse for,

Dear Sir,

Barbados, th
September 25.
1767.

Your most affectionate
and obliged kinsman
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