

**James Hill to George Washington, January 1, 1773,  
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**FROM MR. JAMES HILL.**

WILLIAMS BURGH Jany. 1st. 1773

SIR/

I this moment recd your letter & in answer to it the reason why I have neglected sending up this good Spell of weather I have endeavoured to make as good a Collection as Possable but Am disappointed altogether only the £60 of Colo. Phill Johnson which I shall send up But am doubtfull I shant make a Collection to answer the Demands agst the Estate & my wages I have waited to make Sail of my Porke But am Likely to get no more then 20/ per Hundred & that not payable till Apl. & have endeavoured to make What advantage I coud of the good weather in finishg the the Crops to get in readiness to settle your Late purchase of Mr. Blackes I shall Settle Both plantations & to get in Readiness has Engaged my people so tightly yt. I coud not well Spare the same for I have but Lately got my wheat fans & have been very Busy aheading out wheat & have not finished yet I shall send the people of a monday to Settle them plantations but am apprehensive Mr. Black has told Mr. Bat Dandridge he woud give up a few of the Houses but that you Coud not Expect him to Move at any rate as yet I have been up to his House in order to see what he intended But he was from Home, & I coud by no means prevail on Roger Tandey to go over & Must Send the young man over that Lived with me last Year who was the person I intended to a sent up for the Bull but was Doubtfull he woud not be Back time enough to take place at Blacks Home House—I will send up as soon as Possable I can But on

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Receivg your Letter Shall endeavour to Collect those Sums agreeable to your Instructions & shall Make the greatest Despatch I possable can to send up tho it will be a Very Great Hurt to my Crop as I Expect they will be gone a good while & the Loss of the Horses as I expect I shall be obliged to let the Boy have a Horse as I think it will be two far for him to ride behind & am now much plaged with the tennant in Brick House Lott in Town as I am Doubtfull they wont throw me out of the Rent I have for some time been Uneasy for some time & by makeing a bad Collection & my Endeavouring to get the Business forwarded so as to seat them places as Quick as Possable I coud not well spare the people & Horses was the reason why I add not send; for I had many Promises of money But have almost altogether fell through in my Collection & am now in Hopes of getg some But my Business will not admit of my waiting on them as often as they require but time being Short & the Post Just going off conclude

Yr. Mo. Hble Servt. JAS. HILL

P.S. Please to Excuse Hast & a very Sore thumb—