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LETTERS OF REV. THOMAS HALL.

In the last issue of the Magazine was a short account of the Halls of Tacony, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. John Hall³ (born 1722; died 1798?) and Sarah Parry had a son, Rev. Thomas Hall,⁴ who was a most interesting character. He was born in 1750. He took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the College of Philadelphia in 1768 and Master of Arts in 1773. He appears to have taken orders in England and to have returned to America in 1774, not long before the Revolution, to take charge of an important parish in Virginia. He took an active part in the preliminary stages of the American Revolution. But his love for the British Union was too great for him to approve the actual secession of the American Colonies. Before the close of the Revolution he left Virginia and never returned to America, although he never ceased protesting most ardent love for his native land, and in one of his letters confessed his mistake in not adopting the course pursued by it. He served for some time as minister of an important church at Bristol, England, and afterwards became Chaplain to the British colony at Leghorn and remained there until his death. His letters describing conditions in Italy during the Napoleonic wars are most interesting and are well worthy of publication. He was a well known art collector and dilettante. His descendants are still living in Florence, Italy.

The Rev. Thomas Hall had a large acquaintance in Virginia, and several members of his family and the Maryland family of Halls went to Virginia probably induced by him. Among these were his first cousins, Dr. Jacob Hall,⁴ * son of Jacob³ and Mary (Parry) Hall, who was tutor in the family of Gen. Thomas Nelson, and afterwards, although he always remained an ardent Episcopalian, was the President of the first Methodist College—Cokesbury College in Maryland, named after the two Methodist Bishops, Coke and Asbury; Dr. Elisha Hall, of Fredericksburg, who married Caroline Carter, daughter of Charles Carter, of Cleves; Elihu Hall, who

* See biographical sketch of Dr. Jacob Hall in *Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. VIII., p. 217-235.

RECORDS OF HANOVER COUNTY.

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- May 17, 1788.—Thos. Nelson & Lucy his wife of York Co. to Baynham Graves 224 a. adj. Standley, road to negro-foot & road to Richmond. Witness Edmund Berkley, Carter Berkeley, W^m Berkeley, & T. Nelson, Jr.
- July 2, 1789.—W^m Nelson, Jr. of York Co. to W^m Manson of Town of Hanover 2 lots in Hanover town.
- Apr. 1, 1790.—W^m Harris & W^m Nelson of Hanover, ex^{tors} of will (1789) of James Cosby, to W^m Minor 572 a. small branch north side Little River, adj. Dr. James Nelson, Henry B. Jones & Mr. Watts.
- Feb. 3, 1791.—Thos. Garnett Noell, of Hanover, to Sarah Rutherford (3 negroes).
- Apr. 14, 1785.—Jno. Hatley Norton & Sarah, his wife, of Frederick Co. to Richard Morris of Louisa 881 a. upper end of Hanover on Taylor's Creek adj. Gen' Nelson, W^m Morris, said John Hatley Norton, Bins' Swamp, Middle Swamp. Witness Chiswell Barrett.
- Oct. 20, 1789.—Lipscomb Norvell & Molly his wife of Mercer Co. to W^m Hendrick of Hanover 209 a. adj. Robt. Sydnor, W^m Lumpkin, W^m Bumper's, Jno. Butler, Stephen Haynes.
- Sept. 6, 1791.—Jno. Norvell of St. Paul, Hanover, to James Trevilian 431 a. in St Paul, adj. Jno. Anthony at head of May's branch, W^m Payne's, Taylor's, Gunter's, Chapman Austin, Paul Thilman.
- Aug. 12, 1792.—James Overstreet & Nancy his wife of Louisa Co. to Timothy Terrell of Hanover 70 a. (a part of land bought by said Overstreet of Mark Whealor dec^d)
- Dec. 31, 1785.—Benj. Oliver to Sarah Branch, dau. of Jas. & Fanny Branch for 5 shillings & "Natural love &c."

- Dec. 3, 1789.—Benj. Oliver & Sarah his wife to W^m James 290 a. adj. said Jones. W^m Barker's, Lemay's.
- June 17, 1790.—John Oliver of Augusta Co. to Nathan Anderson, Jr. lot in Hanover Town.
- July 29, 1784.—Mann Page, executor of his Father Mann Page. Esq. dec^d to Cary Wiatt of Hanover Town. Lot in Hanover town.
- Mar. 3, 1786.—Mann Page ex^{tor} of Mann Page Esq. dec^d of Spotsylvania to Robert Johnston of Hanover town lot Hanover Town.
- March 1, 1786.—Ditto to W^m Cocke lot in Hanover Town.
- Dec. 14, 1785.—Ditto to Nathan Anderson, lot in Hanover Town.
- May 21, 1787.—Robt. Page of Hanover to Benj. Carter Waller, of Williamsburg—slaves.
- May 21, 1787.—Robt. Page of Hanover to Clara Travis of W^{ms}-burg City, 30 slaves.
- June 8, 1787.—Mann Page ex^{tor} of Mann Page Esq. dec^d to W^m Bradford lot in Hanover Town.
- Jany. 9, 1787.—Mann Page ex^{tor} of Mann Page dec^d of Spotsylvania to Geo. Dabney of King William, lot in Hanover Town.
- April 3, 1788.—Ditto to John Minor, Jr. Lot in Hanover Town.
- Apr. 4, 1788.—Ditto to Jno. Starke, Jr. Lot in Hanover Town.
- Apr. 8, 1788.—Ditto to Jno. Starke, Jr. Lot in Hanover Town.
- Apr. 3, 1788.—Ditto to Robert Hart and Malcolm Hart.
- Apr. 8, 1788.—Ditto to James Oliver lot in Hanover Town.
- Apr. 3, 1788.—Ditto to James Oliver lot in Hanover Town.
- Aug. 4, 1791.—Ditto to Nelson & Crew lot in Hanover Town.
- Aug. 4, 1791.—Ditto to Mann Satterwhite, Sr. of King W^m, lot in Hanover Town.
- Aug. 4, 1791.—Ditto to Richard Littlepage of Hanover lot in Hanover Town.
- Aug. 4, 1791.—Ditto to Geo. Pickett, of Richmond City, lot in Hanover Town.
- Aug. 6, 1791.—Ditto to Nathan Anderson of Hanover lot in Hanover Town.

- Apr. 6, 1786.—Jno. Paisley & Martha his wife of St Paul Parish to Jno. Slaughter 15 a. adj. W^m Peace, W^m Hughes, Turner Slaughter.
- Feb. 28, 1786.—Jno. Paisley & Martha his wife to Hopewell Parsons 47 a. St Paul.
- Sept. 13, 1786.—Jno. Payne of Philadelphia app't Walter Payne his att'y: witness Isaac Winston, Lucy Winston.
- Oct. 3, 1791.—Isaac Winston, Sr. (att'y for W. Temple Payne, late of Va. but now of Philadelphia) Jno. Payne & Mary his wife to Walter Coles of Hanover 176 a. being the land given by W^m Coles dec^d to his daughter Mary Payne, wife of s'd Jno. Payne, during life, & after to said William Temple Payne, adj. Chas Colley, Jno. Hicks, tract of late Paul Thilman dec^d, Manor Tract where said W^m Coles formerly lived & s'd Walter Coles now lives.
- Apr. 4, 1788.—Sam^l Pearson & Susan his wife of Hanover to Hambleton Tomlinson 108 a. on road from New Castle to Pipentree Ferry.
- Mar. 3, 1791.—Sam^l Pearson & Susan his wife of Hanover to Jedediah Turner, Sr. 75 a. in lower Hanover on road from Williamsburg to New Castle where said road crosses Whiting Swamp, adj. Cobbs, Hamilton, Tomlinson, Piping tree road, s'd Jedediah Turner.
- Jan. 1, 1789.—John Penny & Fanny his wife Stephen Hawes (Hanes) to W^m Fontaine of Hanover, lot at South Anna bridge formerly owned by Chas Carter, Esq.
- Nov. 4, 1786.—Stephen Pettus to W^m Coles & Robt. Wasley of Louisa (negroes).
- Nov. 11, 1786.—Sarah Pollard of Hanover to John Thornton of Hanover 25 a. adj. Edmund Taylor & Ann Humfres on Newfound River, a part of land Alsop Yarbrough dec^d left his daughter Sara Pollard.
- Jan. 27, 1790.—W^m Pollard, Jr. of Hanover app'ts W^m Meriwether of Louisa his attorney in suit for land in Kentucky.

- June 21, 1787.—John Pomfret of Granville Co. N. C. app'ts Christopher Tompkins of King W^m his att'y.
- Aug. 30, 1785.—Bird Price's receipt to Thos. Clarke for negroes.
- June 4, 1789.—Thos. Price & Barbara his wife of St Martin to Edmund Taylor 30 a. adj. Jno. Thornton, said Price & Taylor, Rattlesnake Branch, Newfound River.
- April 1, 1790.—Thos. Price & Barbary his wife to Nelson Berkeley of Hanover 210 a. on "Cool Swamp," Newfound River & said Berkeley's.
- John Priddy and Rachel his wife, to Thomas Price 80 acres, adj. William Dickinson, Henry H. Mallory, Dolby's.
- Apr. 7, 1784.—Thos. Priddy & Mary his wife to Henry Priddy 10 a. "being same I sold him some time back, adj. where I now live."
- Mar. 4, 1785.—Penelleppey Price, relinquishment to sale, husband Geo. Priddy, made Nov. 6, 1784 to Parke Goodall 83 a.
- Apr. 6, 1791.—Henry Priddy, of St. Paul's to Jas. Priddy 55 a. on Licking hole swamp (formerly held by Edw. England) Jno. Priddy, Sr.
- Feb. 3, 1791.—Jno. Perkins & Mary his wife of Louisa Co. to Peter Bibbs of St Paul Hanover 100 a. adj. Jno. Winn, Jas. Baylis & Ambrose King dec^d.
- Aug. 2, 1791.—Jas. Quinlan to Cary Wiatt both of Hanover lot in Hanover Town.
- Dec. 14, 1785.—Pettus Ragland & Elizabeth of St Paul Parish to Richard Littlepage 61 a. adj. Parke Goodall, Jas. Cross & Jos Hix (this land s'd Pettus Ragland bought of W^m Hix.)
- Jan. 4, 1787.—W^m Ragland & Mary his wife of St Paul to Parke Goodall 170 a. which land was given said W^m Ragland by his Father Pettus Ragland, & adj. the lands of his brother John Ragland & said Goodall, Jas. Cross, Jr., Matt Pate, Jno. Madderson.
- 1787.—Jas. Hicks & Dorothy his wife, David Hanes & Finch Ragland to Pettus Ragland, Jas. Hicks tract

- of 94 a. adj. Pettus Ragland & also s'd Finch Ragland's tract $\frac{1}{2}$ a. adj. Jas. Cross.
- June 5, 1788.—Finch Ryland of St Paul's to Jas. Cross, Sr., 173 a. on the pond & dam along the creek.
- Feb. 28, 1787.—Geo. Randall of King W^m Merchant, to Robt. Hayes of Hanover merchant merchandize.
- Dec. 7, 1790.—Jno. K. Redd of New Kent to Thos. Tinsley for 5 shillings—negro.
- July 5, 1785.—Collen Riddick, of New Castle town, to Isaac Brown of New Castle—lots in New Castle.
- July 5, 1785.—Collen Reddock from Isaac Brown, merchant, of New Castle, lots in New Castle.
- Dec. 3, 1763.—Richard Richardson of Ablemarle to Isaac Burnett 3 a. adj. land s'd Richardson sold to Jno. Starke, Jr. adj. Frances Tate, Isaac Burnett.
- Dec. 3, 1783.—Richard Richardson of Albemarle to John Starke, Jr. in St Paul, wh. was formerly owned by Richard Richardson of New Kent & from him lent to his son Stanhope Richardson, of Hanover, & after his death & death of his wife to his son David Richardson & from whom heired by said Richard Richardson, as heir of his brother David—300 adj. pool or Pole-Green old field, Frances Tate, Isaac Burnett.
- Apr. 12, 1785.—Turner Richardson & Elizabeth Ellis of Culpeper & Hanover to Benj. Oliver 81 a. on Beaver Dam creek (being the land Chas. Richardson bought of W^m Hazlegrove.)
- Nov. 4, 1784.—John Richardson (only acting executor of Benj Tyree dec^d) 128 a. called Graham, South side Totopotomoy creek, being same bequeathed to said Benj. Tyree by his Father David & wh. said David bought of James Anthony, adj. David Whitlock, formerly Charles Turner, Winston's Mill Swamp formerly Dr. Phillips.
- May 17, 1785.—Robt. Richardson to Jno. Richardson both of Hanover for 300 a. (Robt's Homestead) the land whereon said Jno. Richardson now lives, being the same

land left said Rob^t Richardson by his grandfather Rob^t Depriest dec^d on the creek & Peter Johnston's.

June 3, 1786.—Rob^t Richardson & Elizabeth (his wife?) of St Martin's to Chas Crenshaw 5 a. in St Paul on the road from Ground Squirrel road to Glen's Ordinary.

July 1, 1787.—Turner Richardson, Sr. of Hanover to Thos. Crenshaw, David Dickinson, W^m Dickinson, Thos Richardson, Jos. Cross, Thos. Hinde, David Richardson, Jr. Henry Mallory & David Crenshaw, Taylor's Ordinary.

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