

December 11, Wrampton townfoot 1815.

Dear Brother I have been expecting long to  
to here from you it is betwixt four and  
five years since we had a letter from you  
it is nearly three since we had any from  
Thomas anley tow we got this last summer  
which we were happy to here you and your  
Lady was in good health and you had four  
pretty children George Thomas, John and  
William. I understand Thomas has been travele  
a good while last year purchesen Negers in  
the north countrey and made som good  
purches and he speaks of going to som other  
part to purches som Land I wish it may be for  
all your goods and you wish to becom a farmer  
ferming is a poor busness in this countrey at  
this time every thing got quite low in this  
part since peace take place nothing sels so  
well as Wool it never was heigher I am winter<sup>ing</sup>  
about twelve hundred sheep this year I feed  
betwixt three and four hundred Ewes and Lambs  
at Townfoot every year. Malshill has been  
devidid this year but I onen thend it to Thomas  
George is going to write to you but he has not  
seen his Wolkles tow letters yet. he has not been  
at home since the assises. he is serving his  
time to an attorney with Mr. Lightfoot at  
Wigton but he has sent us a letter he will be at home

Tomorrow evening and then he will write to you  
he has served near three years and he has now  
to serve a year, it is not allowed by government for  
attorneys to serve less than five years and it will  
cost five hundred pounds to make an attorney  
you will see what it is to be a scholar when he  
writes to you, if you were to come back you would  
scarcely know Malgate now the fire that you  
saw from Longtown is higher than the houses  
the side all arched over and level and stone walls  
on each side and planted and the road up the back  
side of the house, now stone walls all round the  
north side and on the east end and plantings the  
old hedges all pulled down fine road to the raw  
gate all these trees and hedges down and the road  
just where the trees was and it is walled with a stone  
wall all along there and planted the raw bent hedges  
is all down and we have straightened the march hedge  
between us I have got a good deal of the raw field and  
they have got a great deal of the raw bent and all  
fine given hedges, I have no more room but I will  
write you again and give you more full account of  
mine. your sister Nancy and her family is well  
like wise your sister Mary all other friends  
is well your uncle Charles is alive but much faded  
my wife whom you know well has her kindest  
respects to your Lady and you self we are all well  
at present your well wishing Brother  
George Little