

Brampton Cumberland in England September 15th 1817.

Dear Sir

I humbly beg your acceptance of this letter petition
the favour of your correspondence to England by stating the valuation of
the County wherein you reside and at the same time your petitioner
will take it as a particular kindness providing it is consistent with
your approbation or within the limits of your power to recommend
or procure a situation for a young man who begs leave to make
himself known to you by the name of Joseph Halli-
Burton Son of John Halliburton formerly of Asherton. Sir
I never have had the fortune to fall in with any kind of situa-
tion in England but as a Servant in Husbandry a Country at the
present time as I have not a doubt you have already been infor-
med is in a distressed situation and almost every Class of people
and trades are labouring under very trying circumstances
~~and labouring~~ The high rents of lands which still retain an
unequal proportion ^{to} the reduce of stocks and other commo-
dities which the farmer produces is exhausting the capital
which has been obtained by labour and industry in consequence
a great number of labourers are not employed and those that

have employment the wages are so small that they can not maintain their families then of course they are obliged to be assisted by the parish which still lands upon the farmer to pay higher poor rates. The servants who ingage from four half year to another were receiving at the rate of 25 and 30 pounds per year can now scarcely have 12 or 14 pounds per year and their clothings still remains high therefore they are not able to keep themselves in clothes but what is still more to be lamented many cannot get hired to any place at all. And such is my situation at present which induces me to write You considering You as a friend and Country man and Your petitioner is fully persuaded that you will do every thing in Your power to assist me to succeed providing it is advisable for me to come to America.

As I have attained that knowledge by education which enables me to act as a Clerk or keep accounts of any kind in mercantile business and I have a small Capital to the amount of near one hundred pounds should it be the case that You did recommend to leave England be so good as let me know whether it would be proper to purchase any kind of goods to bring over and what kind of goods would make the best return or it would be advisable to have money itself and what kind of money is best

able. I have been for some time stopping at Brampton down foot
with your Brother whose family is tolerable, ^{well} excepting my
aunt who is never in a good state of health. They desire to be
remembered to you and ^{your} Brother in love and gratitude and
write expressing their sincere wishes towards your prosperity
in all your undertakings.

Yours Joseph Walliberton

N. B. Dear Brothers I take the pleasure of writing you a few
lines in my Wifes Brothers sons Letter, as he wishes to
com to America if you think you could get him a situation
we would wish you to indivour if you think it is comendab
I think if you could get him in to be an overser such a pl
as Brother Thomas had I think it might answer him but we
shall leave that to you but give ~~him~~ your opinion concerning
the matter he intends to com next somer if you recomend him
to com. My Sister Nancy received a letter from Thomas
about tow Months ago I received one my self just a month
ago dated 5 June saying you were going a quina next morning
I hope you will have returned by this time to your setesfaction
no particuler muse but bad times is brining maney man low
Arther Forester was married to this young mans sister but she
died in a decline being about tow or three years married she had
tow girls the youngr died just after hir the other is a fin Girl
he married again last year to Suels Daughter is now living
at Spobeck formerley at Carlaten and has got a young Wife and
young Child and is now living at Whiteholm and let the
Luchens. Brother John is living at Malsgate and his tow
Girls I have ^{it} in my own hand

Old Yancy died last yere William Little of Dormansted
died last Spring left a wife and 8 small Children which
will be not in a good situation. If you need to remember John
with any thing as he is interley without mens if he would
but take care of it Joseph Halliburton might love it before
he came to America you said you would write me a letter
as soon as you returned and tell me the news of your travels
and let me know what you think about my son William.
I hope you have wrote before this time but write me
immedety at receiving this what your opinion is about
Joseph Halliburton. all friends is well at present
your affectenate Brother

George Little

John Graham of Liverpool
is dead -