

PAID

2

250  
1250  
250  
20600  
5000000

Mr. C. L. Mott.

note note &c

92, Pall Mall  
London

per Ship Elizabeth

1711

135

Robert Mott  
New York  
April 1822

Dear Uncle,

New York. April 19<sup>th</sup> 1822.

It is a great Satisfaction to me and my two orphan Sisters to find that we have some relations on our fathers side although at a great distance, that bear us in memory. for we were left in this wild world in a state of infancy without a penny and the few relations we have on our mothers side are but indifferent in their circumstances. my Grandmother and my Aunt (my mothers sister) have done all in their power to aid my sisters so they have not suffered so much as they would have done had they been left entirely destitute, they both live with my Grandmother at the present time, Mary the Eldest, is very pious and industrious, and now supports herself with her needle, Michaela, is yet but a youth, my fate so far has been a better one. I have lived with Mr. Allen Holden ever since I was between 3 and 4 years old, and with all the love and indulgence that a parent ought to show towards a child, and I recognize them and his wife as a second father and mother. I am now and have been for about two or three years in the office of Mr. Horace Holden, Counselor at Law who is their nephew, but as that profession is overstocked in this City, I have no idea of becoming one of that fraternity. I have concluded to learn the cabinet makers trade, and intend going the first of May. upon trial, it would have been better for me had I went before this thing now in my sixteenth year. I begin to think I must prepare to do something for myself to convey me through this troublesome world, and not expect to live altogether and forever on the generous bounty of Mr. Holden, There was something very unpleasant took place between my father and mother (which you must undoubtedly have heard of) it grew into a separation before their death, but I was so young, and being from home I did not partake of that trouble, I was called by my father Robert Chaffin but my mother on her death bed advised that I should be christened Robert Holden, and it being agreeable to all my relations here in a short time after her death her wish was accomplished. I have been informed that some of my relations in England, are very wealthy, if so, and any of them should feel disposed to contribute any thing for our sakes, and will consign it to Mr. & A. Holden it will be appropriated as directed by the giver to the best advantage but if not, consistent we must trust, to the great ruler of all events and giver of all blessings who I hope and pray will provide for us as he has hitherto done. I hope you will be kind enough to let us hear from you on the receipt of this letter, as a letter from you will ever be remembered by your affectionate friends and nephews.

With this letter you will receive one from my sister Mary, may I add you will find an account of her health. Robert Hallott

MB.

I have been disappointed in the expectation of going to a place the first of May, but I hope before long to find another place. Mr. Holden is at Philadelphia and will write as soon as he returns.

A.M.N.  
66