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New York September 30th 1816.

Sir,

I have living with me a boy about Eleven years old, by the name of Robert Chatfield Mott, son to the late William Mott of this City, who died about four years since. His Widow died about six Weeks past. They have left to the mercy of the world three very sprightly and active children, entirely dependant upon charity - having no relation in this County able to afford them any assistance -

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I was a neighbour & upon terms of friendship with him, and took the boy for a short time, until he could make some other arrangements for his accommodation. Shortly after Mr Mott went to Boston, where he died & Robert remained with me ever since.

He is a child of so good a disposition & so grateful for every kindness shewn him, that I have no other feelings for him than a fathers! I have kept him constantly at an English school, but it is not in my power to render him the assistance which his talents merit without injustice to my own family, & he has now attained the age, at which he ought to complete his Education & prepare for some useful occupation in Society.

I called upon his mother the week in which she died, she informed me that you were uncle to her husband, & that this boy was named for you. She desired me earnestly to write you & give information of her orphan children. She entertained a hope that you would be disposed to render them some assistance to relieve the charity of their friends & rescue them from ignorance.

The other two children are girls, the one older, the other younger than the boy, a small sum might be of essential service to them if you should think proper to bestow it, & place it in the hands of some person here - I would endeavour to

have it applied to the best advantage for them
according to your wishes & directions -

I have discharged a duty in making their
situation known to you, & I have no doubt the
subject will receive such attention from you as its
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With sentiments of respect

Your mo. obed^t

Asa Holder

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Mr. Henry A. Webb Gun-maker & Engraver No 13 Bridgeport
Street Liverpool. I am Sir

Yours very Respectfully

Liverpool 19th Nov. 1810

Charles Reader

I. S. I send one of my printed Bills of my Establishment
Business at York, but an enclosure w. the double postage.

Children of William B. Mott

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Fragments of a letter from Asa Holden to Robert Mott with endorsement by Charles Read, or Reade, 19th November 1810.

Addressed: Mr. Robert C. Mott, Brighthelmstone, Sussex,
England
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