

Dr. Uncle

New York Nov^r. 14th 1805

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from you, superseding all other powers &c
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Mr. Martin fled to the country, on account
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returned, before I can do anything it will be
best to see him; you acted right in not
investing him; I shall endeavor to act as prudent
-ly as I can, & am fully acquainted with his
Character, he has been a blade, & lives now
totally expensive; as a means, he may be
exceedingly useful, but shall trust him no
more than is unavoidable - he may be
able, (as he told me he would), to advance money
& carry the business through; & is very much
interested in it indeed!! - If he is so lucky
as to settle the bond, ~~satisfactorily~~, to our
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am almost certain he has received some hundred
dollars, however that is not to the purpose, at

present, ~~twould~~ be well to say nothing to
Mr. Martin in London, lest he may, give
information of my loose thoughts, and thereby
retard your business. - I have heard nothing
from Julius, as you mention'd; Mr. Kase
appears to be unfortunate in his children,
and sorry for Mr. he is the first motto. I have
heard of turning out so bad, poverty may over-
take us all, through misfortunes, but honesty
Industry, & a becoming dignity of carriage, is in
the power of every one.

For myself I have been driven in to the
Country, on acct. of yellow fever, have three children
two hearty boys, William & Robert, and a girl
named Mary, have lost a baby 15 months old, Matilda,
have been in business for myself 18 months, from
50 doll, with which I began, I have now between
3 & 400 \$ clear of all debts, am in a thriving
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me thus, ^{happy} bless'd with health, strength & comforts, he
gave, & can take away! — you will hear from me
by the date of Dec^r 1st if possible in the mean
I am your affectionate nephew Wm. M. M.



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Am Pratt
N. York
14 Dec^r 1805

Mr Robert W. Hart
to the care of Mr J. Hartwick,

Albion Ground Street, } & Miller
Back Street bridge, }
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London Dec^r 1805

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Transcript of A9

William B. Mott New York 14th November 1805

to Mr (crossed out) Robert Mott
to the care of Mr. J. Chatfield
Upper Ground Street
Black Friars Bridge
London

Stamped "SHIP LETTER" and "December 28 1805"
Robert has written "Sent an answer August 1806"

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P.S. the proper name is William Doughty so that you was right
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