

Joseph, you would both be of great service to me, and yourselves as well. I expect you can find a friend to assist you, if you only want to come, and you had better come by way of New York, if you can make it convenient, if not do not set out before May. Dear Henry, I hope you are in good health, and your wife and children, Eliza and Charles more or less. I have not heard from Wm. Elliott, since last Christmas, when I went to see him. I desire my kind love to Uncle Charles and Aunt and your family. I should be very glad to see you in Canada, but I shall not expect to see you until I return to Chiltington, which I expect will be within a few years. As for the country, it is quite to my expectations, preferable to the States, by the account I have heard. Please to write as soon as you receive this letter, for I have not had no answer since last February. I hope you will let me know how Mr. Goatcher is getting on, and if he do not want to come to Canada again. Please to send me word how uncle is getting on at Worthing, and my cousins. Dear sister, I sends my kind love to you, I should be very glad if you would come and keep my house, as housekeepers are so very scarce in this country. I sends my kind love to you all, my grandfather, uncles, and aunts, and cousins, one and all. I hope you will send word of any thing as happens to any of you, whether it is for the best or the worst. I sends my kind love to all Washington young people, and old: in particular to my old acquaintance. I see Charles in April just before I left. I particularly wish to hear from William Bowley.

So no more at present from your kind and dutiful son,

JOHN HOLDEN.

Direct to me John Holden, Delaware, Township of London, Upper Canada. By New York.