

T. Babington to Josiah Pratt

London, Down[in]g

July 22nd 1812

Dear Sir

I have a sudden call into the Country & shall probably leave Town tomorrow morning. It is therefore most likely that I cannot join M^r Wilberforce in the application to the Sec[retary]^s of State about M^r Kendal [sic]. I will however leave your Letter & also M^r Marsden's with M^r Wilberforce who will, I believe, stay in this quarter a few days longer.

I find my Nephew very desirous of undertaking to be our [f] assistant, if you think he will suit you, & he wishes, to be allowed to try for a fortnight how this will be, on the condition of giving his assistance gratuitously – during that time, if on the trial you should find that he has not time enough for some business, or will not suit on any other account, I will enclose a Letter from him to me, giving me the result of some inquiries I desired him to make respecting the time which the Clerks at the Bank have to spare. – He would have occasional assistance from his Brother (also in the E[ast] I[ndia] House & from one of my Sons who is with M^r Macaulay, when pressed more than usual, by business. On the whole I should hope you would find him do very well. [f]

PS I find M^r Macaulay has a similar Note; but if you have an opportunity of better assistance from some other quarter you will of course think no more of my Nephew for you certainly ought to do the best you can for the Society.

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If you wish to speak to my nephew again, a Letter addressed to M^r W^m
Babington, Baggage warehouse, India House, will find him.

I am, dear Sir,

Your's very faithfully

T. Babington

My nephews Letter was intended only for my eye