

To
M^r. George Galloway
New York

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Loving Son

I had the good fortune to Receive both your Letters - The unhappy
 my Misfortune you Inform me you have met with An Loving
 your Wife - I am very Sorry for, but as all Humane kind is lyab-
 -le to die by the decrees of Divine Providence - Therefore we ought
 not to Think it hard when God is pleased to Execute his Will -
 I have Sent your Sister Rachel A Letter but have Received no
 Answer - Your Child that is here is in good health & Seems Content
 You tell me you Expect to have to Sail to some distant Land - which
 I am Sorry for - but knows of no Remedy to hinder it - If the Articles
 of peace Exclude you ^{from staying here} - You also say that you are left alone with God
 Which I am very Glad to hear that you looke upon your self in that
 Light - as God is the Comforter that can give Relief & will to all
 Those that seek it with a Sincere and upright heart - he is the only
 Companion in all Changes of fortune - Now my Son as I am at
 A Distance from you And age & Infirmitie hinders me from ever coming
 to take my Last farewells of you - I hope your Neer will forget,
 but will always Remember the Early and usefull Lectures that
 I often Infused into your Youthfull Minde, I hope my Son as it is the
 Last Request (or at Least may be) of your father and mother who brought
 you up with tender Care, that you will always have your Creator before your
 Eyes and always Get your Living by following some honest Employment
 as you tell me you do - which is a great Satisfaction to me - Likewise We

Desire and pray that you will shun all bad Company as you know
we have often told you that bad Company brings on all bad ~~company~~
and Wicked practices & All habitts both of body & mind - and has often
been the Down fall of many a brave well meaning man - And we
now pray to God for you, that he will be always with you & be your Guard
Guide through all Dangers - If you walke uprightly my Son who knows
what Divine providence may do for you, God can order it that all ^{that} is past
may be forgotten towards you & in a short time ~~all that is past~~
You may yet Return to your Loving parents & be a comfort to us
In our old age - All your brothers & Relations here is in good health
and Desires to be Remembred to - your mother & I is also in good health
Remember my Love to your Uncle Jacob Lamb & his family and ^{to} M^r
Secors ~~and~~ the Minister and to M^r Letters & to all other Enquiring
friends, I desire you will keep this Letter, And when you look
upon it will always put you in Remembrance of your fathers
Council - So no more at present but Remains your Loving
Parents untill Death

Also Remembers our kind Love
To your Sister Betty & to all
your Cousins

John Galloway
Hannah Galloway