

The original of this letter has long since fallen in pieces. This is a copy of a copy.

Berry Villa,  
Silverton,  
Dec 1842.

My dear Aunt,

I received your kind letter yesterday morning. I was very glad to have it, not having heard from you before. I received a letter from Mamma dated Aug 2nd about a month ago. It gave me great pleasure not having heard from her for a long time. Tommy is at Christ Church School in London. He left here with Mrs. Way, 30th April last. He didn't appear to take any notice of being parted from us but I think he feels rather lonely. Mrs. Way has kindly asked a friend to see him sometimes. He did so last week. Tommy was very glad to see him because he knew Mrs. Way. I am very much obliged for the sovereign you so kindly sent me but I do not need a new dress at present as Mrs. Way kindly provides all I want. I learn Music, French, Drawing, dancing and the use of the Globes. I hope I shall improve in them all to the satisfaction of you and my dear Mamma. That verse in Dr. Watt's hymn, which you repeated to me in your letter, I heard Mrs. Way explain to a child in the school, and the precepts which you so kindly named in your letter, have often been impressed on me! I hope, by God's blessing, to profit by them. Please tell my dear sister that I expect a letter from her.

With love to my sister and cousin

I remain, my dear Aunt,

Your affectionate niece

Sophia Whittle

P.S. I had forgotten, dear Aunt, to tell you that I am in good health - a blessing which I hope you enjoy and all my dear friends enjoy.

*1) There is no record of Sarah's sister, nor aunts and cousins. Her mother Sophia Martin was married to Thomas Waterman Whittle and kept a school in North Bridge Road, Singapore.*

*2) Sarah was born 1832 and so is writing at the age of 10 yrs.*

*On 14 Mar 1849 she was married to Dr. Robert Little.*

*3) Sophia was no relation to Sarah's future mother in law Anne Little nee Martin.*

*4) Silverton lies 1 mile to the East of A 396 half way between Exeter and Tiverton, Devon. The Berry is a corruption of the Bury or Burg. There are no signs of the previous occupation evident, the church has long been standing on part of the small plateau, on which several Lime trees stand, planted to celebrate the accession of Charles the second.*

*4) Berry Villa is the southernmost of a row of dwellings, and is now designated 2 Berry Cottages. It was occupied by a Miss Platt in 1987. At some time in the later 1800's the properties were allowed to revert to farm buildings. The present occupation relates to title deeds of 1904. The gracious masonry gate posts and wrought gate are sufficient evidence that it was the Villa, as also that the foot path and approach to the front door are set in granite slivers as those of the Churchyard. Photographs were taken 16 March 1987.*

Copy received from Mrs. Moira Stilling.

Ref: SARASDPH.002



Copy of a letter from Sarah Sophia Little ( 30 years of age ) to her daughter Jessie, Her family was dispersed;

Sophy	9,08	England
Jessie	8,01	England
Mary	5,11	Singapore
Wm, Maxwell	4, +	Singapore
Margaret	3,11	Singapore
Robert	1,06	Singapore

No mention is made of Max who came between Mary and Margaret.

Singapore  
Apr 23 1862

My dearest Jessie,

I suppose you will tomorrow be removing to Mrs. Mack's, I think the 24th was mentioned for you departure from Miss Eyre's,

I am afraid you will miss Tom and Harriet very much, they have been so kind to you, Margaret and little Robert are well, I hope to send you his likeness soon, there is a photographer expected from Edin shortly, I wish Robert could see his dear sisters, How much you would love him,

We are making such a pretty garden, Mr. James and Papa and I all work on it, There is a long shady walk beside a high fence covered with convolvulus of different colours, and other creeping plants, At intervals in the walk there is a kind of bower or "bosquet" as the French call it, and there we place our orchids, some of which are flourishing beautifully, At the end of the walk we are making a Rockery and a small fish pond,

We are going to put on the top of the Rockery a petrified Turtle which was found in the Malay Peninsular, and Papa says it must have lived before the Deluge, We will get some coral and shells to put there also,

The other day we went to a picnic to Changee on the other side of this Island, and after supper we went in the little steamer "Singaporean" round .... where we get all our granite, We were quite close to .... - but it is all dense jungle as far as we could see, There are fine mountains in the distance, and nearer there was Jahore Hill and (Gunong means mountains) and Pangerang, All covered with trees to the top, There is a long range of mountains all up this Peninsular said to join the Himalayas, it is a very lovely country little Jessie, "And man alone is vile" as the Hymn so truly says,

Baby has given me a kiss for you and Mary sends some too, Give my love to Sophie and yourself,

I am ever your affectionate Mama,

I forgot the Dolly you wish to send to Margaret, If you ask Mr. Beyson the watchmaker, he knows a Mr. Thompson who might bring it, Tell him you are Dr. Little's little girl

Original in possession of Mrs. Moira Stilling,  
Ref SARASOPH 000, Copied 3 Jun 1987,

*1) Sophie and Jessie are in London in the care of a Mrs. Mack at 19 Rutland Gardens, though writing from that address 26th June 1863 Sophie refers to her as Mrs. Meek,*



Copy of a letter from Sarah Sophia Little to her daughter Jessie being educated in England.

Singapore  
Aug 20 1862

My darling Jessie,

By the time you receive this you will be back at school again, I am so glad to hear you like your school now and enjoy your maths so much,

How did you like your sea bathing at Redcar, it must have been such a nice change for you, I do not know if Mary is to join you or not, we shall hear soon for certain, I hope you were very kind to her and also to Aunt Mary's little boys and that you and Sophie were Auntie's 'little maids' while you were with her,

I hope you are being kind to Grandmama too, You cannot please us more in any way than by being very attentive to her, Do you keep her supplied with kettle holders still? Have you seen Uncle William and cousin Jane, have you seen her lately?

We are at Rosemouth, the house which Uncle John built in Papa's plantation and we like being here very much, Cousin John helps Papa to look after the Coolies who work on the plantation,

Margarita and Clarke walk down to the sea beach every morning and so does Baba Robert and his Ayah and Ak Kwee his China boy, Yesterday they went to the village with Auntie, and when little Robert saw the Malay boys he ran after them with a stick and they all ran away but I do not think they were really very frightened, they did it to please him, We brought all the pets here, Tommy Black and Tommy Brown and Kitty,

Will you tell Mrs. Mack that the postage is now 1/- by Southampton, as your letters are always insufficiently paid, It used to be 6d but was raised some time ago,

Margaret and Robert send you kisses, give my compliments to Mrs. Mack and with best love to Sophie and yourself

I am your affectionate Mama

Did you get the two Jahore notes and Siam coins I sent you by Capt. Lyall?

Original in possession of Mrs Moira Stilling,  
Ref SARASOPHY,001



Copy of letter from Sophie Little (10,10 yrs) in London to her sister Mary (7,01 yrs) still with her parents in Singapore, being daughters of Sarah Sophia and Dr, Robert Little.

26th June 1863  
19 Rutland Gardens,

My dear Mary,

Grandmama came here yesterday and told me that Uncle John and Minty and you were coming here very soon, I am so glad for I will see you, I do not think I have seen you for a year, Mrs. Douglas (is) a very kind lady who we often go to see has got a new little baby it's name is William I have seen him he is a very nice little boy,

Mama has sent me some strange seeds of a beautiful tree with bright red flowers, How are you getting on with your lessons and what do you learn does Willie learn with you,

It is only a month to the holidays now then I will have no more lessons for a long time, It is very nice indeed, I wish you were coming here next year for I wanted to have you beside me for we would have grand fun, All of us are writing just now for this is the only time we have in the week after we are done we get dressed and go into the drawing-room and play on the piano some tunes while Mrs. Meek listens then we have tea and sometimes we play after it but often we work till bedtime,

Have you seen Aunt Jessie's baby yet is not it's name to be Jessiek\*, I wonder when I will see it, Mame says in her letter to Grandmama that perhaps she will send Maggie and Robert in two years and if she does I will be so glad I will not know what to do,

Poor Mys, Marten fell down one day and hurt her arm very much only she is getting better now,

There I must end as I am very busy,

With love and kisses to all

I remain your affectionate sister

Sophia Little

Original in possession of Mrs. Moira Stilling,

Ref: SOPHYLIT,000

1) Mrs. Stilling avers that Sophia was always called Sophie to avoid confusion with her mother, As far as possible this practice has been carried forward,

2) Grandmother must have been Anne Little (née Martin) by this date widow of William Maxwell Little d, 12 Dec 1843 Edinburgh, Anne may have moved to London, She died 14 apr 1869,

3) Aunt Jessie was the seventh child of William Maxwell Little and thus a younger sister of Dr, Robert Little, She married her cousin William Martin, They too must have been in Singapore,

4) Mary died 31 July 1869 aged 13 yrs and was buried at Shooters Hill Cemetery, Blackheath,

5) She refers to Maggie, her younger sister Margaret (Rita) and brother Robert McEwan,

\* Was christened Anne, and later married Dr, Gimson whose practice was in Chelmsford,



Copy of a letter from Sophie Little to her younger sister Jessie. She is returning to Singapore on completion of her schooling in England, accompanied by her father Dr. Robert and her recently acquired step mother Mary Elizabeth (née Campbell).

8th Febry 1871  
Tanjore  
off Cape St. Vincent

My dear Jessica,

Thanks very much for your last letter which read with great pleasure but my dear before going on let me make one observation which is I never flirt and don't like your telling me that I shant be able to do so under Papa's eyes which is ..... a mistake. Let me remark en passant, for if I choose to flirt with every man on board Papa would not be the wiser,

We have a very kind lot on board, old married couples and the only ..... man is Mr. Ebell the permanent consul for Hong Kong, who carries on a disparate (sic) flirtation with an English widow, whom he is chaperoning back to H, there are a lot of babies on board and the Gentlemen all devoutly wish " that all the babes would go to Heaven" for they do squall so, with(out) ceasing as Mr. Ebell said "they cry but once a day" meaning they begin at dawn and go straight on till dark,

Do you know that the stewards do really make the beds, empty the slops etc,--bring you your tea in bed etc, so make up your mind to it my dear, This morning I had a bath I had to go in my dressing gown through the saloon where the stewards were laying breakfast I tried to look dignified but how was that possible when my hair was in a pigtail and I was scampering as if for dear life but once at the bath I had ..... Dempsey the bathroom steward to pour the water over me,

Today we passed close to the coast of Spain and tomorrow at daybreak we reach Gib. The weather is already quite warm and the sea is covered at night with phosphorescence light we have also seen today a school of porpoises an a steamer with four masts such a big one, Papa thinks it must be the 'Himalaya' or some such ons,

Remember when you come on board to choose your seats as near to your cabin door as possible so as to make a rush easy if such a thing is necessary,

I have in my cabin a Miss Hancock who is going to India for pleasure and perhaps coming back at once if she does not like it but I can't tell if she is going to be married or going to her parents or what,

Love to Mrs. Meek dear Lizzie

Original in possession of Mrs Moira Stilling,  
Ref, SOPHYLIT 001

*1), Strangely there is no direct reference to her father's second wife, Dr. Robert Little remarried 5 Jan 1871 to Mary Elizabeth Campbell and thus by implication would be too preoccupied to notice any flirtations. It makes sense that he had come to England to claim his second bride, probably the culmination of his round world trip. Mary Elizabeth was in fact little older than and already known to Jessie,*



Extracts from a letter by Sophie Little to her younger sister Jessie who was just leaving school in England and about to rejoin her family in Singapore. Jessie writes with a wealth of experience, having returned herself not more than 5 months previously.

July 1871

"what a sentimental moment for you! dear Sis, and with it youth and all its visions,.....duties of womanhood such as scolding the dhobie for putting his head through some,..... but away with pleasure and come business! But first I must tell you about the battle - great battle of Salingore between H.M.S. Rinaldo and the Rajah of Madi's men. It began by the pirates attacking a Chinese junk. A small steamer, the Pluto, was sent out to catch 'em and caught it herself so the Rinaldo, stationed here, went to attack them; went up their river, got well peppered, swung round and delivered a broadside with killing effect. I intend asking Capt. Robinson for particulars when next we meet, but will send you today's paper and you shall read the thrilling account!"

*There follows a list of clothes to be taken out to Singapore - prices out there from Uncle Matt's ( John Little and Co., Ltd) and so on. Some items - 6 prs. coloured kid gloves, 6 prs. of boots, 3 prs. dancing boots - all hand made from bootmaker in Blackheath! Things like " Don't bring coloured cotton stockings -utterly useless only white, 2 plain coloured petticoats, old if you like for the plantation and 6 white. Please bring me some nice things for round the neck! My black jacket is very useful. I think you had better get a plain white muslin or so; something that will wash and trim it with ribbon.*

Now I think I have done with dress affairs but, while I remember, don't spend all the money Papa is sending you at home, for one needs it here I can tell you to my cost. Chinese peddlars come round with lots of pretty curiosities and you see nice things in shops and want to buy them.

On board, the first thing you do is to pin a card on the table nearest your cabin door; such precautions are useful and necessary at sometimes! Then get the steward to put your chair there - et vous voila etablie - pourquoi ne m'ecrivez vous pas en Francais - je l'ai oublié!

Adieu Embrassez tous le monde

Votre soeur

Sophie

Original in possession of Mrs Moira Stilling.  
Ref ANT SOPHY.000





*H. H. the Maharajah of Johore*  
*requests the pleasure of*  
*The Misses Little's*  
*Company at Dinner on Saturday*  
*the 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 o'Clock.*

*R. S. V. P.*

*Istana, Johore.*

*To meet I. H. the Rajah and Ranee of Sarawak.*

This invitation must have been for the 24th November 1871 and addressed to the Misses Sophie and Jessis Little. Both had returned to Singapore on completion of their schooling in England, and Sophie was to marry James Brennand before the year was out.

*The card was kindly presented to the compiler by Miss Alexa (Lexie) Sumner.*



Copy of a letter from Mary Elizabeth Little (née) Campbell, second wife of Dr. Robert Little, from Singapore to her step daughter Jessie in England.

Bonnygrass  
6th February 1874

My dearest Jessie,

We were very glad indeed to receive your letter by the French Mail the day before yesterday, and learn that you were well and enjoying your rides etc. Have you had any more headaches since you went and are you troubled in other departments now you are in a cold climate. I have no idea what to write about for everything that I ask your Papa if he has told you he says he doesn't remember.

This has been a very gay week, what with private parties and public ones. The MacNairns had a big dinner to the Sedgreaves one night. There was a ball at Govt. House on Wednesday night to the naval officers. We had no less than 2 admirals here at the time, the rising sun and the setting sun. Admiral Shadwell is on his way home. Yr Papa went to call upon him as he had called on us. He got the Mata mata as being a Mr. S.C. Tom Scott went with him but the old fellow had gone to see the other admiral. The two doctors of the ships called on your Papa. We asked one of them to dinner and to stay all night but they were entertaining the officers of the "Audacious". There were very few ladies at the Govt. House ball but I have not seen anyone who was there to give me the gossip. Your Papa went for an hour "to pay his respects".

There was a croquet party a day or two before on a very large scale. I was told 170 were present, there were tents and all sorts of grand arrangements. Mrs. Boyd and Cowan were invited when Miss Oseley heard it she said "impossible". The two Rajahs who have given so much trouble were there. Last night was the German Club ball. I don't envy people who had restive horses. It was the Chinese New Years eve so you know what a noise there would be. Farleigh Armstrong would not let his horses go out so Miss A was going with the Woods. The noise began about 2 am again and though it was loud enough to seem as if the house was being besieged that angelic child May slept through it and gave no trouble whereas poor Mary Dall I believe did not sleep all night.

I made my first appearance in a police court a week ago. I had to go and swear that I had heard the boy call out "tuan" when he was apprehended. Of course it was not very pleasant but everybody was very kind to me and I was honoured with a chair while I gave my evidence. I am summoned to appear towards the end of the month before Justice Woods. I hope I may be able to get off that.

Your Papa is driving "Orion" this morning in spite of the crackers. He says he is a delightful horse to drive much better than Harry.

I enclose Sophie's letter and the bill which came a few days ago. It is a good thing I did not thank her for the ball dress. I am terribly afraid that the wonderful chine silk is to be trimmed with rose colour in which case it will be no use for church and visiting which is what I wanted it for. I think most of your things are very moderate.

The most of Dr. Robertson's handsome furniture did not sell for the price he wished so he bought it inc. sideboard dining-table etc. People are all talking about the Glenlyon being so heavily laden. I hope Dr. R won't hear of it.

Mrs. Dale is wonderfully well again. I was seeing her yesterday. I go to her feeling very amiable and return in the reverse, however long I stay with her she is not content and when she is able to go about she is independent of company.

I consider I have been very little in the garden the last fortnight for I have had such bad rheumatism in my legs that I have not been able to do more than hobble about the house. A great many people have had it. Mr. McKerrow has it in the small of his back and can't get out of bed. Mrs. Neave has had it in her feet.

Mr. Young's daughter came to lunch the other day, he thought it would be very good exercise for her to read to Grannie, of course she was very impatient for her though I guessed the result. Grannie could not make out what she said and seemed to think that words of four syllables had not been included in her education. I dare say the girl was a little nervous. The kittens are all nice little things. The other day May saw the big cat lift one of them. She began to cry out "Oh come come".



9th The mail has been a day later of coming in than was expected but I see it signalled now. Last night yr. Papa dined at Govt. House to meet Admiral Ryder. There was a large party of 36 or so. Sir Andrew is going to Siam on Saturday to try and adjust the differences.

Mr. Atenison died of apoplexy in some form or other brought on by exposure to the sun. His poor boys will be badly left. Two of the officers of the "Audacious" popped in upon us on Saturday at about 4 o'clock. Luckily I saw them coming and had time to get off as I was still in my dressing jacket. Mrs. Dale sends you her love and may perhaps write but her health is so uncertain that she may not feel able. Mrs. D'Almeida was calling on her a few days ago. The first thing she said was "What a wonderful woman you are and how bonny you look". May still calls out for you when anything occurs to bring you to mind. Yesterday she was hiding below the table and all of a sudden went to the bars of the verandah to call for you. I don't think I have written since I heard that Lexie was going to Brighton to visit Mrs. Reid. It will be a nice change for her. Matthew says Robin is very shy and needs bringing out but Max does not. His eyes are very bad and he stoops very much. He was going to be taken to a London oculist. We had no letter from Rita. I have been reading the Coming Race. It is very curious. I am working away at petticoats for May. I can do them so much quicker on the machine that I must work while I can.

12 pm We have got our letters nice and soon this time so I am able to enclose the boys'. We have not yet got James letter. I expect we will before this is posted. What a lucky mail this has been for you. I have written out some recipes for you. If there is room I will send them if not they can "wait a week". Short letter from John and Matthew with no news that the children don't give. Mrs Martin was here last night. She is getting used to Johnnies absence. If I get any more letters I will add a postscript. Much love to all the Dalgliesh faction and yourself.

Ever your loving

Mary E. Little

James says "I have great pleasure in telling you that Sophie presented me with a little daughter on Tuesday morning (5th). I am glad to say that both are getting on favourably as I could wish. I suppose I had better describe the little one to the best of my abilities. She has dark hair & eyes and as far as we can judge at present has a very elegant nose. I suppose you know that it is to be christened 'Sophie'". The list of things makes the letter over weight so I will send it next week.

*Notes:-*

1. Dr. Robertson was in partnership with Dr. Robert Little from 1858 - 1879. This reference however infers he might have been minded to wind up his interests as early as 1874.
2. Mrs. D'Almeida was the wife of Mr. José son of Dr. José D'Almeida who came to Singapore in 1825 from Macao. He had one time been a surgeon on board a Portuguese man-of-war and had already bought land in 1824. He was consulted by the masters of two ships, one Portuguese the other Spanish, delayed by the monsoon from their eastward voyage, to sell their cargo. This he did by auction with such profit that he set up in business, becoming a pioneer in many enterprises and a most notable member of the community. He died in 1850. Mrs. José was a daughter of the Rev J.C. Grylls the minister of Trinity Church, Sydney, Australia, where they were married in 1845. He continued the business but was later involved in broking. Mrs. D'Almeida died aged 70 on 7 Jan 1894 and her husband one week later.
3. Grannie was possibly Mrs. Whittle, mother of Dr. Robert's first wife.
4. 'the boys letters' must refer to those of Jessie's brothers Maxwell 17 and Robert McEwan 14.
5. John and Matthew, partners in John Little & Co, and the boys' uncles. John had lived in Blackheath since 1862 and must have had oversight in their education nearby. Matthew was on leave in Blackheath at the time Mary was writing, having married his second wife Harriet Agnes Lawrence.
6. Rita was Mary's step daughter, the compiler's grandmother, who married James Waddell, presumably also being educated in England, though where at the time unknown.
7. Jessie must have been in Scotland. Dr. Robert's sister Anne had married his friend Robert McEwan in Singapore. They had returned to Glasgow where their daughter Mary had married William Henry Dalgliesh in 1871. His sister Mary had married John Martin Little in 1856.
8. James, of the postscript, was James Brennand who had married Mary's eldest step daughter Sophie in 1871.



Copy of a letter written by Mary Elizabeth Little (née Campbell) to her twin sons William Campbell and Matthew. They had come to England during 1883 with their younger brother John Wishart to commence their formal education in Edinburgh and were in the care of Mrs. Mackay. Mary Elizabeth was to die suddenly of a cerebral haemorrhage 6 Apr 1884.

Singapore,  
21st January 1884

My dearest Willie and Matt,

Very many happy returns of your birthday to you, if you try to be good true boys and men you will be sure to be happy even though you have not much money or many fine things about you. I am writing you a joint letter as you have just one birthday between you. I hope you will be very kind to each other all your lives. I would like my three boys to be just like father, Uncle John and Uncle Matt in that respect who still love each other very much though they are grey headed men, and I think it can only be by bearing with one another and not being offended by little things.

Last year you got your knives. I wonder what you would like this time, as I can't guess. I am going to ask Mrs. Mackay to give you each 5/- with much love from Father and Mother and you can buy something to give you pleasure and occupation in your spare time. You know that I like you always to be busy about something and not to loll about doing nothing. Have you lost your knives yet? which boy has still got his purse? It will soon be time to get the gardening tools, I owe them to you Matt - you did not get them because it would only have been tantalizing to have them and you Billy did not know what you wanted for your parting present. Does May's watch go pretty well. I hope to get letters this forenoon but I am afraid it will be after these are posted.

The little ones are out for their morning walk, Hetty only knows a few words of Malay so the ayah is no companion to her. Yesterday I popped her into bed before I went to church and thought she would be alright while we were away, but no, the little puss heard the carriage drive off, did not sleep and made herself miserable all the time in case I should not come back. I had told her I was going.

She is such a little rogue. A few days ago she wished to put water in her teapot and I would not give it. Sitting in the next room I heard her making a great many excursions to the Ayah asking for a "drink of water" so I thought I had better see what she was about, so I watched her. She ran to the ayah, filled her mouth with water, back to my room spirted it out into her teapot then ran away for another "drink" and so on till she had enough.

Father is nearly well, better I think than when we were at Kincaig but not so strong as when we left Edinburgh. I don't think I have anything more to tell you, for I have written Johnnie this time too. Goodbye my dear boys, I will often think of you the day you get this.

Ever your loving Mother

Mary E. Little

*Matthew carried this letter throughout his career. Mary Elizabeth also asked "Does May's watch go pretty well?" This infers that their elder sister Mary 12,0 was also in Edinburgh. It is probable that she had come home to start her formal education up to 3 years earlier.*

Original in possession of Matthew's daughter, Mrs. Mollie Wilson of Ottawa.  
Ref. LITTLE-MARYCMBL.000



Letter from James Brennand to his daughter Sophy,

Per German Mail

Singapore  
14 May 1888

My dear little daughter,

Your nice long letter rec'd the other day gave me great pleasure, it contained quite a ..... of news. Yesterday Cousin Bob went into the country to look at some land he had bought, I started from the Hotel at 5 o'clock and did not get back to Uncle Bob's until 10 o'clock, I spent the day at his house, in the afternoon we were walking about the compound when one of the Syces came up and told us there was a ..... in the tree and it had been playing havoc with their fowls, we got a gun and shot at it and hit it but after falling down from the tree it managed to escape among the underwood but it wont come back for some time as it was badly wounded.

Next Monday I am going to Branjee(?) and may perhaps go across to Jahore and call upon the Sultan.

I hope you have enjoyed your holiday at Worthing, did you catch any fish and how did you spend your time?

Uncle Waddell has gone to Penang but is expected back in a few days. It was thought that Aunt Rita and the children were coming up here, but uncle James is going back to Java after he returns from Penang.

I suppose by this time you are back at school and I hope studying hard so as to be a clever girl.

Give my love to Grandfather and Grandmother and with the same to you all.

Your affectionate father

J. Brennand.

Original in possession of Mrs. Moira Stilling.  
Ref, BRENNAND, 000 Copied 3 Jun 1987.

1) Possibly Sophy's maternal grandfather Dr. Robert Little MD (Edin) who retired from practice in Singapore to Blackheath 1884 where he died 11 June 1888, probably before this letter was received, Grandmother thus being Mary Elizabeth (née Campbell) his second wife and therefore stepmother-in-law to James Brennand.

2) Alternatively he could be referring to his father Richard Brennand who died 16 July 1899 and his mother, name not traced.

3) Cousin Bob was the elder child of Matthew Little and his first wife Isabella McNair (née Black), for whom a place must have been found in John Little and Co., His father had retired to Hampstead in 1877.

4) Uncle James Waddell was a brother-in-law to James Brennand, James Brennand married Sophie Little and her youngest sister Margaret (Rita) married James Waddell, (Grandfather of the present compiler).