

Success! - Mr Charles Hale,  
late of Kingswalden, has  
been very kind in in-  
viting me for the late  
+ mas holidays - and I  
went & pass two days at  
Mrs Chalmer at Guisborough  
- also Mrs Hale of Henry  
to whom I had written, lent  
me £1 - but, unable at this  
present holiday time, to  
find a position as companion  
to a lady or instructress  
(I was brought up in France)  
French, I am in a very difficult  
preliminary position, and I should  
be most grateful if your Lordship  
will (being a relation to me through  
your mother) grant me two  
pounds, which I will be able to  
return next time if you  
wish. - I remain my Lord  
of your Lordship,  
the most truly  
Mary Bowles

Mrs Mary Bowles (L242)  
32. Gordon Place  
Kensington  
London. W.

July 30<sup>th</sup> 1887.

My Lord,  
My grandmother was  
Sarah Hale of Kingswalden  
Kent. She was daughter of  
Wm Hale Esq. who married  
a daughter of Sir Farnaby  
of Wickham Court. Kent.  
My grandmother had  
several brothers & sisters  
- of the sisters: Lady Dering  
Charlotte who  
married 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas  
Duncombe of Duncombe  
Park, Yorks: and 2<sup>d</sup>  
she married the 2<sup>d</sup> Earl  
of Bristol

Ann - married the Rev:  
James Stillington - Canon  
of Worcester Cath: -  
My grand mother marr:  
Rev: James Bowles of Duryon  
Manor House W. Wensbury  
Shrop. Shropshire -  
And my father who died  
1870 was their son. -

The French Govt. took  
his properties in France  
during war & detained  
him eleven ~~to~~ years  
(on parole) Prisoner of  
War which ruined his  
military profession.

But he had <sup>rather</sup> preferred  
the pleasure of serving  
his Country at the age  
of 16 when a Midshipman

under Adl. Duncan 1797,  
The Midshipmen gained the  
Victory as all officers were  
wounded or killed in that  
terrible battle of Camperdown.

My father had entered  
into the British army 1802  
unable to behold the  
British Prisoners thrown  
into Duryon for debts,  
(communications between  
France & England being  
stopped) My father paid  
all their debts...  
made them free...  
but his own protestants  
my sisters & myself  
were left unprovided  
for. My father speculated  
in view of getting back  
his losses... but without