

**TRANSCRIPT OF LETTER FROM BARTHOLOMEW ALLERTON TO SIR  
PHILLIP PERCEVAL**

Right Worshipfull

14 May 1645

1. My service to yourselfe and your virtuous lady: with mani
2. humble thanks being the best requitall at present that
3. I am able to make for your many both former, and later un-
4. deserved favours, upon me conferred. I am (thanks bee
5. to god, from whom wee enjoy all wee have) in peace settled
6. here: but how longe this will continue I know not: for there
7. is at present a Counsell against mee at London, which arrived
8. there that very day in the evening upon which I despatched
9. my businesse: what hee intendeth or can doe against mee, is not
10. for mee to imagine: yet am confident that truth will defendeth
11. it selfe, at the hardest, against falsehood: I deserve noe
12. ill: and therefore to wish ... any were ... of an
13. obj... : yet if it were not over much boldnesse in mee, or too much
14. trouble to your Worship I should desire you would bee pleased
15. to goe, or send your man to Mr Felps the Clarke of this
16. Committee, where my business lyeth, who liveth at the widow
17. white's house in the white friars; to inquire if anything bee
18. ordered, or complaint made against mee: and soe to
19. send mee word by the next returne of the post, which cometh
20. out of London on Sabbath day next in the evening: In
21. the meane time lett mee intreet your Worshipfullness to give soe
22. much ... to my words that the first ... pounds I
23. shall receive of this yeares profits is destined to defray

24. the third parte of that debt which Ralph Grene longe oweth
25. and that I hope shall not bee deferred above six weekes
26. for your new kindness calleth for speedy payment of an ould
27. debt: this hiring will be noe inheritance; I should therefore
28. desire, if it come in your way you would recommend mee
29. to some honest patron: to conclude the lord ease
30. his ... that is heavie against us, and send you as high
31. a flood as you ebbe ... low; to whose goodnesse
32. I commend you and yours ...
33. My wife that now waiteth for a happy hour commends
34. her service to yourselfe and Lady
35. Bamfeild in Suffolk: 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1645