

South Governor July 17th 1881
J. B. Rice Esq.

Dear Sir,

I understand that you are Clerk of your Town, and wishing to obtain some information as regards ^{former} residents of your place who died about 1757. I would like to have you look up the old records, and I will pay you for your time and trouble and whatever expense you may incur in doing so, that you may understand what I want. I will make a brief statement of the matter.

Some twenty years since I endeavored to find out who my ancestors were, and where they came from, I L W Brown! was born

in Charleston, in the south part of
this Worcester County in 1833.

My Father Charles Brown jr was
born in Dudley in this County
in 1790. My Grandfather Charles Brown
was born "So the Dudley records, Sept. 1759."
in 1759. He married Hannah Palmer
of Thompson Ct. who was born
in 1755. My Great-Grandfather.

Alexander Brown. Must have come
to Charleston sometime about 1775 or
thereabouts. I tried for a long time
to find out where he came from
but could get no light on the
subject. A few years ago amongst
some old papers in the hands
of one of his descendants, was found
a letter of Administration granted
to Alexander Brown, once Elendon
Brown, his Mother. who were appointed
Executors of the Will, and Administrators
of the Estate of Charles Brown.

North
of Kingston, in the County of Kings
and Colony of Rhode Island.
dated July 8th 1751, and signed
by Sam^l. Thomas, Clerk.

I at that time ^{Some ten years ago} wrote to the Town Clerk
of North Kingston inquiring if there
was any such person buried in
that Town, and received for answer
that there was a family bearing
apponel on the Old Bridge street.
About that time I was called away
from here for awhile, and took
no farther pains to look up the
matter. Now my Dear Sir I would
like to have you look up the matter
and give me what information
you can in regard to it for which
I am willing to pay as I said
before, if you find, upon examination
that there is a record of said Charles
Brown and his Family, and do not
wish to spend your time without

being assured of your help for your
Service shop me a line, and I
will advance you whatever you
say. I learned your name by
one J. N. Hopkins of your town who
sells goods to a trader who
occupies a store in my building.

I enclose stamped envelope that
you may return a line
that I may know you have
received this.

Yours respectfully,
L. N. Brown,