

**BURT, Thomas**, M.P. (L.) Morpeth since 1874 ;  
*b.* Northumberland, 12 Nov. 1837 ; *s.* of Peter  
Burt, miner ; *m.* Mary, *d.* of Thomas Weather-  
burn, engineman, 1860 ; four *s.* three *d.* *Educ.* :  
Village Schools (two years attendance in all)  
and by half a century of continuous read-  
ing and intercourse with men. Commenced  
working in the coal mines at ten years of  
age ; continued at various kinds of under-  
ground work for eighteen years ; in 1865 was  
elected by his fellow-workmen to Secretary-  
ship of Northumberland Miners' Mutual Provi-  
dent Association, a post which he has held ever  
since ; President of Miners' National Union since  
1882 ; one of British Representatives to Berlin  
Labour Conference, convened by the Emperor of  
Germany, 1890 ; President Trades Union Con-  
gress, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1891 ; has taken part  
in the International Miners' Conferences ; Par-  
liamentary Secretary of Board of Trade from  
1892-95. *Publications* : articles for Nineteenth  
Century, Contemporary, Fortnightly. *Recrea-  
tions* : walking, cycling. *Address* : 20 Burdon  
Terrace, Newcastle. *Clubs* : Reform, National

35 Soume Street  
Newcastle-on-Tyne

Sept 14 1885

My Dear Sir,

I am very busy  
and, as a general  
rule to which I have  
only once made an  
exception in connection  
with the present general  
election, I have been  
compelled to decline  
invitations to take part  
in election contests  
out of my own locality.

I must now confine  
myself to this neighbourhood  
where I really have  
more work in prospect  
than I can hope to get through

A Liberal candidate  
I wish you success

Yours truly  
Geo. Port.

Miners' Conference.

Colmore Chambers,

1, Newhall Street,

Birmingham,

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Dear Mr Sackwood,

Mr Probertson

& I will be glad

if you will give

your name to the  
back of the

Bill to amend

the Employer's

Liability Act of 1875  
Home Charge.

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The names are  
Burt, Broadhurst, Joicey,  
Haldane & Suckwood.  
If you agree.

I shall feel obliged  
if you will let  
me have a telegram  
saying y<sup>e</sup>s or no. (Yes  
I hope) - to 40 George  
Road Edgbaston.

Birmingham tomorrow.  
or, <sup>a letter</sup> to the House of  
Commons by Friday  
morning.

Ever truly yours  
Thos Burt.