

St Oswalds,  
Grasmere.

R. S. O.

9 Augt. 1885.

My dear Harrington,

Your determination  
to return to Canada on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. without re-  
specting your visit here,  
is a grievous disappoint-  
ment to each and all of  
us. We were, I think I  
especially, looking forward  
to the few days we should

still

to spend together before you  
sailed, with real pleasure  
to the factor. - There were  
many things I wanted to  
talk over with you which  
I had not the opportunity  
of doing when you were  
here before; & this unpleasantly  
must now, unless you still  
relent, be left until nobody  
knows when. - Perhaps till  
never. It seems to me you  
might just as well as not.

have spent a week here, as  
you have got your <sup>intended</sup>  
trip over earlier than you  
anticipated, before turning  
your face westward again.  
Had you been late, that  
would have been a reasonable  
excuse for disappointing  
us. I see none now. -  
Think it over; there's a  
good fellow. - It is not even  
now too late to alter our plans.

I wrote to you about a  
month ago, & asked Colver

to forward it. Did you  
not get it?

I was in London for a few  
days last week, and am  
sorry I did not know you  
were to be there so soon,  
or I might have postponed  
my visit so as to have  
met you there. I was  
greatly pleased with the  
Inventions Exhibitions, &  
think I must go again  
& have another look at  
it before it closes on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Nothing is settled yet  
in Mr. Erskine's - - - - -  
the Lord Advocate has  
been so busy with the  
business of Parliament  
that they have not yet  
had time to get into the  
matter. I wish it would  
get attended to: the  
suspect is flying.

If you persist in sailing  
on Sunday, I fear it will  
be impossible for me to see

you again. - I must go  
to Leeds to the Library  
meeting tomorrow, for we  
Lawson people here this  
week, I cannot very well  
leave again. - It was my  
intention to have seen you  
if any how and under any  
circumstances.

I don't think I have yet  
sent you a copy of my testimony.  
However, I do so now.

All join in kindest remembrance,  
& in the petition that you will  
postpone your departure even  
now for week at least,  
& believe that I am,

Very faithfully yours,  
J. J. Armstrong.

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