

Liverpool Sept^r 6, 1837

My dear Sir,

I regret that circumstances prevented my acknowledging by Captain Thompson the receipt of the very handsome present of which he was the bearer.

I have had so many opportunities of appreciating the kindness of my friends in Whitehaven, that it did not need this additional proof of it, to convince me that they far overrated any little aid which I had been able to render to the cause in which I was, with them a fellow labourer. It is however a matter of grateful satisfaction to me, to be able to appeal to a testimony so unequivocal that I have possessed the private friendship of those with whom I have been politically associated, & that I have not left Whitehaven as I entered it, — a stranger to the feelings and sympathies of those around me. Nor is it less valuable to me as a memento of those with whom I have spent so many ~~happy~~ pleasant hours and in whose personal happiness and political success I shall ever continue to feel the deepest interest.

I do not allude to the intrinsic value of the gift further than to express my gratitude for the liberal

feeling which prompted one at once so useful and so splendid. If it suggest the thought how little I have done to deserve it, I remember that what I have not earned by my services, is the overflowing of personal kindness, and that in so far as it surpasses my deserts, it indicates the partiality of those, whose friendships has been no less coveted by me, than their approbation.

I beg of you to accept, for yourself, my most grateful thanks, not merely for the gift but for the manner of giving, and to add to the favour, by communicating the same expression of my feelings to those of my friends whose names you are so good as to promise to communicate to me, and to assure them that I am, with every sentiment of attachment and respect,

Yours and theirs most faithfully
Robert Abraham

Mr. John Gibson Whitehaven