Rev. Robert Fletcher
Mr Yates's
Carlisle

Carlisle, Nov. 26. 1819

Dear Robert,

I cannot name the date of the last from you as I have left it in Caldergate; but it was by post acknowledging the receipt of Newspaper containing the account of the last meeting on Coal fell hill. —

About 10 days ago I was much surprised ~~with~~ by seeing on the desk at the Journal Office a letter signed Petronius in your hand writing. I believe the Office knew the hand, indeed I scarcely miss knowing it, — & I thought it best to observe whose hand it was. — If it be no secret I should like to know where performance it is — Some time ago the same signature came to the Journal Office, & I think was inserted.

The communication of which I now speak (I mean that just now rec.) was written on

a half sheet of foolscap & was charged treble postage. now one sheet of foolscap, or even of extra post, would have contained it. — The circumstance of the postage was sadly ~~against it~~ against its meeting a favourable reception; but very injudiciously a person of no political or literary ~~&~~ import ance was thrust forward as the principal personage; — he should have merely been brought forward as an individual of a genius. — But at any rate it is not desirable to excel in satire. It was returned to the Post Office.

We are all well; I have not for many years been so free from the rheumatism.

I am Dear Robert

Your affectionate Father

Wm Wrathall

~~before~~ declined naming any until he had seen & conversed with you; so I would recommend you to come over this week, not later than Saturday; but before would be better. — Marrs is a modest unassuming young man falling fast into practice. You would see very honorable mention made of him at the last meeting of the subscribers to the dispensary. —

I am, Dear Robt. with love to your aunt. Your affectionate Father
Ed Wheelan

Robt. Wheelan
Robert Gates' Saddler
Gt Smith.

Carlisle Feb. 23, 1820

Dear Robert,

In the 4th Stanza of the Imitation signed Petitions the first & 2d lines begin with the conjunction "that," & the last line of the same Stanza begins with the relative pronoun "that"; grammatical precision requires "who" in the later instance.

I enclose a clean proof of "Death-fell".

I have your letter of the 15th inst. before me, which by mistake you have dated 1819, which has been the case before at least once. I am perusing for the first time "the destruction of Senacherib" & shall give my opinion of the passages which you have marked as exceptionable. "Came down" in the first line of the 1st Stanza I like; it is simple English. In the 2d line "Colours" is an allowable liberty. In the next line I join with your opinion of the word "sheen". Stanza 2d, last line "withered" may be allowed in poetry. 3d Stanza, 3d line; "waxed" is scarcely allowable by analogy; we say grew sleepy, but we do not say grew deadly; we do indeed say colloquially, he grows worse. In the 4th line I consider "forever" as being too colloquial, almost vulgar. Stanza 4th 1st line, "all"; too much in the low style.

For the rest the often repeated conjunction "and" I think with you is objectionable; it is not only superfluous, but it weakens the impression. I do not think your criticism on idols well founded; Baal might be represented by more than one idol. "Then hasta thee to thy sea girt isle" is indeed

strange line for a poet of commerce.

I think I never acknowledged before the receipt of the Extracts from Cobbet's Grammar. I suppose that I shall have plenty of time to take them into consideration.

I am afraid that you neglected to call to see Joseph Wilson.

again dated 1819 Feb. 27.

Your letter of the 24 Inst. was rec.d in course. We must all feel very much obliged by your Aunt Anne's kind offer to you; I should have written to you sooner on the subject to which it & your letter refers if my spare time had not been much taken up with the business of the Assizes.

You mention the preference which you give to the watch maker's & engraver's business, which you say "are here joined together." In this I apprehend that you are mistaken. A dog collar, or a miserably executed house head, is about the height of the ambition of a Watch maker's engraving here. The only persons deserving the name of engravers who ever were in this country were two artists who were indeed at different times, ~~at different times~~ by the proprietors of the Journal, to come here, one from Dublin, I think, & the other from Edinburgh; but although they each monopolized all the engraving in the country it would not support either of them. The beautiful Sheet map of Cumberland, which the elder Ellis published, & which is now grown very scarce, was the performance of the Irish man. I apprehend you form a very wrong estimate of the business of what is called "a watch maker," & that it is far from affording any great scope to the powers of reasoning; however if it were likely to afford the power of living in reasonable comfort, I should ~~so~~ consider the other as a matter of comparative indifference, therefore I thought it proper to make some inquiry respecting J. Baird. I am personally though but slightly acquainted with the gentleman, & have conceived a very favourable ~~of~~ opinion of his habits of life; & your mother, who occasionally meets his wife at the house of a common acquaintance describes her very favourably likewise; but previously to my making any inquiry, I understood from common & credible report, that his business in the watch trade was mostly confined to selling by commission for a wholesale house; & I knew that he had the reputation of being little skilled in the mechanism of clocks & watches; & that his business is principally that of an ironmonger. However your mother made inquiry in a quarter where she was likely to obtain information, & learned that he wanted a boy as an apprentice to clean clocks & watches, & had applied for a boy who is brother to one of Robt. Effin's apprentices; but the boy's mother, a poor widow in Rickergate, had declined the offer. So much for this business. — There is no Stationer in Penrith to whom I should like to have you engaged, even if a situation offered; & the only person in Carlisle, whom I should think eligible, is John Ellis, who has all the good properties of his brothers, the printers, without their faults; but I do not know whether he will want an apprentice soon, (but I can easily inquire). You must take into consideration that your ~~op~~ attendance would be a great objection in the business which I have just been speaking of; it would not be of quite so much importance in the medical profession & in this I think success much more probable than in any thing which you have named, though you seem to think otherwise.

Feb. 28.

Since writing the above I came to the resolution of asking Dr. Mitchell if he wanted an Apprentice; he will be very shortly. I wished to know his term, but he

Carlisle, Oct. 29, 1823

Dear Robert,

Yours of the 25 came to hand on Monday consequently the delivery was too late for me to see George Marr; but I communicated your letter to the Doctor. I am happy to hear that you get so comfortably away & have such a prospect of being comfortably situated in Edinbro'.

I observe by the London Newspapers that Dr. George Birkbeck, who lectured formerly, at the Anderson-ian institution in Glasgow, is now practising in London.

With this you will receive a ham & two boxes, the smaller one containing a ~~box~~ pot of butter; the other contains the books which you selected, We could not find room for the ~~boxes~~ books except the small ones in a drawer; so they must be sent afterwards.

The box containing the books is my hat box; as the

Robt. Stephenson
Mr. Geo. Clifton
17 Arthur St.
Edinbro'

box which you selected would not admit the butter to be properly packed; so you will be attentive to return it if a convenient opportunity should fall out.

We are all very well & the whole family, but the little one, join me in love to you

I do not trouble you with advice because I doubt not that it will always be present to you that all your future prospects depend on your diligence & good conduct.

I forget to tell you, that George had along with him to Glasgow, a young man of the name of Smith, (a nephew of Dr. Elliott I believe) & another of the name of Edmondson from Keswick, a brother I am informed of a medical gentleman of that name practising in Keswick. But this you would probably learn from the parties.

The weather broke the day before yesterday, & yesterday was very wet.

I send your goods by Hargraves at 9 p. St.

I am Dear Bob.t

Your affectionate Father

Thomas Abraham

Dear Robert,

Carlisle, Nov. 5, 1823.

By this time you will have rec.d the ~~three~~ two boxes & the ham, sent by Hargreaves on the 30 Ult. I rather apprehend that they would not be forwarded from Carlisle before Saturday. —

I wrote to you two or three days ago by post directed, University Edinburgh. — I sent the first funnel as agreed on, directed, Post Office, Edinburgh; I send another this morning. Return the feathers & the paper used in packing in the empty boxes.

We will send you the ham, soon as ever we receive it from Thursby. — The bread we send is not so good as we could wish, — the flour appears to be partly new; — however we send the ~~best~~ better of two bakings — 18 lb. 3/2 — We hope to get better flour next time.

I think you told me that Robinson, at Fisher's, said I might leave Smith's Beattie of nature with him; I took it there yesterday, & he seemed not to know any thing about it, — perhaps I misunderstood you.

Robert Beck desires me to tell you, that he will be obliged by your purchasing for him, with the 2/6 remaining in your hands, a pair of dissecting forceps, or any other instrument which you may think likely to be of more use to him.

An address should be written very distinctly; — Robt. Beck read that with which you furnished him 7 Arthur St. —

I am, Dear Robert
Your affectionate Father
~~Robt~~ Thomas Abraham

Robert Abraham
Mrs Mc Glashan's
17 Arthur St.
Edinburgh

Mr Robt. Abraham
17 Wm. Mc Glashan's
Arthur St.
Edinbo'.

Forward by
Mr Walker.

Carlisle, Nov. 12, 1823 –

Dear Robert,

On the 5 of this month I forwarded by Hargraves a box of bread with a letter inclose; & which I suppose would reach you on the 8th.

This morning the Journal left here for you, directed "University."

I am desired by R. Tiffin to request you to call at Barclay's for his Umbrella which he left in the lobby when coming away. It has a buck hook & is of a purple colour. – Tie a piece of paper to it directed for him, & give it to any one of the coach guards.

On 19 inst. two geese will be forwarded from here by Welsh, directed to Wm. Hawson, ~~Hows~~ Fishhook maker, Princes St. One of which is for you, & you will find it stuffed with onions which must be taken out and sliced. It will be proper to dress it soon after it gets to hands. It is hardly necessary to add, that it will be made ready to put to the fire, before it is sent off. – The carriage will be paid.

Miss Muncaster called here yesterday; she has not heard from Mary Tiffin since ~~she~~ her ~~returned~~ to London. Miss Pope is about marrying; so that Mary will get the whole of the business; her Sister Elizabeth sets off in a day or two to assist her. Miss Muncaster desired to be remembered to you.

When you return the boxes you will inclose a few lines, as well as the newspapers; & wrap both carefully in the brown paper. We shall keep the geese alive as nearly as we can to the time of sending it off.

We are in good health, & ~~hope~~ shall be glad to hear of your welfare.

I am, Dear Robert,
Your Affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

The goose is a present from Jane. On second thoughts we have some thoughts of sending it by a coach guard, in which case it will get sooner to hand, enquire as above.

Mr Reussa would oblige by carrying this &
the goose to be delivered as soon as it may get to hand.

Robt. Abraham
Mrs M.c Glashan's
17 Arthur St.
Edinburgh.

With a
goose

Dear Robert,

Carlisle, Nov. 17, 1823.

On the 15 Inst. I forwarded you by Hargrave a Ham 26 ℔. weight, 13/- It is from Evening Hill, & will ~~be~~ prove as choice a one as the other.

I wrote a letter a few days ago, & left it at Mr. Mears's shop to go to you by Mr. Watson late of the dispensary; whether it is gone forward or not I do not know; amongst other things I name in it a request from Mr. Tiffin that you will call at Barclay's & enquire for an Umbrella left by him in the lobby when he was coming away — It has a Buck hook, & the colour is purple; tie a piece of strong paper about it, directed; & give it one of the coach guards coming here. — With this you have a goose, filled with onions; the onions will require slicing. — I am told at Mr. Mears's, that Mr. Watson took the letter with him. — The Goose is forwarded per Coach, Car. paid.

I am,
Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham

Carlisle, Dec. 13, 1823.

Dear Robert,

We rec.d the boxes on the 11th Inst. — I cannot find Chambaud's Grammar, so I suppose you have it, & have overlooked it — I have sent a Grammar which came lately from Liverpool — Please to deliver the two enclosed parcels — Your mother sends 7 lb. bread, & as it is Christmas has put in a few currants for which she does not charge — this, & the other comes to 5/- Your mother has enclosed a small pot of preserves & is sorry that she cannot spare more — I neglected to send the paper the day I neared the first week — I hope you get it regularly

I am Dear Robert,
Your Affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham —

Wilbert Wakeham

Mrs Mc Glashan's

17 Arthur's St

Edinburgh

Dear Robert, Carlisle, Jan.y 24. 1824.

The box you forwarded on the 5 Inst. came safe. Your letter of the 12 ~~con~~ came to hand soon after its date. — I sent the Bristol paper in consequence of its containing some notice on vision, I think, I do not want it back. The frank of Duke of Portland was merely accidental. You will no doubt ascertain the degree of credit due to the letter in the Liverpool paper. I should like to know whether the ~~the~~ Physical Society is the same which I heard called the physical & Chirurgical Society. — I cannot entertain a doubt of Graham having presented himself for examination, because a Tad told your mother so, & assigned the reason of his non success to be his having been wrong advised in Carlisle & respecting the classes which he should attend. — I did not know, previously to the receipt of your letter, that an examination can be passed in Edinburgh; which from an expression you use seems to be the case — Is it the identical pump, in Dryden's premises at Stanwix, of which D. Robinson gives a drawing? — Thomas Armstrong's, in that village, which is asserted to raise the water abt. 54 feet from the surface, is said to be, & appears to be a common atmospheric pump with two valves. Armstrong did & probably does get behind the fact. It was put into the well about 4 Mos. since. Dryden's pump I have been told is a forcing pump, but I have not seen it. — I have put in Perrin's French Grammar — A pair of Pincers — The gibbets of the goose, in the shape of salted pigs feet; mind brid them enough, & throw salt on them if not used immediately — A parcel for Miss Hildebrand —

– trousers, the cloth 1 Guinea p. yd 1/8 yd –

Your Dear Robert

Your affectionate Father

Thomas Abercrombie

Wm. Robt. Abercrombie, Wm. Gt. Gleaves

17 Arthur St.

Edinburgh

Carlisle Feb. 21. 1824.

Dear Robert,

Your letters & parcel in the box of the 9th were rec.d on the 20. — You do not inform me whether medical & surgical students can pass examination in Edinbr to qualify them to practice in England. — If your mother does not find time to write by this conveyance she will write by the next which will probably be next week. — Enclosed is a parcel for Mary Johnston, c/o Wm Johnston, having a card on it of their address, you will please to deliver it soon —

— ~~Twenty one~~ 3 Cakes, & a loaf — Onions — parcel for your self from Wm Dunnion — Two Shirts —

Expect a longer letter with next box —

I am yours affectionate Father

Thomas Abraham —

P T O

When you next write say whether you think of returning here from Edinburgh & whether you mean to try for the situation you have spoken sometimes about — &c.

Robt. Abraham
Wm. McGlashan
17 Arthur St.
Edinburgh

Dear Robert, Carlisle, Feb. 28, 1824 —

On the 25 Inst. we forwarded you by Hargraves a box containing several things some of which I enumerated in the letter accompanying them, but things came for enclosure when I could not conveniently insert their description, among which were a ~~lot~~ parcel for — Smith, I think; & a letter for yourself from Dr. Barnes — You would likewise find a few apples, which I thought would be acceptable; they were the last of my stock, & very much shrunk. — The French Grammar has not cast up, so I suppose you have it. — I am rather sorry that you have bought blue clothes; — people form conclusions from dress. — Wearing buttons on the breasts of shirts, in the way in which you have instructed your Mother to have yours altered, is the very acme of vulgarity here; but it may be different in Edinburgh. We mention in W. Dunning's letter Geo. Marsh having come to live above you, (I suppose you mean in the room above) I am told that he has several times changed his lodgings. You do not say whether the young Gentleman from Derby, still lodges near to you — I would advise, if your blue clothes have bright buttons, either to have them covered, or changed for silk buttons of the same colour, before you leave Scotland.

I am, Dear Robert
your affectionate Father
Thomas Graham

4 Calico Shirts
1 Linen Shirt
6 Pairs Stockings
4 White Handkerchiefs
5 Loose Necks.
4 Night Caps
3 Night Shirts
6 Pocket Handkerchiefs
Parcel from Wm Dennison
Parcel for Miss Hildebrand

Robert Abraham
Mr. Glassen's Lodgings
17 Arthur St.
Edinburgh.

Mr. Graham
Mrs M. C. Gleason's
17 Arthur St.
Edinburgh

Carlisle, April ~~5~~ 3, 1824 –

Dear Robert,

I am favoured with two letters from you, one of the date of 24 Ult. by W. Dunnim, & the other of the 27 – & Mr. Wharton was rec.d yesterday and I should have mentioned earlier, but you have observed that I have received it. I copied part of the letter I mentioned last, & the word which should have been distinction, was so written in my copy. – You mention the difference of the cost between the Patriot & Journal respecting the cost in Blowe v Irwin; Irwin is satisfied that he will have ~~his~~ the Plaintiffs costs to pay, & is very angry with his Sol.r & Counsel. – His vindictiveness has plunged him deeper than ever into the mire, deeper I conjecture than he suspects. – I have no doubt that you are quite mistaken in your estimate of the invitation from your Aunt Torrent; – your mother had a letter yesterday from your Aunt in which the latter expresses a full expectation of your visiting Everton. ~~This~~ that letter if it be convenient I shall send you along with this. Your mother informed your Aunt of your intentions of seeing her, & perhaps that has made her think the need not use any urgency; – and at any rate she has rather a formal manner of writing. The question for your consideration is, whether you can make it more convenient to go there before going to Doncaster or after. Perhaps the latter would admit of your staying longer to obtain the advantage of conversing in French. I understood some time ago that Robert Graham made himself certain

of obtaining the situation at the Dispensary. — Carrick, who has been sometime assisting a medical man at Kirkoswald has been ill lately, & Graham supplied his place, but I understand that Carrick was urged to return, & did return before the state of his health made it quite prudent. I saw Mr. Marrs this morning & delivered your message. With respect to the expense of the journey to Liverpool, it is certainly an object if it were to come out of your pocket, but I cannot entertain any doubt of your Aunt Forrest defraying it; but this I cannot engage for. We have not said any thing of your intention of offering yourself for &c. but I was often asked awhile ago if you intended to return to Carlisle from Edinburgh that I suspect ~~your intention was~~ the possibility of the thing was suspected at, & thinking it better that ~~they should not have known~~ it should not gain any credence, I gave another, & as I thought a more probable one of your intentions. — But I do not know that it is of the least consequence — Your Sister Margaret has the Measles, but seems doing very well. Mary Tiffin went a few days ago to her London, & a letter was rec.d yesterday from Mary Tiffin mentioning her sisters safe arrival & that they are all well. — I write this at Mr. Tiffin's office, as your mother does not know of my writing, but she will probably take this opportunity of sending you a letter, or else by W. Dunning's Box, the middle of next week.

Yours, dear Robert,
Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham

When you write again mention whether you have heard anything lately from Doncaster, & respecting Mary

P.S. the first week of our assizes I sent you no paper — but the next week I sent for both weeks.

Carlisle April 6, 1824

Dear Robert,

I write just a line, now, as you will receive by Mr. Tiffen, who left this place yesterday, a letter from me & another from your Mother. I always forgot to tell you that a paper which you had mislaid containing a extract from Hippocrates & one from , I have found in a little box containing pieces of slate pencil & other trifles.

Margaret is getting out of the measles.

With this you will receive a small loaf of bread.

I am, Dear Robert,
Your affectionate father
Thomas Beckham.

P. Abercrombie
Mrs Mc Glashan's
17 Arthur St.
Edinbro'.

Carlisle, June 7, 1824

Dear Robert

~~I was~~ We were duly favoured with your letter of the 29th Ult. — We were sorry that your journey was made so unpleasant by the circumstance of having to walk from Tadcaster to Doncaster in such hot ~~dry~~ weather & dusty roads. The weather continues here hot & dry the wind mostly from the north east, a few days since it shifted into the South east, & a shower, a heavy one, fell partially up & down here. The wind soon went back to the N.E. & the weather became as before, hot & dry — I was rather uneasy as you did not mention your box; I ~~for~~ hope the coach took it to its destination. — I mentioned the circumstance of your coach disappointment to a person who travels a great deal by that conveyance; & to prevent such disappointments, he informs me that he has himself booked for the day on which he is to be taken up on the road, & that he goes by agreement, without having his name in the way bill, for the first part of the journey. This seems an easy & effectual expedient. — J. Irwin is in jail for a paper makers bill of about £30. As Wannop is the Attorney some people think that the object is to give him the opportunity of taking the advantage of the

act of indiscretion. — I am glad to hear so good an account on the whole of the health of your relatives, & I hope that your Uncle's complaint in his eyes has subsided. — Your mother had a letter from your Aunt Forrest, the day after yours came to hand; she was then better than she had been, but still so poorly that it was perhaps better you did not go to Liverpool, & besides her husband is attending the house.

I am surprised that you should be so ignorant of exchange as to carry a Scotch note South. — Margaret has gone for ten days to Coat hill; we hope the change of air will quite re-establish her health. Jane has gone for a week to her relations in the neighbourhood of Kirkoswald & has taken Robt. Shepherd with her, so that we are a very little family. Your Mother & brother join me in love to your Uncle, Aunts, Cousins, & Sister. — — Along with [illegible] is a list of the books, ~~&~~ clothes, &c. sent herewith.

I enclose your Aunt Forrest's last letter — You can return it with the newspapers. —

Robert Abraham
Richard Cocken's
Doncaster.

I am, Dear Robert
Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

No letters have arrived for you.

Carlisle, Aug. 14. 1824.

Dear Robert,

Having so recently written in answer to your letter received the 5 of last Month, I have now very little to write about. Wm Dunnison has got employment in London having tried a number of large towns unsuccessfully; I have just sent John to his mother's for his address, which I will subjoin.

Dr Elliott passed me the other evening, & after inquiring after you, asked me, rather doubtingly, if you had begun business. The question seemed to me to be a strange one, particularly from one of the faculty; but I have had the same question put to me before. I cannot understand who can have suggested it. I have also seen his relation, Smith, who inquired after you, & got your address.

Your mother rec.d a parcel yesterday from her Sister Forrest, but it contained no letter, which rather disappointed her.

The harvest has commenced here, very auspiciously, & some refreshing showers have fallen.

I send this by Mr. Oliver, who leaves this place today for Brampton, whence he intends riding to London to practice in his profession. Wm Dunnison, ~~17 Creavens~~ 6, Creaven's buildings Drury Lane, London. We are all well & hope that you, & your relations, at Doncaster are so.

Remember not to make the cover of a Newspaper fast to the paper, as it will not slip off.

I am, Dear Robert,
Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham

Robert Abraham
Anne Abraham's
Spring Garden
Lancaster

Favoured
by Mr Oliver

Mrs Greenhow
Philadelphia
Pa

✓ Copy of Register
✓ Letter from W. Smith
✓ do. do. Dr. Barnes
✓ Map of Sandon
✓ A letter from John Abraham to his Cousin E. Corkeen, to be forwarded if an opportunity offers.
✓ A Letter from your Mother
✓ A Letter from Carlisle to be posted in Liverpool for Ireland
✓ A Letter ~~from~~ for your Aunt Forrest.
✓ A Letter from R. Shepherd.
~~A Letter for self~~

Mr. Abraham
Mr. Forrest's
Sc.
Church Alley
Church St.
Liverpool

Dear Robert. Carlisle Sep. 1824.

I perceive that you are now in Liverpool; you are certainly under much obligation to Mr. Forrest for his generosity & attention, & I hope that your visit will prove an agreeable one. We shall be happy to learn that Mr. Forrest has returned from Harrowgate with additional health.

The lodgings of which I spoke are Mr. Rankhaies No. 2 Little Priddy St. The lady is a relation of T. Jollie's Wife. I had some difficulty in obtaining the address: Mr. J. said the address would be of no use without a letter which he promised to write, but did not. I thought that this seemed a reluctance on the part of Mr. J.; & yet I cannot conceive why there should.

You will perceive by the Journal of the Assize week that the Grand Jury found a true bill at the assizes against J. Irwin. The bill I understand is a very long one, not less than nine feet long, & embraces a series of libels. I hear that Irwin is much out of humour about it. It is a serious affair for him; & if it bring him to his senses, will be of some use to him.

I do not understand, when you say that after studying another season you hope to pass Apothecaries Hall, & to be qualified to practice, whether you mean that the studying, the passing & the qualification, will be consecutive; because I have some place heard that the completion of the age of twenty three was necessary.

Your Aunt Ann's kindness to you is very great indeed, & I doubt not she will have the satisfaction of knowing that it is well bestowed. I need not say any thing of your Cousin Ellen's kindness to the children, as your mother will no doubt notice it in her letter to you.

I am very much grieved that Mary's temper should be so from being subdued; her disposition is kind & generous; she has the least selfishness of any child which ever came under my observation but unmanageableness of temper shades every thing estimable in disposition. She seems quite sensible of the kindness which she has received at Doncaster. I wrote to her at the same time that I wrote half a sheet to ~~to~~ you, mildly expostulating with her; & I hope some good would result from my letter.

The partnership between the Jellies is dissolved merely by the act of Francis. If James's conduct had been tolerable I should have thought him hardly used. I hope they will come to an amicable settlement. (I suspect that I am a second time answering the letter of the date of 18 Ult. to your mother, it has this moment struck me that I observed on most of these things in the letter to which I have just alluded.) Maxwell's letter was sent to Longton.

I should like to have the journals returned; perhaps it will be as well to wait until you have received the last for Liverpool, which will be of the date of 18 Inst.

I think I did not mention that R. Dixon, Sol. is the prosecutor of the indictment against Irwin. I rather think Mr. Patterson settled it.

I hope that you left your Aunts & other relatives, in Doncaster in tolerable health, & that you have found your connexions in Liverpool well, or convalescent.

I suppose that the journal which was charged at the post office, has not cast up.

I quite forgot to ~~no~~ ask you, if you observed the place on the side of Carrock fell, which is one of the stations of the great trigonometrical survey of the kingdom. I understood that the Lords of the treasury gave instructions to have all the stations distinctly marked.

I am, Dear Robert,
Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham

Mr Robert Graham
Student of Medicine
No 2 Charles Square
London

Jan. 1825

Dear Robert,

Your letter of Dec. 31 was rec.d in course. We are happy to hear that you are well, & that you have passed the ordeal of examination, which I should suppose to be attended with some terrors. I am rather at a loss to know whether you purpose attending another three months course of lectures, or not. — I should think it to be much your best plan to endeavour to procure a situation with a respectable practitioner in London, rather than to return to the country, but such situations, I have heard upon another occasion, are not easy to obtain. — I wonder whether Mr. Oliver has ever met with any thing to suit him. — Graham is not in London, nor has he been there that I have heard of; he is in the employment of Dr. Anderson, as assistant. Tod is in Carlisle. — I am rather out of order in noticing the contents of your letter of 8 Dec. after those of the 31st. — I am rather at a loss whether you received a letter from me (franked), but I conjecture that you have. — I do not see that I can make the inquiry which you wish, without exciting the surmises which you deprecate. It is most probable that I shall be present at the annual meeting, & of course shall hear what passes; & perhaps may have an opportunity, as in course, of making other inquiry. But I shall be governed by the instructions which you may think it prudent to give. The last meeting was folded Feb. 3. I approve of your cashing at 53 & of the rest which you detail; you could not have done less, & ought not to have done more. I have sometimes had a curiosity to learn of what family Abraham the Sol. Gt. Westborough is; & also the same of his namesake the Barrister. If the subject be quite at home you may inform me when you write; but it deserves no troublesome inquiry. — I wrote to your Sister Mary a few days after I last wrote, but I have not heard from her since. — Your mother had a letter from your Aunt Torrest, about 15 of last month; from which it appears, that Mr. Torrest has been ill of the gout, & had an attack in his head. He was something better when your aunt wrote, but she was

apprehensive of his health being in a precarious state. Perhaps the state of her husband's health engaging much of her attention may account for your not hearing from her. We are all pretty well, although your Mother has been a little indisposed lately, and I am again teased with the rheumatism. — Do not forget to send a letter by Mrs. Wiffen, on her return. — I am going on a little business of the Journal Office, to Cockermouth, tomorrow, so I shall conclude this letter this evening, & leave it for Mrs. T. to take to you — You enquire about the differences between P. & J. Wilson; they are not settled; James is in Jail at the suit of one of his private Creditors, he collects money whenever he can & sends the particulars to his brother; the latter is much irritated, but I do not see any redress that he has. If James takes the benefit of the insolvent act, which he doubtless will, & assigns his interest in the Paper, the court I suppose will direct a commission, to inquire whether any such interest exists, & if it does, the amount of it. That proceeding will bring the difference between the parties to issue; but would hope that may be accommodated in a less unpleasant manner, not that any approach has yet been made to accommodation.

Jan, Dear Robert,
your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.
January 9, 1825, Carlisle —

Dec. 13 - Carlisle - New Red Wheat 15/- to 16/- New White Wheat 16/- to 18/-
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New Potatoe Oats 6/6 to 7/6 - New Common Oats 5/6 to 7/-
Old Potatoe Oats 8/6 to 9/8 - Old Common Oats 8/8 to 9/-
Barley 9/- to 11/- Rye 11/- to 13/-

Dear Robert,

Your Sister Mary would tell you that I received by Jefferson parcel the papers to copy - I suppose, that you are in no hurry, so that I may leave them for the wet days which are here, almost, to follow this summer-like weather. - Yesterday I received by post a N.W.D. and 2 weeks ago, by parcel, another Newspaper; for which I thank you - I didnot think of John making the communication which you mention, but it does not surprise me. - You do not seem to know that Bishop Gibson in his edition of Camden's Britannia says that, that Hot-bed of Quakerism, Swarthmore Hall, was built by the German General, Swartz, after his defeat in the Reign of Henry 7th - But I have read in some History of England, that Swartz was not killed in the engagement. And it seems odd that a defeated German General, especially under the circumstances, should take up his residence in England. - As far as I can gather, there is a pretty general wish here, that John Dixon should supersede James for this place. If such a proposition were made, I believe that James would be ousted. A change I think much for the worse. James Rep thinks that Howard would be put out; but he is singular in that opinion so far as I have any communication with the electors. - It is said, & I believe

that it is so, that John Dixon, on the subject being mentioned to him, gives it as his opinion, that no change should be attempted in the representation at this time. This is creditable to his credit. We believe that little doubt is entertained of his being returned if he stood.

Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

12, 14, 34 –

Dear [illegible],

I received from you on Tuesday a Sun, a letter for Mrs Topping, one for B. S. & a very small parcel for him; and yesterday I rec.d by Miss Dennison's parcel, a bundle of papers & a Water proof Cloak. I hope that you did not buy the cloak purposely for me. It will be useful, but I could have done without it; I thank you for it & the other things. Mary says, that she received by the parcel Three Pounds Ten Shillings.

I expected to see a hand-bill puff in the Journal of yesterday; but I think that it is not there. — A petition is announced for the repeal of the Stamp on Newspapers, one reason assigned in the petition is the paucity of Newspapers in Cumberland, & it is stated, that from parliamentary returns it appears, that the weekly circulation of the C. Journal is 1269; of the W. Herald 404. The Patriot & packet are likewise mentioned. All this is given as authentic & recent. — The weather continues cold. The black grub, I hear, is making extensive ravages amongst the oats.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

5/31/35.

I think that the Journal Office is afraid of the intemperate & ill-conducted ~~judged~~ attack, in the last Journal but one, on Fletcher. — I think there is little danger. —

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven.

Dear Robert,

B. S. arrived at home about 3 o'clock on Friday. He seems much pleased with his jaunt. — We have heard nothing from your brother later than what I last mentioned. — My peas are generally a bad crop, eaten to the ground by the birds. Which is generally the case, I understand, & in many instances they are re-sown. The row of Stodart's white pea, looks as well as any that I have. — My potatoes look uncommonly well; but the early kind will be weather back, seemingly. — Mary says that she will write to-morrow by Mr. D's parcel. — I have received two papers which I have not acknowledged; one by post & one by Mr. J's parcel. I would be obliged if you could conveniently send me a paper or papers reporting pretty fully Lord J. Russell's speech at Strand, (after his return,) & the speeches at Exeter-hall, at the meeting for the protection of religious liberty. — The weather, here, is very fine & vegetation is rapidly advancing. — From your note received on Tuesday gone a-week, I conjecture that the weather with you had been much cooler, than with us. — I often wonder, that you use that ugly Hibernicism, "is being", in place of the present participle. It is the expedient of a foreigner to avoid using the ~~present~~ active participle, passively. An English Idiom. And the expedient fails.

I am, Dear Robert,

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

5/24/35.

Mr. Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven

1 Penny

Dear Lewis,

The last Herald was wrong dated — I like Steel Pens well, — they make writing easy; but they have a fault in requiring to be often dipped into the such ink as can be bought. I suppose the very thin ink which I used to make would suit them; or if they were constructed with more of the circle, the inconvenience would be less. — I expect to send you, the abridgement of the act by W. D's first parcel. — The way that I am writing it, I think that I could send it as a double letter. — I do not remember more of the agreement, than that it was to cease with the ~~maj~~ majority. When that will take place I do not know, & could hardly obtain the knowledge of properly. — If W. D's parcel does not come here on Monday the 15th I shall probably send the abridgement by post this one week. If I so send it, I shall, I suppose, have to write on both side of one or more of the leaves, but that, with numbered pages, can produce little inconvenience, when you have it in good time.

B. Simpson has been dangerously ill. — a blood vessel broke about the entrance of the windpipe — that I suppose was but a symptom. He is getting better, & with care may perhaps keep so. — J. Rippon went yesterday evening to his wife at Bromsgr; where she is staying about a fortnight. J. R. looks very well; Mrs R. looks very ill — worse — I should suppose is ill, & likely to be so. — The qualification clause gives great dissatisfaction here — but it has remarked the Tories in capital style — and it will not answer their purpose here. Lord John Russell seems quite to have ~~over~~ ordered Sir R. Peel's new qualification — the high highest Rate was less objectionable. — You would see, I suppose, that D. O'Connell will receive a public dinner at Manchester to morrow, & in Edinburgh probably on Wednesday. It is wonderful how he has increased in favour here, & I expect will be warmly received as he passes through.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

9/6/35.

Mr. Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven

Rev. A. Hood
attend Quarter
Town & Justice
Tea

Dear Son

I have to thank you for a Sum since I saw

J. Lowrie says, that his mother will pay your Acct this week. I rather wonder, that none of the families either at Evening Hill, or at Cumberland, called to tell us of T. Rumney's death; we did not know until we saw it mentioned in the Journal.— I conjecture, that J. Pollock will get the whole of his property. Money I should think there will be none.

your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

12/30/35.

My dear Brother

I received the letter and portfolio which you sent about a fortnight ago, and for which I am much obliged to you.

We received a parcel from Liverpool on Friday containing letters from Aunt P. and John: also a letter which John had got from R Thompson, and from which it appears that he had been ill for some time, but that he was ~~now~~ then in a fair way of recovering. My Aunt and Mr. P. are as well as usual. I am entirely without money, and I owe something for rates and [illegible] and I have both

Mr. Robert Graham

Herald Office

Whitehaven

Dear Robert,

We have duly received your letter with the order for twenty shilling on J. Cockburn, for which we are much obliged. As also for your kind intentions if need be; & which will ~~doubtful~~ doubtless (or even less) make us sufficiently comfortable. No Skates are to be found, neither in the house, nor on inquiring amongst your father's acquaintance. We have likewise received your letter & two fine seeds, for which we thank you. —

I have communicated the result of your inquiries to Mrs Stoddart. She is much obliged to you. — — I should like to know who the young man is, who rode up to me on Christmas day, in Castle Street, & asked if I had any commands to you. He said, that he should see you next day. — I do not hear who was intended to publish the projected paper. It is said that the project is abandoned. — The reformers in Carlisle consider themselves under deep obligations to John James, Apothecary, for his speech at the late celebration of Lord Lauderdales birth day. — Your Mother seems progressing towards recovery. I have to thank you for two parcels of newspapers along with the seeds.

I am, Dear Robert,

Yours affectionately

Thomas Abelam.

Carlisle 8 Church St. Jan.y 13/33.

Mr Robert Abraham
Herald Office
13 Scotter Street
Whitehaven

Dear Robert,

I did not write last week, there being no alteration in the market. On monday your sister Mary sent to the Citizen a letter to you for your brother. If you saw the Citizen of 4th inst. you would see Irving's declaration of war against the Journal. It is reported that the subscription for the new paper amounts to £1200, & it seems from a hint in the Citizen of the above date, that Brown expects it soon to appear. Could this circumstance prompt Steele's generosity to the Herald in the last journal? Your mother has had a relapse; I think from indiscretion. She is much weaker than she has been before, & the dropsy has returned. Dr Jackson says, that he expects the will recruit again; & indeed I think that there are symptoms of it. Your mother charges me to tell you not to forget to write on Tuesday. — It is now certain that the Report of the death of your Uncle Nicholas Redhead at Montreal, is true; your Aunt Forrest has had a letter from the administrator. You will insert it in your obituary in your own way. It would seem that he died in August. — We are casting about & about for a house. I wish that we could meet with a 3 room, convenient for your mother. I think that we might make two do; but your mother thinks that she would be inconvenienced in two, & perhaps she might. — I often look at a three-room house, at the head of Rowland's Eden St.; a house in which a stone mason, a guardian customer of yours, lives; but I see no signs of its being likely to vacant a tenement.

I am, Dear Robert,
Your affectionate
Thomas Abraham.

8 Church St. Carlisle, Jan. 7 1833.

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

13 Lowther Street

Whitehaven.

Carlisle, March 9 – Wheat 22/. to 24/. – Barley 9/. to 10/.
Potatoe Oats 6/6 to 7/6 – Common Oats 6/. – Rye 16/. Peas & Beans as
last Week.

Dear Robert,

Your Sister Mary received a letter from you last Tuesday, & I understood her that she wished to write something to you in my letter of to-day respecting it, but she has gone out to tea somewhere without saying any thing, & I am forced to close my letter. – Mary called on Thomas Carrick respecting the house & Dr. Jackson's bill – he saw Mr. C. who he said could give her no further information respecting the house, than that Mr. C. was determined to eject the tenant, if he held po[illegible] after Whitsuntide. – Mrs C. your Sister thought seemed averse to Mr. C. communicating with the doctor, & advised that you should write to him.

March 10/33.

Mr Robt Abraham

Herald Office.

13 Lowther Street

Whitehaven.

Dear Robert,

No variation taking place in the corn market, I did not write yesterday. — I received your note on Tuesday last. As we have declined the thoughts of A. Cockburn's house, (the rent of which is more than we expected) I need not dwell on that subject; but I thought that I explained it very clearly. — After I had posted my last letter, I had some conversation with T. Carrick, from which it appears, that the notice he has given his tenant, requires him to give up possession either at Whitsuntide or at Martinmas next, T.C. being ignorant at which of the terms the tenant entered. T.C. appears to have formed a rather singular opinion of the manner of putting a tenant out of possession. — Mrs Stark was so civil as to send us word, (to avoid disappointment,) that she was unable to find another house against Whitsuntide. Mrs C. told your sister Mary, some time since, that we had better not depend upon the house. — We are now in treaty for the house which Sally Gibbons built for herself near the west end of the Devonshire Walk. The present Rent is Twelve Pounds — Our offer is Ten Guineas — It will include Mary's School. — A. Mr. Ismay of Clifton, I suppose the Bookseller, has the letting of it. — I rec.d the package of letters, (one each, for G. G. Murray, Jas. Ross, & T. Carrick) & likewise on the 23rd Ult. the Sum containing the budget for which I am obliged. To prevent any unintentional omissions of acknowledgements of Receipts, I shall adopt a plan of Remembrance. I have just received the Atlas of 28. April.

Your affectionate Father
Thomas Thurlow.

May 6. 1833 —

Mr. Robert Abraham

13 Lowther Street

Whitehaven.

1833.

Nov. 12 – Rec. by John Cockburn from John Huddart, Carlisle 1 2 0

Dear Robert,

I have called again on J. Carrick, and I find that he has not searched for his memorandum of the statement between you; & that he is disinclined to do so. He says that you have the statement. I gave him your letter, rec.d last week; but have not heard from him since. – You will see that Mary has received five Pounds from her Aunt Forrest – I have paid the rent. – I have rec.d £1 9 3 from Mary, & paid to your Account, to J. Kefs. Nov. 12 – 2 12 0. – One of J. Cockburn's young men tells me that an account has been sent in to W. Gate; & that he said he had paid the bill to me. – I do not know how this has happened – If you will look back to the statement which I sent you, I think in March last, you will find, that I made up Gate's bill from the end of the year 1832, to the last paper of 1833, that I received the money, ordered the paper to be discontinued, & accounted to you for the money. – John Cockburn's son, tells me that the balance due to you is a few Shillings, I think 8/11 – He promised to have the account made out to transmit to you; but when I called for it, on Saturday last, it was not ready, & he was at home, poorly. I called again to-day, & was told by his Father, that he is confined by a rheumatic fever, so I did not get it. His father looks very ill; he is much altered for the worse lately. – I understand that Wilfrid Oldson is in Carlisle; but I cannot make him out. Coulthard of the Bartom house told me lately, that he would make inquiries respecting him. I have not seen Coulthard since. – Either professional ignorance, or else over confidence, has brought Mrs Jollie, into an awkward scrape, I doubt.

Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham

Carlisle, Nov. 18, 1833.

Dear Robert,

I should not write, but for the considerable change in the market. B. Simpson, notwithstanding partial recoveries after attacks is evidently getting worse. Olivier told his Sister a few days since, that it was of no use disguising the matter, he considered his symptoms growing worse. – James Ross is very dull, especially at times. His mother in Law & her neice remain with him; which is very well. He talks of visiting you for great part of a week. I advise him to do so. – We are all well. We have not heard lately from John. – Mary will write by W.D's post parcel. She inspect the last by mistake –

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham

9. 11. 36 – I know the parties to the last paragraph.

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven

Dear Robert,

Since I last wrote I have to thank you for a ~~paper~~ ~~by post~~ Liverpool Chronicle, 29 Dec. by post — & a large parcel duly by Carriers. — I do not know that I expressed my self clearly; — The Fortuna was built, not to come into the canal again; & I believe never has come in — This is the case unless I am quite mistaken in the Vessel — The majority of Mrs Gibson's wants 18 Months of taking place. Mary rec.d last Tuesday your Note & John's letter, & will return the latter by W. D.'s parcel. — We are all pleased that your brother demeans in Liverpool.

Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham —

1837, 36.

Mr. Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven.

~~Liverpool~~

Dear Robert,

Mr Cowan has paid me Three Guineas - I shall likely receive the other bills tomorrow; at least I shall try to meet with the gentlemen. Letters from Torquay continue favourable. - I hope that your new undertaking will prove to your advantage. I should think that 20 minutes walk would take you to the outskirts of the town, & to low rented houses; & that such a distance from business would not be inconvenient. - Jacob Richardson rented a shop here, as I have been told, for £14 a year in London Road. - It is no secret here, that you are going to Liverpool; & Steele brought the news from Liverpool - Steele & his men are at war about his apprentices, said to be a dozen in number. I think that you ought to write to Doncaster. I intend to write to your Aunt Ann in a few days. I have a letter from her unanswered since July. - I never heard of the application to which you allude; but I can guess the nature of it. - Mrs W. liked to make her self of importance. - Your affectionate brother,

Thomas Abraham.

2, 26, 37.

Mr Robert Abraham
Thomas Office
Whitehaven.

Carlile 26. Feby 1857

My dear Abraham,

I am astonished but at the same time very much pleased to hear of your determination to leave W. Haven, & having obtained an appointment so flattering to yourself. yet so will I mourn; My friend, I have been long of opinion that you might as well be immured in a dungeon as there — there is no scope for yr talents in it & its worthless nobles of the County — I hope you will not fail to come here early in the week and mind you make my humble domicile your home — and endeavour to stay as long with us as the good folks of Liffool can spare you — I am no more: to day or rather this afternoon we have had a fall of snow and all is white about us. — Earth hath no charms, I am, My dear Abraham, Yr truly

Ros.

Carlisle, Jan.y 7 – New Red Wheat 18/- to 25/- New White 18/- to 26/-
Old Red 23/- to 26/- Old White 24/- to 28/- New Potatoe Oats 8/- to 11/-
New Common 7/- to 10/- – Old Potatoe 12/6 to 13/6 – Old Common 12/- to 13/-
Barley 11/- to 14/- Rye 0 to 20/-

Dear Robert,

It is long since I wrote to you. We are all well. Margaret went yesterday to Taylor's of Barrow Mill, to stay a week. We have not heard from John since I wrote to you. I have nothing new to tell you; things are going on much as might be expected. –

The result of the Longford Election, seems to astonish & mortify the Standard inexpressibly. – Mary will write to you to-morrow by W.D's box. – The accounts from Bishopson are favourable.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham

1.8/57.

Mr Robert Abraham
Royal Post Office
Whitehaven.

Pay. 2nd pay postage on a letter from James Cable
for 7mo 35/- is only on the 4 from his friend Cable
in on the general table 2
9d

A happy New Year to you, and now I have been absent from you, I wish you would give me a line or two now and then, when you can spare time – Your account of Art. Coltman's bankruptcy in the paper this month is a bad job. He is deeply indebted to Foster [illegible] upwards of 3000£, he shows a surplus in effects nearly 4000£, & I am not without fear of this, there will be loss by him, his other creditors want about 900£. It is currently reported here that Mr Lamb of Greenrow is under the "screw" – it is said he owes from 10 to 15000£; Mr Watson formerly of Stone Carts, near Wigton, is similarly circumstanced & reckoned to be a debtor & is also [illegible] – the state of things is much agitated with accounts of failures and persons' affairs in [illegible]. Your friend Mr [illegible] is there to come [illegible] about [illegible] & about to wind up, and live upon what is left. Afraid it will not be much, if it be true he owes a large amount to the Bank; these are fine times for my [illegible] & who are to be the next victims to [illegible] I mistaken liberality, is a question the monied body's matter, indeed [illegible] the ~~[illegible]~~ but prudency our Commandment tinge & drive all substantial and prudent trade adopt closer dealings with us – the forgotten Discount point. Stark Bank is said to have swallowed all the Cattleyards a penny point and have been continued to be in realty [illegible] the First Stark Bank established a short time ago. I still think that very few persons have known any thing to do with either of the new schemes, but certainly I entertain an opinion that the Borough one will not succeed – nor have been favourable anxiety of our friend Simpson this last winter is under one good spirits &c. got over his last attack much better than expected – My dear Abraham I am very truly

J. K.

Mr Jacob Abraham
to R Abraham
Rectory
Mr Mellor
Wadebridge
a Cousin possessing
the same
name
who married
one of the
daughters
of John
Abraham
who married
Mary Lead

Mr Robert Abraham
Mulberry St
Oxford
Liverpool

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J A to R A 22/11/1842 (1st part missing)

"Thomas Abrahams book presented to him by his brother E. Mellor of Londonderry Ireland 1773". – In my fathers writing. J. A. – From which it seems that a Mellor married a daughter of John A. (2nd) & that a Shackleton married a daughter of theirs. From which marriage Mary Lead=bitter, formerly Shackleton, must have sprung. Mary Leadbitter in her book of poems mentions her descent from Margaret Fox, but I forget what she says on the subject. Your Aunt Margaret had the book. It contains some good prose in rhyme. I now recur to your letter of 12 Inst. I am much obliged to Margaret for her letter of the 4th. I think with you on the subject of the Rent & would not have entertained the proposition from any other person except Sad Rfs; and even after your qualified approbation I would not have closed with him, had not my present dwelling become more than usually disagreeable. The premises besides being too high rented for me, are not either what I like nor where I like. The property formerly belonged to Paul Nixon, & is situated next below the large houses which he built in Castle St. The neighbourhood is good. I shall take care to return your Aunt Ann's letter conveniently. J. R's shipping property is as you conjecture. The bank I have heard is doing well. Clapham, a great defaulter in it married a daughter of the late Robt Foster. Robt Sheppard I suspect is a tool under the influence of his cousin Mary. I believe that R. F. used to call my Grandfather John "Uncle", when speaking of him to me. R. F. was the son of Dodgson F. of Lancaster. He inherited the Bleatherwaite from his Mother's father, and had property near Dalton. I remember my Mother once saying that "Abraham" had a welsh meaning, from which I concluded that it

was from # "Aber" or "Abber" and "ham" But the probability of the derivation may have given rise to her supposition. I am not aware that my father did the silly thing which you inquire about.

I received your letter of the 16th and its enclosures. I can tell you nothing about Mellor, more than I have at the head of this letter except that your Aunt Margaret used to speak of her Aunt Mellor as living at Ballsore, when your Aunt was very young and living there. Of Charles Cannon I know nothing; I did not so much as know of the name. Mary Cheetham would seem either to have married out of the Society, or else when absent from home. – The entry of D.'s marriage three times seems odd; but there are as you observe, evident clerical errors.

I take the C. J. to the post office with this letter & its enclosures. I received from you yesterday Morning Chronicles, 2 Times, & L. J. – I send the Examiner regularly to T. Parker, & ~~the~~ some times receive a paper from him. – I am very well & preparing to move, but my apartments are not quite ready. I shall be glad to hear that you all continue well.

Your affectionate father,
Thomas Abraham

Carlisle Nov. 22. 42.

Mr Robert Abraham

Montreal Gazette Office

Montreal

13 Church St. Carlisle, Novr. 2, 1843.

Dear Robert

Margaret has this minute (at 50 min. past 3 P.M.) left me, having brought me your letter to her, to read, & requests me to tell you, that she is very well, ~~and expects to remain in Carlisle~~ till about Christmas. I send this letter to your brother, who, your sister tells me will forward it to you on the 4th.

I neglected telling your sister in time to advise you of my having received various papers from you; viz. the Montreal Gazette from July 28 to Sep. 26, & various papers, & an agricultural one. And on 31 Ult. I received Montreal Gazette from Sep. 28 to Oct. 12. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness and attention; but I would not wish you to send any papers, unless when you have copies lying over.

Yesterday, two counsellors for this Bnd went out by rotation, J. Ross positively refused re-election, & Jno Carrick & Atkinson a Tanner, and a Liberal, were brought in against the endeavours of Billy Rigg & the other Charists & Tories, who had made a point of putting out Carrick, and electing two Tories; Mark, Tanner of Newtown, & Robinson, Miller, Denton Mill. The conjoint parties were dead beat.

The speculation which I mentioned to you will not do. — J. N. had the influenza, & being learned in Medicine, has managed to break ~~up~~ up a seemingly good constitution. — But at any rate I find, that it would have been a dangerous venture.

I need not tell you, that I am glad your undertaking ~~concern~~ prospers. I see that you are fairly embarked in controversy. — I observe occasionally "will" for "shall", and "would" for "should". I am afraid that J. R's temper is souring; he is rather unreasonable in his expectation of deference to his opinion. He is a very estimable man, but not sufficiently tollerant.

I am very well, & like my appartments very much, although they are rather inconvenient.

The letter which I mention above is not to your sister, but is to your brother, & sent by him.

I dare say, that if time permitted I could think of other matters to write about.

I am,

Dear Robert,

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

Dear Robert,

I have to thank you for a parcel of papers by U.S. box, 12 papers, & 1 do. by post, ~~last~~ the 7 yesterday. Mary received the parcel on Thursday, with a letter, a Sovereign & a parcel for J. Trimble. I received your letter the same day, & have laid it some place where I cannot find it. In reference to it I suppose you would receive along with the abstract of the act, the numbers of the periodicals which you wrote about, & I particularized. – I hear nothing more of the business that I mentioned in my last; but the report is current. Our mutual acquaintances are silent on the subject. – It strikes me, that when the agreement was entered into, report said, that a bond was given not to set up opposition within twenty miles. – I am confident, that the Journal was not quite correct in reporting the disfranchisement business here; but the Herald is far wrong indeed. – If you took your information from the Patriot, & it is the work of their new Editor & reporter, I would not value his reporting abilities highly. I was not in court; but I think that it is not difficult to understand the business. As it is a matter of some importance I have given you a short account of what ~~I understand to be~~ is a true version of it as far as it goes, & perhaps you would not wish me to go farther into it. – We have letters from John acquainting us with his determination to go to London, as you lately mentioned. – His aunt was very well; Mr. Forrest not very well.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

~~In our paper of the 13~~ Our last contained an account of the proceedings in the Revising Barrister's Court at Carlisle, which it appears is incorrect in various particulars. To understand the business, it is necessary to recollect that the Reform act directs the Overseers to fix the lists of voters on or near the ~~several~~ doors of all the Churches & chapels in their several parishes & townships, or if there be no Church or Chapel therein, then to be fixed up in some public & conspicuous situation within the same respectively." Now the ~~Parish~~ Nave of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Carlisle, is the Church of the Parish of St. Mary, & consequently extraparochial, or in other words not in the Parish. The lists of the ~~lists for the~~ Townships in St. Mary's Parish were, as heretofore, placed on the door of the Parish Church, in addition to which the lists for Fisher St. ~~to~~ Rickergate, and Caldewgate were placed ~~out~~ in public & conspicuous situations; therefore these three passed, & the other three townships were disfranchised.

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven.

Mr Robert Abraham
Post Office
Whitehaven

Friday

Dear Robert,

I thought it better to advise you that Forsters' bank here stopped payment this morning, without any premonition that I have heard of — The (false) report was that the house on which they drew had stopped — A public meeting was held this afternoon, at which it was stated, that the failure was not occasioned by any disturbance of the mon=etary system; but were from private circumstances; & that, therefore, the credit of the ~~[illegible]~~ remaining bankers remained as before. Some people remained to sign a declaration, that they would take the notes of the other banks as usual, and some went away to use their discretion.

It will be a severe blow, such numbers of people having their savings with them.

Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

Report says that a gentleman in the west celebrated for making a nice distinction between Hawk and Oak, has 11.000 in.

My dear Brother,

I sent you a shirt and the guardian monday, but I was so poorly at the time, that I was not able to write. I am now however getting better fast, and I hope soon to be well. I am nearly out of money. I have not time to add any more as it is time for the post.

I am your affectionate sister
Mary Abraham

Dear Robert,

Mary duly received your letter with the enclosure of Five Guineas; for which we thank you; & I have likewise to acknowledge the receipt of a parcel of papers by Mr. Carruthers. — We have heard twice from John within a Week or two. He has nothing particular; but he writes in good spirits. — We have been rather expecting you, from what I understood that you had written to B. Simpson. — Thomas Carrick & family go on Monday (tomorrow) to Newcastle; for some time.

My Garden looks very well, but we have not eaten either green peas, or early potatoes yet. — The Oxalis crenata is up, but I understand nothing about it.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

Mr Robert Abraham
Herald Office
Whitehaven.

Mr Robert Abbott
Carlisle Post Office
Cumberland

Dear Robert,

Your enclosure for J. Ross the week before last, & your letter & enclosures last week came safe to hand. I shall look after the ass. – Mary will send the book tomorrow. Margaret came home yesterday having been two weeks absent. – We are in usual health, & I hope that you keep clear of the prevailing cold.

Margaret went over to Penrith from Barrow mill, & saw her Aunt Robinson, who appears by her account to be much in her usual way. Her Aunt tells her that Mr Blaymire, the Solicitor for Rumney's assignees, declines paying ~~paying~~ Mr Rumney's legacy to Mrs Forrest, to Wood; on the ground that Mrs F. not being prepared of it, she could not leave it. And that Mr B. further says, it must be divided among the sisters living, to the exclusion of the children of those that are dead. Mr B. should know; but I knew the other day a considerable

(according to their parents, there)
sum divided amongst the Brothers & Sisters, & the the Nephews & Nieces
of an intestate. Bleecymie wants to have the money taken out of his
hands. - It may be worth making some inquiry, though it maybe
a troublesome job to make any thing of it; if B. should raise the
difficulties which he may raise

Yours affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham -

The letters from B.S. are
favourable. He wants Spittal
as a farm, & a residence higher &
drier than Caldergate. I apprehend his brother Jim would take
it yesterday. - I think you can get better advice on the money
matter than I can.

Dear Robert,

I have to thank you for your note of last week, and a Standard. I believe that the word, which I read "not", is intended for just. I sometimes amuse myself with thinking what a puzzle one of your letters will make 150 years hence. – I have got the fishing act. Set in the type in which the Abbey Holme agricultural report was composed last week, it will occupy 5.7 ~~pages~~ columns of the herald, without the marginal index. With it, printed on the left hand side of the commencement of each paragraph, to save margin, in the old fashioned manner, it will occupy a page. Printed neatly with breadth of margin occupied by the index, much more. An intelligible abridgement might be made [illegible] occupy perhaps 1/4 of the space. George Ralph's copy of the act is almost in pieces, & will require very careful handling to return it tolerably decently. – You will determine what you will have done in the matter. – John Cockburn will return me the Chambers Journal, & I shall send it & the rest. John arrived here on the Wednesday night. I did not hear of any difficulty about his luggage. Mary came home on Friday. I was very poorly all last week. I am now better, only that I am weak, and much pained with the rheumatism. – The report is a sad report indeed, as far as I read; but I soon tired. Perhaps it would not be necessary to notice, in detail, that part of the act which relates to Scotland. We have most beautiful weather for the harvest. Much Wheat about here is secured. – In court, at the Assizes, I met with a Mr. Brooks, reporting. He told me that he had a letter from you a few days before, & that he had lived two years in Whitehaven. I understand that he is employed on the Patriot. – I never see the Patriot, but I hear that it is sillier than ever.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

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Mr Robert Abraham

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Herald Office

Whitehaven

Dear Robert,

B. S. has sent several letters here, (many) the last rec.d to day is dated Torquay - (a place near Torbay). I have not yet seen this letter; the other letters ~~last~~ were written with evident affectation of great spirits, and now I understand, that he describes himself as greatly better. On being settled at Torquay he is to have a seton put in his right side. - J. Ross seems much improved by his jaunt. Mary rec.d on Saturday, her letter & Ashendean - I think that I did not mention the last time I wrote a letter for -, Kirkcaldy, rec.d the Tuesday before.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham -

We have not yet had a letter from John.

A Newspaper - office - newspaper was rec.d from him the Tuesday or else Wednesday after he left here, But where it had been posted Mary could not tell, nor could I, as she had destroyed the cover -

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven.

Dear Robert,

I think that I should not write this week, so little alteration has taken place in the market, but that I wrote to consult you on our intended removal. I do not know whether you entered into any engagement with T. Carrick respecting his house; & therefore I am not aware whether our taking another would cause him any disappointment. I understand that there is little expectation to be formed of the people going out of it. I am led to suppose that we might obtain the ~~rooms~~ house above A. Cockburn's shop for about nine pounds a year free of taxes & rates. The present tenant, Clayton, pays Ten pounds. Its inconveniences are many, being all up stairs, & through a narrow passage from the street & as Mary could not well have her school in it, that circumstance would be an additional lent of £ 3.5.0. Still the lent & taxes would be admitted about £ 4.10.0. I should prefer T. Carrick's house a great deal, though the rooms I understand are very inferior. But upon the whole, I think that it would be advisable to see after A. C's. if it can be done with propriety. T. Carrick says, that he is determined to eject the tenant; but he may not succeed, & if the tenant should be obstinate a considerable time will elapse at any rate.

I forgot to tell you last week, that you were wrong about "Base tenures". The statute of "Wards & liveries" (which is the statute of Chas. II. to which you allude) left such tenures just as it found them. The operation of the statute was confined to tenures of the higer order, which it relieved from the feudal incidents.

You will see in the Gazette, that the partnership betwixt J. Carrick & Co. is

disposed. He [illegible] he told me, £1000 in the concern at
Interest, & for 7 years I think he said; but I would not be certain either of the money
or the time. He says that he has lost £1600, but he hardly regards the loss, he
feels so delighted with getting out of a concern which kept in continual misery.

I am,
Your affectionate Father
Thos. Abraham.

T. Carrick has just called. He
says you had better arrange to get your
Tobacco from Penrith, as it is an
additional expence to come by
Carlisle. He means to write to you
this week, but has nothing material
to communicate.

Dear Robert,

My not furnishing the evidence for the Plaintiff, in Perry v Newton, could scarcely be a greater disappointment to you than it was to me – but I could not do it – it was physically impossible. You were sufficiently explicit in describing what you wanted, & I took the notes of the evidence in full. And when I sat down on Thursday morning to write them out, I did not anticipate, that any disappointment would ensue. It was unfortunate, that the cause should come on so late, & finish so late – past 8 P.M. In addition to the fatigue occasioned by 3 days close attendance I had contracted the ~~th~~ rheumatism in my back, I suppose ~~by~~ from a dampness in the court wall, & what with that and other things, joined to the time & exhaustion in alternately reading my notes & then writing them out, by the time that I concluded the case for the defendants, I was quite exhausted. – I could have commenced again on Sunday, but I could not have made any useful progress in time for the ~~coach~~ mail of that day, ~~or~~ nor much for the coach of next morning. As for sending by the mail of Monday, such a thought never entered into my head. – I have no notes of the Judge's charge which would be of any use to Mr. Perry. It soon became too dark, for where I sat, to see to write, and I had no candle sufficiently near to be of use. – I thought Alexander did not sufficiently examine the housekeeper to the possibility of the document being placed above the bed by a stranger without her knowledge. And I thought, that the Judge was wrong in charging the Jury to find for the Defendants, unless they were satisfied, that the will was a forgery. It seemed to me, that they should have found for the Plaintiff unless they were satisfied that it was not a forgery.

I took your letter last week to B.S. He has kept his bed nearly a fortnight – ever since he was so thoughtless as to make ~~any~~ an excursion to Lisle –

bleeding, I understand, has abated, with a trifling exception yesterday, for two days. It commenced about a month after his return from Edinburgh. It strikes me that there is little hope in the case. If you should write to him do not mention Mrs Ross' death, he does not know of the circumstance. My body but his medical attendants & his own family see him. — By this time you will have heard of Steele having bought the Journal. — You would be sorry to see James Ross' loss.

The blue party I doubt are hurting their cause, by bringing Mr James forward. The yellows will know how to take advantage of it.

I have not yet been able to meet with Mr Ednunson — Margaret went yesterday to Evemyth —

Your affectionate father
Thomas Abraham

Dear Robert,

I have rec.d all the money excepting £1..1..4 from J. Cockburn & £15..2..3/9, from J. Thompson's papers. — Sep 2 I rec.d, by the parcel, the Standard of the day before. Then the N.W.D — ~~On the 12th~~ yesterday 10 Sns by post. To day by post 12 papers — For all which I am obliged. — Two fatal cases of Cholera took place last week, Ja.s Ross's father being one. — R. Dixon died of his old complaint, — inflamation of the wind pipe — I conversed with him a little after 3 on Tuesday afternoon in the market place — he was dead 1/4 before 1 next morning. A very near relation — a Son I believe, — of the Edmund Nevall, whom in your obituary of week before last, wishes to gain information respecting his property — It is just possible that you may be able to advise respecting the name of the Executor, Administrator, or Trustee. This is a favourable day — The wheat has I am told has done little here.

My dear Brother

I will send your flannel by next

Your affectionate Son

I paid Mr Ross £4. I had a letter from Dr Thomas Abraham — caster last week. They were all, praise well, and my cousin had returned from Edinburgh. I am, your affectionate sister

M. Abraham

Mr Robert Abraham

Herald Office

Whitehaven

I am very glad to hear, that you are all well. You do not say, who is to be Mr. English's partner. Do I read you right? "Tom did it (the rheumatism) much good, by rubbing with a liniment." — I have discovered how Jno comes to be used as a contraction for "John" — I held John was often spelled Jnoh. Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

1 Castle Lane, Carlisle July 26. 1839.

Dear John.

I have to thank you for your letter of 17 Ult.

I have hitherto neglected making inquiry for an opportunity of forwarding Margaret's bible (or what became of it (in inquiry bible)); but I think that I shall look out for such an opportunity soon. I shall be glad to find that Margaret's health grows good: but I am afraid, that the inherits her ~~Mother's~~ family constitution, which on her mother's side is not a good one. Tell her that I am much obliged to her for her attention in sending Chronicles, &c. I received 2 parcels by post to-day & 4 yesterday. – I forwarded the C. Journal on Tuesday. – I now receive the C. Journal weekly; since I made a stir at the P.O. which I was induced to do, by your saying, that the C. Journal was regularly sent me. – The suggested plan of making post paid letters the rule, instead of the exception, would not answer. –

I am glad to hear, that you are all doing well. – I am afraid, that Margaret puts herself to much trouble in supplying me as above.

There is still a little eruption on the right leg; but not much. I suspect that the greasy application which I made to the eruption last

July 26 1839

Mr. John Abraham
11 Mulberry St.
Rotunda
Liverpool

Letter
26 July 1839
John Abraham

year occasioned much irritation. – Oliver immediately ordered it to be discontinued. – James Rop is very well; & I think every body else much as usual. – Isabella Tremble, & James Rop ~~two~~ called to see me about a fortnight since; and I think that I shall try to get to Cremorkenton on Sunday; as the train to Scotby will suit on that day both going & coming.

I think that the Chartists here are getting out of hopes of success; hopes which they certainly entertained at one time. – The police office, I should think, would have a good consideration for stating, that he could not have got Harney out of Carlisle, without Harney's own assistance, aided by that of Arthur. – How the civil & military authorities of Carlisle take the compliment, I do not know.

I have had a good crop of peas; but I have had none to sell; think=ing, that I could not do better than dispose of part of them in making little returns to different parties for many kindnesses received by me when I was so long laid up & helpless. I believe that you have little notion what a pitiable condition I was in; especially when I had lost my nurse or drapes; and it happened that no body came near me for several days.

I am, Dear John,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

Carlisle, Decr. 21, 1841.

Thomas D to J W
Refers to R Sheppard & to
Mary D

Dear John,

I am afraid that you will think me very dilatory in answering your kind letter of 24 September, & thanking you for it & the stamps enclosed. — I have thought about changing my quarters; but such a change is more difficult to make for the better, than might appear. Along with suitable apartments, it is requisite, that a suitable woman should dwell near to take care of them. I have my eyes open to look for such; but I see nothing at the present time.

If Robert Sheppard has had a favourable voyage, he will now be approaching his destination. Perhaps through him you may hear something of your Sister Mary. Mrs Tiffin had a letter from her daughter Sarah, about three weeks since. It seems, from Sarah's letter, that Mary obtained the situation to which Mrs McArthur recommended her, but that she had not kept it long. Sarah says, that Mrs McArthur had a letter from the lady, in which she said, that Mary Abraham was the most unaccountable woman that she had seen. — James Rose desires his respects to you all. He is very well. I had a long conversation with him, at his house, last night. — Mr & Mrs Tiffin are very well. Their Sister Stoddart died last Saturday. — She told me some time since, that she had burnt the will which I wrote for her. I was very glad to hear it. I hope, that she has not made another; or at least, that nobody, whom I take any particular interest in, is Executor, for I am afraid that a post obit will work rather awkwardly; & if she died, what she hinted to me about nine months ago, she intended to do, I anticipate proceedings in equity.

I hope that you will find the benefit of your Wales-ramble. — I expect my letter, & the potatoes from William Pescod reached your brother safely. — George Pescod

Mr John Abraham
Edgware
4, Chancery St.
Liverpool.

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was just recovering, at that time, from a pleurisy. I have not seen any of the family since to inquire after him. I shall endeavour to do so on Saturday. I am as well as possible, & not near so lame as I have been. I shall be happy to hear that you are all well. With my love to you all,

I am, Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

Mary with this I shall post the C.J. for your letter. – I am actually on the look out for a house; but I see nothing likely. Two of our neighbours have changed for the better, though, indeed, I never have had any reason to complain of any of them.

Mary Abraham

1843

Mr John Abraham
4, Colquitt St.
Liverpool.

Abraham
Carlisle

CARLISLE
MY 10
1843

Carlisle, May 10, 1843.

Dear John,

Refers to removal from Castle Street to 10 Church St. (at Caldewgate exactly opposite gateway on our old house)

I write to you now for the purpose of informing you, that I have taken another dwelling; two rooms in a house in Church St. Caldewgate, & exactly opposite the Gateway of the yard ~~opposite~~ of our old house. The Rent Six pounds a year, clear of all rates and taxes. They are good rooms, not badly papered, up Stairs, on the left, with one neighbour on the right; a stair-case leading from the back room to a tolerably open yard, with a good pump, common to several tenants. The property belongs to Joseph Foster, the foreman to the Dixons. They (the rooms) are in the possession of a Journeyman hatter, who left the town 3 or 4 weeks since in search of work; and to induce his wife not to relet them, I agreed to take them off her hands two Weeks before the term, Whitsuntide, paying her five Shillings. Indeed I suppose, that I may enter when I please. When I write again to Liverpool, I will give you the correct address. — So this flitting lays me under the necessity of accepting your kind offer of assistance on such occasion. ? ~~first required~~ S.A.

I received your brother's letter of April 15; and was very glad to hear that you are all well. I understand that you are very much confined by business. I hope not too much.

R. & M. Tiffin left here for Glasgow about ten days since, to remain over the Summer. They both look uncommonly well.

I am, Dear John, with love to you all,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

1843

Mr John Abraham
3, Heath St.
Liverpool.

13 Church St. Carlisle, July 23, 1843.

Refers to your aunt Sheppard's affairs see below

Dear John,

I received your letter of the 20th Inst. yesterday, and thank you for it and its contents. — I have likewise a letter of yours of the date of 21 June unanswered — more properly unacknowledged — Robert had not arrived at Carlisle when your letter of 21 June came to hand; but I had a line from him from Whitehaven ~~from him~~ of the same date, stating his intended motions. I am sorry that this clumsy ink of mine gave you so much trouble; but I shall dry it better this time. — I like my rooms well; but the distance from shops and market, is (as I knew before) inconvenient. You will remember Thomas Capstick, Wright. His wife attends to my appartments. Nobody could do better than she does. — I have a note from Margaret of the date of July 14, stating the sending of a box by the Newcastle, & her intention of leaving Liverpool next day for Whitehaven, where, I expect, she ~~has arrived before~~ I see by your letter of the 20, she has arrived.

I cannot give you any advice respecting your Aunt Sheppard's affairs; unless it be to consult a gentleman of the law. It is strange that your correspondent, Mr. Croft, should not have given you more explicit information. I have not yet learned any thing from Sydney respecting her son; but as my inquiry left England about the beginning of the year the time for information is approaching. — I hope to hear of the arrival of the Columbia when I take this letter upstairs. — I am very well & I hope that you are so — I suppose that I shall see Margaret in a few days, & it will not be long I hope before I shall again from you with news from Robert — I am

Your affectionate Father

Thomas Abraham.

Mr John Abraham
Post without
Ambleside
Westmorland

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CARLISLE
AUG 3
1844

13 Church St. Carlisle, Aug. 3, 1844.

Dear John, Recd 20 8 1844

This morning I had the pleasure of receiving your letter of 1st Inst. conveying the agreeable information of your having made the acquisition which Margaret's letter of the 12 Ult. led me to expect. Please to give my love to my newly acquired daughter.

I doubt that the weather will lessen the sight-seeing amongst the mountains. I was afraid that you were there some days since, which, with the exception of yesterday, were very wet here. I do not exactly know the mail rout to Ambleside, but I suppose that this letter (which I shall post this afternoon) will be despatched to-morrow morning and reach Ambleside on Monday at the latest.

I saw the sailing of the Rienzi mentioned in the L. M. 26th which you were so kind as to send me. I doubt that Margaret will have a tedious voyage; for untill lately the wind has been generally to the southward of west.

I quite agree with your opinion respecting your brother taking a partner.

I shall be quite rejoiced to see you both; but you must not expect to find the semblance of a palace in my apartments; for my old woman, though a good kind of creature, is not one of the polishing order; and as she soon found out that I do not like to be fussed, she indulges me.

It is past one, and the rain falls so fast that I can get neither to the market nor to the P.O.

I hope that my last letter for Margaret arrived in time.

I am,
Dear John
Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham

Rec'd Sep 17

13 Church St. Carlisle, Sep. 17, 1844.

Dear John,

The first of this month I forwarded to your brother Manchester Guardians of the 21, 24, 28 ult. and this day I forward of the same Sep. 7, 11, 14, and likewise Athenaeum Sep. 7; being all of each which I have received since you were here. If any have miscarried please not to send any more. — I have not received any Montreal Gazettes by the last Halifax Mail. They say at the P.O. here, that the Canada papers were ~~to~~ received wet & damaged. If it be not giving you too much trouble, perhaps it would be worth inquiring at your office, if there be such a parcel with the address defaced. — Have you heard any thing of Margaret?

I have to thank you for your letter & its enclosure of 20s last month. So dreadful an accident occurred the day after you left here, that I got rather uneasy until I heard of your getting home both safe. — I did not know that J.R. of Tyne field, formerly Tarn close, was a friend of ~~mine~~, or of any other human being. Though I have no reason to consider him an enemy. I believe that he knows nothing of our family connections. — I am glad to hear that you and Maria received you and not harm from your travels, and I hope that you were both pleased with what you saw of the Cumberland and Westmoreland hills. —

I sending love to you both.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Aleshire.

This day fortnight I rose myself with a run down the canal in the morning to Port Carlisle, & got a precious cold, from which I have just recovered.

Mr. John Aleshire
Apothecaries Hall
Liverpool.

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Rec'd Mar 6.
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Mr John Abraham
Apothecaries' Hall
Liverpool.

CARLISLE

LIVERPOOL

Rewd
Sep 28

13 Church St. Carlisle, Sept. 28, 1844.

Dear John,

I have your letter 22 Inst. with a printed enclosure containing some good observations, but not enclosing your brother's letter. — I hope to learn by the Halifax mail near due, that the Rienzi has arrived safe at ~~Montreal~~ Quebec. I was of opinion from the cross winds that the Vessel would be considerably delayed previously to making the bay of Biscay. — A post office attendant saw me when I was putting my letter of the 17 into the box, & told me that my papers had arrived, and I desired him to write the words, which you quote, on the outside of the letter. — I am very much obliged to you for the loan of Turner's Chemistry. If you are not in much haste for the return of the book, I should like to keep it until I have read it well. It is a pity that the Editor had not learned to write English before he began to write Chemistry. The language rivals in confusion, that of any newspaper, either English or American which I have happened to see. — I am amused by your being interested in G.R. But as he can hardly have an opportunity of victimizing you, it is of little consequence. — On second thoughts it is possible, that he may possess some anecdotes of our family, for his father married for his second wife, a respectable woman whose family claim to be descended from General Goffe, of King killing memory. Perhaps, some time, I may give you G's history; but it is not interesting. — I have received Manchester Guardians of Sep. 21, 25, and Lit. Gazette, Sep. 21. — Please to give my love to Mrs A. —

I am,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

I have been for years trying to make out, why "Jno" should stand for John. — I had nearly overlooked an important part of your letter. — I do not think that it "would be worth while" to send a small piece of bacon from here to Liverpool. The carriage would be heavy. It seems to me, that your best plan every way, would be to buy a Westphalia ham — an article without doubt on sale in Liverpool. — To buy bacon in a Shop here is very risky. I

never do it now. It may look very fair, & yet from its feeding & curing be mauvais. If you do not approve of the Westphalia hint, I could try if you wish it to get a tolerably suitable cut, at Cum-
Whinton. Theirs at Evening hill is far too large. F. A.

Miss Allen
Cum Whinton
Stamford

Mr John Abraham
Apothecaries' Hall
Liverpool.

CARLISLE
OCT 18 1844

Dear John,

Read
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13, Church St. Carlisle, Octr. 16, 1844.

Suggests a reason (possible) for R. D's trouble with his printing press

I was duly favoured with your letter of 2nd Inst. Your brother's letter I enclose in this, Margaret's I would like to keep a little longer. I had a paper of the 10th last month from her. This morning I received the packet from Montreal. ~~To day~~ Oct. 3rd I forwarded to your brother the Athenæum of Sep. 21, & Man. Guardian 21, 25, 28. To day I forward Man. Guard. Octr. 12. – I am apprehensive that some of the papers have not come to hand. If so, do not send any more. And I am not certain whether the 3rd & 5th of the month, are the proper forwarding days.

A Lancashire Mechanic, who has been principally employed in the Linen & Cotton trade, tells me, that it is the general practice in his line, to mis-mark, or else to mis-fit, or in some other way so to manage some part of machinery, making for distant customers, that a foreman has to be sent for to set it a going. This information perhaps may explain why the Napier's press will not work. (Communicate this to your brother.)

I am very well, & I hope that you are both very well. – You will perhaps favour me with a sight of Margaret's journal.

I am, with my love to your wife,
Dear John,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

Mr. John Abraham
Apothecaries' Hall
Liverpool.

Letters
1844

13 Church St. Carlisle, Nov. 6, 1844.

Dear John, also mentions your Aunt Robinson's death
mentions Mr & Mrs Murray

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26 ult. enclosing a Liverpool Mercury & a Manchester Guardian, and of a postscript of the 28. The two papers I forwarded on the 3rd to Montreal. Margaret's latter letter in yours of the 26, I will keep, as well as the former one, a little longer, if you please. I shall not forget G.R. — I am much pleased with your book, & if it be not inconvenient to you to lack it, I should like to dwell on it some time. The English of the "Imogene" division, is so faulty as to be occasionally embarrassing. — I see by the Carlisle Journal, that your Aunt Robinson died on the 28 ult. — I took the L. Mercury to J. Cockbain — Mrs Cockbain called two evenings since to tell me that — Beatie has returned from Sydney, after a passage of between 4 & 5 months. She saw your sister & her husband walking in Sydney, about 6 mos. before she left, but did not speak to them. Her husband is a genteel, good looking man. They had 2 children with them. Mary had never called on Jefferson, her landlord in Castle St. — The Cheshire Docks, having escaped the clutches of the L. Corporation, I should think will be a good thing for the public.

I am very well, & I am glad to hear that you are both well. Please to give my love to your wife.

Two days ago I bought three lbs. of bacon in a shop where I thought it likely to get it of a good quality, & it is what is called good bacon. In the flitch it might be bought about ½ ℔. cheaper. Middle sized hams I understand may be bought about 8. Large, about 7. — Prices are unsteady, rather rising. But you could make no use of a ham 30 or 40 lbs weight, & 6 or 8 inches thick of fat. Bacon, the way it is fed & cured here, increases in rancidity rapidly. At any rate it is rancid to begin with. — I delivered your message to Mrs

Turn —

Tiffin; she is obliged to you, & desires to be remembered to you. — It is so dark that I must give over writing until after tea. — I do not know that ever I fell in with a Westphalia ham, though it is probable, that I may have met with the article; but if it answer the description that I have read of it, I should think, that it would be cheaper, here, than our bacon, from having less waste about it, as well as infinitely superior in every respect. And I cannot contrive how a small quantity of bacon can be conveyed to Liverpool, without incurring an expense which it will not bear. You, perhaps, know better about the carriage.

It seems time to expect news, by way of Boston & N. York, respecting the Canada elections. But the long continued easterly winds are unfavourable. I am rather anxious for the result of the election for Montreal city, on the 15 Inst. I prognosticate that the ex-ministerialists, ~~will~~ have carried it.

The evening is wet; so I shall let my letter lie over until to-morrow.

I am, your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

A moderate sized flitch of bacon, containing the shoulder, but not the ham, weighs about six stone. Less may be obtained. — I think that I know where I could purchase one dried with green wood smoke — the best anti-putrescent. But I could not hope to procure a part of such a one.

Mr. Thos. Abraham
Apothecaries' Hall
Liverpool

CARLISLE
DEC 8
1844

13 Church St. Carlisle, Decr. 9, 1844.

Dear John, Refers at end to marginal "Dormant" Has Bentnice Hall got it?

You will please to excuse me for neglecting to thank you for your kindness in sending me a plan of the Birkenhead Docks.

George Pestord died the latter end of last month.

I received your letter of 30 Ult. & duly attended to its contents, but not being able to read the address, I cut it out & fixed it to the cover of the Athenæum.

Since I acknowledged the receipt of Manchester Guardians, I have received & three, the last of the date of Novr. 27.

On the 15 of last month I received from J. Rop, Two Pounds, Ster. for 7 Weeks, terminating & including the 27 of this Month. — Mr. R. had then removed to Stanwix, & is likely to continue there. — I went there with the intention of applying to him for a quarter's rent — 30/ — but after his giving me 2 I did not like to doing it, & declined the mention of it, & paid the 30/ out of the 2£. I have since (two days since) received a bill, from Hind of this Street, for new shoes & mending about three weeks since, of Twelve Shillings & 9. — Now if you could conveniently send me a P. Order for Forty two Shillings & 9, it would oblige me. A few days delay, I should suppose, would be of no consequence; though I know that Hind is straitened in his circumstances. If it be not convenient for you so to do, please to drop me a line soon, that I may apply to my friend Rop.

I have the pleasure of a letter from Margaret, of the date of Octr. 27, on the 30 Ult., in an envelope directed by an unknown hand. I see, both by that letter & by the Montreal Gazette that my prognostication of the event of the Montreal election has been

falsified; which I am glad to hear.

I now return you Margaret's two letters, & thank you for the reading of them. The weather is cold here now; but I guess much more so in Montreal.

Mr Rose is well, & I am so, and I hope that you and Marion are well & comfortable. With my love to you both, I am,

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

If, when the novelty is worn off, you can favour me with the perusal of Margaret's journal, I should be obliged

Father
June 28 1845

Mr John Rimington
23 St Anne St
Liverpool

About the Rimington letter

13 Church St June 28, 1845 (age 74)

Keep as specimen of his beautiful writing

Dear John

I duly received your letter of 17 Inst. & the subsequent one enclosing the powder. I am much obliged to you, but I am sorry that you gave yourself so much trouble respecting the amalgam. You will perhaps sometime, if it be in your way, supply the lost of my receipt for Lemonade.

I am glad that you have come to a satisfactory arrangement respecting the partnership, & I hope that you will be prosperous. You observe that I rarely answer your questions. I think that I answer them when I have data on which to form an opinion. I never intended to imply any thing mysterious respecting G.R. He is in fact of a common order of men: selfish but specious. A good sample of his family. Michael, his father was a rush bottomed chair-maker from I forget where, some place in Yorkshire, I think. He was poor, but possessed what is called tact, and married a very plain Cumberland woman with £500, as I have heard in my younger days. They opened a retail shop in Penrith for the sale of pots & groceries, & prospered. Some time after the establishment of Maude, Dobs & Co's bank in Kendal, he obtained their agency. Late in life he married for his second wife a woman advanced in years, of the name of Gough. His son, George, about the same time married a young woman without fortune, of the name of Ballantine, connected with some of the respectable Cumberland families. This was an act of imprudence unheard of in the family of the Rimingtons, and the only one of which I ever heard of one of them being guilty; saving & excepting the minor faults. Michael could not forgive it; I dare say that it wholly passed his comprehension. He disinherited George, then his only child. But by especial good luck, the father a few years before, when in London, at the time of the Yearly meeting paid a visit to the College of arms. For the usual consideration he received according to the custom of the place, a drawing of a splendid coat-armour, & had his descent traced from a family of eminence. This fact luckily for George's eldest son, negatived the no doubt contemplated erection of a neat row of one story houses, intended to pass by the name of the Rimington hospital; and Michael, junr. was by last will & testament declared the heir of his Grandfather. George & his wife emigrated to Bruges, it was said, & kept there either a lodging house or a school. Here it was said that they were very straitened; but an especial piece of good luck awaited them. Some body had given them, a share, or a part of a share, in the Hudgill Head mine, near Alston, (a mine that had swallowed many a fortune) when the shares were valueless; all at once the mine turned out one of the most prosperous ever wrought in Cumberland, producing it was said & believed, from £800 to £1000 a year to the Rimingtons. George subsequently bought some shares in the Greenside lead mines, near Patterdale, which have turned out, I suppose, as valuable as the Hudgill burn concern. I think very seldom

hear George named; but when I do, it is not very favourably. – I think that I have written quite enough on such a subject.

The insolvency of one partner does not effect the interest of another partner: that is if A. & B. are in partnership they are jointly liable for partnership debts; but neither is liable for the separate debts of the other.

Dennison is so far recovered, as to intend going if he be not already gone, to the Sea side.

I shall take the first opportunity of returning Turner. The book has afforded me much amusement but I am afraid that I have put you to inconvenience by the detention of it.

The Coroner's jury have found a verdict of wilful murder against John Graham, in the case of his wife – and in the case of Graham's father, a similar verdict against some person or persons unknown.

Some two years ago, a young man, called Joseph Tinkinson, went from here to London, where he began trading as a grocer; he shortly afterwards left London in haste, & began business in Leeds, but in his father's name; a judgment creditor found out his retreat, & in spite of the cover of his father's name, levied for his debt. I believe that he then visited Dublin. He removed to ~~to~~ Liverpool, and obtained employment with a druggist, he having served about two years to that employment. He is now it is said in trading on his own account again, in Pitt St. Brunswick Tyre or ~~some~~ such name, giving large orders, & selling by hawkers. As his locality is near Bold St. perhaps he may favour Mr. Clay with a share of his custom. I do not know that I ever saw the young man, but I know something of his family connexions, but nothing of his parents.

I have this day received from Mr. English, the Athen. 7 June. And at various times many Chron. down to June 18. – I am too late for the post, so I shall let this letter lie over till tomorrow. – I hope that you continue well. Please to give my love to Marie.

I am,

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

29. Mabel Zytts arrived in the morning.

30. I have just rec. your letter of yesterday enclosing your brother's letter, along with the 3 papers which you name. I return your brother's letter, after having decyphered most of its contents. I am glad to hear that you are all well in both places. I shall call to inquire after Dennison as I go to the post office, and inform you of what I hear respecting his health.

July 18. 1848
J. A

Mr John Abraham
27 Bold St.
Liverpool.

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13 Church St. Carlisle, July 28. 1848.

Dear John,

I have just received your short Note of yesterday, with its ~~the~~ enclosed half note, and answer it as you desire by the first mail; the 4 o'clock P. M. one, though I suppose, that my letter will not be received sooner than if sent by the 2 o'clock A. M. mail of tomorrow. I have likewise to thank you for the Newspaper & the Athenaeum of 24 June. –

I infer from your remittance, that I need not look for the pleasure of seeing you, so early as I have been expecting. I hope to hear by your next, that you all continue well, & that Mrs A. & the children were benefitted by their Chester jaunt. – I am very well. – The appearances of the productiveness of every kind of harvest is great, & yet every thing is dear, excepting flour; which we buy what is here called fine, (tolerable seconds) for 2/4 per 14o. I hear nothing of the potatoe disease, yet.

I am, Your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.

July 21. 1848
J. A

Mr Abraham
87 Bold St
Liverpool.

13 Church St. Carlisle, 21 July, 1848.
Recd. 1.30 P.M.

Dear John,

Just as I was preparing to set off to dine with J. Rep at Stanwix, & yesterday, I received your letter of the 19th enclosing the second half of a Five Pound bank Note. Not having time to answer your letter before dinner, I concluded to write from Stanwix; but there I learned that no dispatch took place in the afternoon, & as I durst not undertake to go round by the P.O. home, I deferred writing untill today. – I can only say that I am very much obliged to you for your kindness & attention. – I still entertain hopes of seeing you before the fine weather is over. – Mr Rep is very well. The disagreeable winding up is still going on, & likely to continue some time yet. – I see that you have adopted the quick and Tom, in place of the formal Thomas, for the every day name of your Son. I think it an improvement. If Robert can make a tolerable sale of his paper, I think that he is doing right. It seems clear to me, that the relations between this country & Canada are drawing to a close. If Canada does not cut the connexion, the popular voice of this country will have the good sense to do it before long. If you send me any papers, I shall notice what you say about the return of them. On the 19th I received from you the Athenæum of July 1. – And sent it & that of June 24th to Mr English yesterday. I have none remaining. – I am very well,

but more than usually rheumatic; from the changeable weather from hot to cold, & from wet to dry. I think that you cannot, well, have an evening delivery of letters from the North; so this letter will leave here a little after one o'clock to-morrow morning. – I hope that you all continue well.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

10 Church St. Carlisle, March 1, 1852.

Refers to family register made as well as to a meeting of Friends in Cockermouth in 1.8

Dear John,

This morning I received your kind letter of yesterday, enclosing Two Pounds, Ten Shillings; for all which and your kind wishes, I can only thank you. It would certainly be a gratification to see you; but unless the journey would do your health good, I could not wish you to take it.

My present situation is unfavourable, as regards shops & markets, but it has counterbalancing advantages. I return your brother's letter. I think that I have made it pretty well out. He would seem to be still far from well. It would seem that persons advanced in years are particularly subject to lose the use of their lower extremities. It is the cause of much incon[venience], but there are far heavier afflictions. — You remember George R[illegible] dent? He has for about three years, completely lost the use of his lower extremities, & partly of one hand. — The date of 28 Feb. agrees with what my mother told me, but 1st March was written by my Father in the family register, & in the register of the monthly meeting of Great Broughton at Cockermouth. — The tea is a pure bargain. I have been compelled to decline the use of tea. I have changed shops until I have tired of changing. The imported spurious tea is a far worse article, than the Liverpool manufactured. Carlisle assizes last week, Cannon v Remington — Writ of Formedon, Verdict for Plaintiff — Mr. Hill tendered a bill of exceptions. Crispwell (Judge) summed up entirely in favour of Plaintiff. My love to Mrs A. & all of you. Thomas Abraham.

Mr Abraham
28 Bold St.
Liverpool.

CARLISLE
MAR 1 1852

Letter
1 Mar 1852
Mr Abraham

Rec'd
Dec 8

10 Church St. Carlisle, May 1, 1852.

? not worth keeping but see below

Dear John,

Yours of Yesterday came to hand this morning, enclosing Two Pounds, & a letter from your brother, for all of which I thank you, & the last of which I return. – I understood, explicitly from Geo. Trimble's Mother, that he was not able to obtain the situation of a Clerk. – I suppose that Robert is himself mistaken; that he applies "Forster" to Cuthby Clapham's Wife's family, & Foster to the other family. – Robert must strangely under-rate the money which he received from his Aunt Anne. – According to my recollection, the "Ex libris Margaret Fox" in the old book, is in the hand writing of your[2] great-grandfather, John Abraham of Swarthmore. – Birkbeck of Bristol, who was making a collection of such tracts, with leave from my Mother, caused a few to be taken out of the book, & others to be inserted in their places. The interpolations are easily known by the difference of the paper. – I hope you are all well in Bold St. – When you see Margaret, tell her that I am much obliged by her letter. The weather has changed with us as with you. I am glad to hear, that Mr. English's journey last summer has done him so much good.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham

George's mother is by no means able to keep him in idleness.

Letter
1 May 1852
Mr Abraham
Tell Margt that Mrs A. & I believe is improving

Mr Abraham
Bold St
Liverpool

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Church St. Carlisle, Sept. 24. 1852.

Dear John,

I hope that Margaret, her husband, & children arrived all safe & well at home. I thought the children improved in their look. In what manner did Mr & Mrs E. take leave of Mrs A. – I obtained Ten Shillings of Mrs E. A further supply, when convenient, would oblige.

I observe, that Mr Staite is trying his light at Liverpool. It appears to me highly improbable that the ~~moth~~ motion of any machinery can be made to keep time with the consumption of the points; but I heard a suggestion yesterday evening, which I think worthy of notice: have two or more electric lights; two would not be likely to fail at the same time; three very unlikely; an attendant might correct them as they erred. The expense would be trifling; even were the decomposition of Nitric acid & oil of bitter almond, mixed, worked. Mr White left some diaphrams here, (biscuit); they seemed to me thick; but I don't know much about the subject. – I am well, & I hope to hear, that you are all so. Tell me, if you have heard anything from Montreal.

Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

Say whether you still hope to get to Carlisle soon.

I have the box & its contents, which I rec^d.
about 2 years ago.

Mr Abraham
Bailey
Lawnford.

Letter
24 Sept 1862
Mr Abraham

10 Church St. Carlisle, Sep. 29, 1852.

Who is the Mrs A referred to below

Dear John,

You have my thanks for your very kind letter rec.d this day, & its enclosure, Two Pounds. — I am sorry to hear so unfavorable an account of my father and daughter Margaret's health. I hope that you will bring a better report with you. — I am glad to read what you say respecting the meeting with Mrs. A. — It is, perhaps, as well for me to mention, that Mrs. A. is in very straitened circumstances — Nine Pound annually from her Mother, & Twenty from her late husband, during her widow-hood, forms her income. — When I wrote my last letter, I knew of the then intended visit, & would have apprized you of it, if I could have done so without pain. I need say no more, I do not know, that he uses the article himself. But I have long thought, that he uses the staple, in some form. John Dewson told me about a week ago, that father has been rather poorly some time, & was then at Scarborough. The statement respecting the economy of the lights, I should much doubt. The mode of regulating the points is ingenious. — I received three Transcripts about 3 days ago.

Letter
S. A.
to Sept 29 1852

Mr Abraham
Bright &
Liverpool.

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from your brother's improved temper in writing, I augur more than an improvement as respects himself. – The rain is pouring down in torrents; but a splendid harvest is gathered. – With my love to you all,

Jem,

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

I cannot get our stupid people to apply to the P.O. for a receiving box, although we have three letter carriers, from three different village rents, twice a day traversing our streets.

Church St. Carlisle, Feb. 22, 1853.

Dear John,

I expect to have an opportunity of having this letter taken to the P.O. either this evening or tomorrow.

I hope that you all continue well, on both sides of the Water. If you think so, please to tell me the name of your youngest son, when you write again. A supply of cash would oblige. — I hear nothing more of Stretton's light; since I saw a pompous paragraph in the Albion, announcing, that a tower was erecting, for it, on a pier, one of the Liverpool Docks. — Our weather is cold, with a N.E. wind, and has stopped the plough. — Last Friday, I forwarded to Mr. Box 170, Liverpool Albion of 7th recd. from you. — The fortnight before, I forwarded a number of papers, and amongst them a Times some three weeks old from you, the cover of which had been cut & then tied up. — Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

Mr Abraham
& Boldt.
Liverpool.

Church S.t Carlisle, March 8. 1853.

Dear John,

I am favoured with your letter of yesterday's date, accompanying Two Bonds, & am much obliged. – I hope in your contemplated letter of to-morrow, to have some information how you are all coming on, as regards health. – I have been rather indisposed, but I have recovered. – We have had two or 3 beautiful days; but the weather is not sufficiently mild yet, to admit of my getting much into the open air. – A few days since I received two Transcripts. If you hear anything from your brother, please to communicate it.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abercrom.

Mr Abraham
& Bolt
Liverpool.

Church St. Carlisle, Apl. 24, 1853.

Dear John,

I would be obliged, at your convenience, for a supply of Cash. — I have had no "transcripts" since I last wrote. — I have an "Albion" of the 18, which I shall forward to Montreal, on Friday. — I conjecture from what I hear, that Dr. Knott is intending to practise in Liverpool. It runs in my head, that I have heard, that the Dr. has either a brother, or some other near relation, in Liverpool. — I am very well, & shall be glad to hear, that you are all well.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

If you have heard any thing from Robert, please to name it.

Mr. Abraham
8 Wolf St.
Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL
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Late
Wm Abraham
April 1853

Church St. Carlisle, July 22, 1853.

Dear John,

I send to the P.O. along with this, Albions of 11, & 18 inst. – Two interesting papers. – I sent a Mercury & an Albion, last fortnight. I have nothing from Robert, for some time. Let me know if you hear anything from him. When you have time, I shall be glad of your usual remembrance. And I hope to hear that you are quite recovered from your indisposition; & that you are all well, on both sides of the water. – I conjecture, that Mr. Bell, the spinner, Whitlaven is dead; from the sale of the mill. – I have not seen the Argyle mentioned in any paper; but I suppose, by this time, you have lost Dr. Hewitt.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

Mr Shuttleworth
87 Bold St.
Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL
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Late
Date
22 July 1853

Church St. Carlisle, Aug.t 31, 1853.

Dear John,

I have to thank you for your letter of yester-day's date, & for its enclosure of £ Two. I am sorry to hear of Mr. English's indisposition; which I hope will soon ~~not~~ leave him. Much indisposition might be prevented, at this critical period of the Year, by increased clothing – even by a simple strip of flannel round the waiste, tying in front. I am happy to hear of so good an account of the rest of you. I am in very good general health; but the infirmities of age are stealing on me. On monday I received three Transcripts. This day I have the Albion of the 29, which on Friday I shall forward to Montreal. – The weather for some days has not been very favourable for the harvest, now far advanced.

With my love to you all,

I am

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham.

Mr. Abraham
8 Bold St.
Liverpool.

Late
Jacobs
31 Aug 1853

10 Church St. Carlisle, Oct. 6. 1853.

Dear John,

At noon today your kind letter, & its enclosure, Two Pounds, came to hand. I am much obliged to you for your kindness & attention. — Yesterday afternoon, I got up to see the Cowens, being a second attempt; so that I have gained strength since the hot days have past. — I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Eaglibe's indisposition; but hope to hear a better account before long. — I heard of your attack on Snowden. Scaling mountains is not an amusement for lads (sedentary) turned five & twenty. — I trust that your Cumamara visit, will be for your advantage. — I have nothing from your brother since Aug. 29. The weather has not been favorable for the harvest. But the nights having been cold, I hope that not much harm has been done.

I am,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

Mr Abraham
by Bold St.
Liverpool.

CALDEWGATE

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York
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106 Church St. Carlisle, 24th Oct. 1853

mention Mrs Owen having died on 14th Oct 1853

Dear John,

I thought that this day would bring me papers from Robert, but none have come. I fear that he has abdicated the Transcript. Please to tell me if you have any news of him. I have Albions of 10 & 17 last for the next steamer; & was much pleased to see them, for I was afraid you were poorly. I can't get up stairs, so I can't hear any Liverpool News. I see Mrs Owen died on the 14th Inst. Don't forget to give me some account of Mr Empson's health. And if any thing, in that respect, is wrong with any of you. I am very well, only that walking has become a serious labour. Was your barometer exhibited at Dublin?

Ever, Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Aitken.

I had nearly forgotten to mention a material want, that of a secretary pipply. When quite convenient. but mind that, a little Essence of Peppermint would oblige. The quality here is very bad.

CALDEWGATE

Mr Abraham
B Mosely
Liverpool.

10 Church St. Carlisle, Decr. 1, 1853.

Dear John,

Accept my thanks, for your kind letter, of yesterday, & its enclosure, ~~Two Pounds~~ Five Pounds. If you could (without any inconvenience) post letters for me, after the north mail of that day has left; which, I believe is some time after 4 P.M. such letters would always find me at home; as your letter received this day did. As it is not likely that "Groves" are plentiful near "Bold St." I conjecture that your new domicile is a tolerable walk from your place of business: which, [illegible] alt. The Mr. Vane you speak of, I conjecture ~~suppose~~ is a Lieutenant [illegible] Navy, a younger son of the late Sir F. F. Vane, of Armathwaite, & of Hutton Hall. & I further conjecture, that he is attached to one of the mail steamers, for the protection of the mail. I like Roberts' writing much better now, than formerly after he became acquainted with the press; it is improved both in correctness & in temper. But I do wish, that he would give over writing about English tenures — He made a grievous blunder some time back, & now when people may have become oblivious of his error, he has recalled it to their memory by reference to the tenure of Gillcruce (Gill Cruce); a reference, which one can only account for, on the supposition of gross ignorance.

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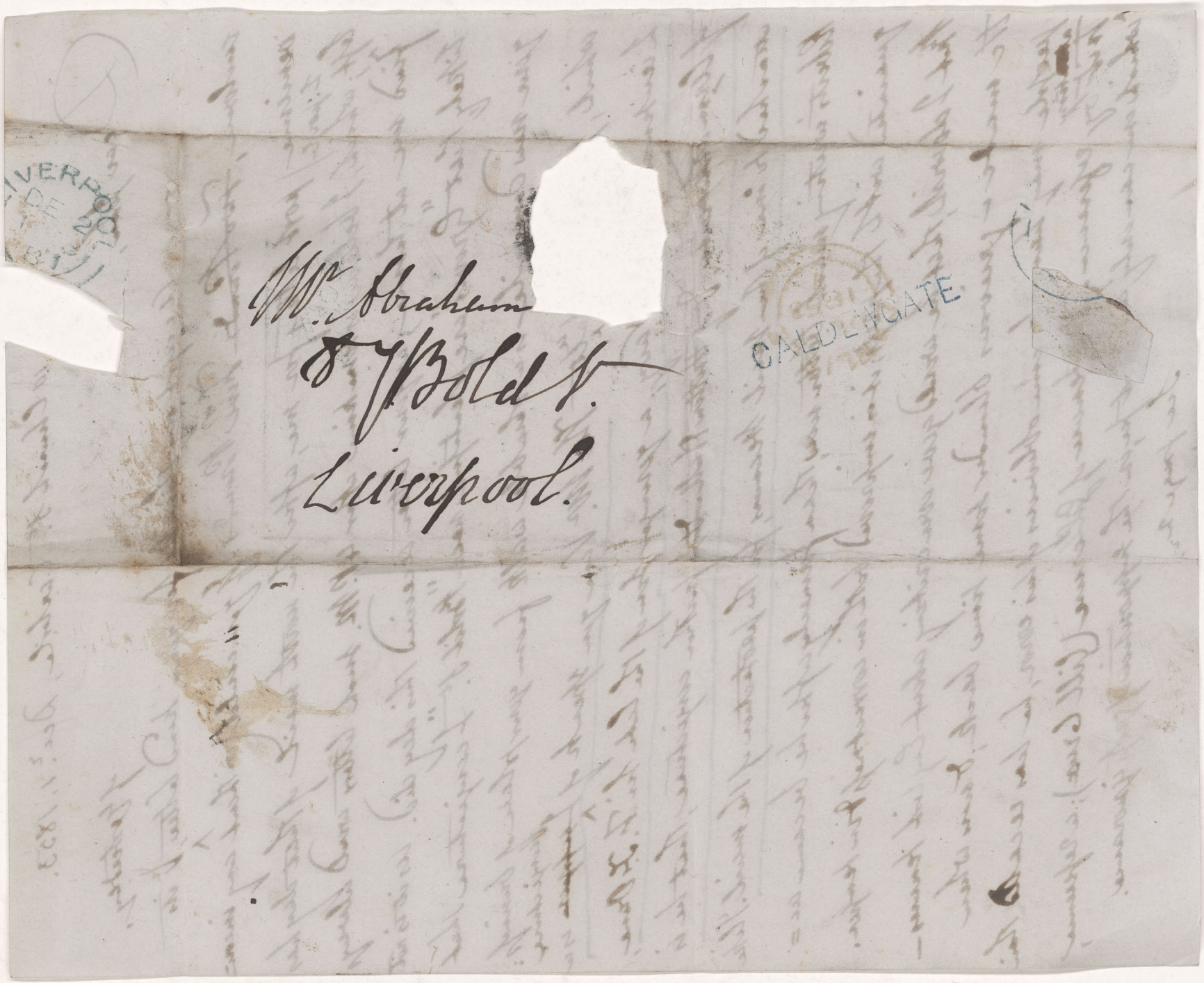
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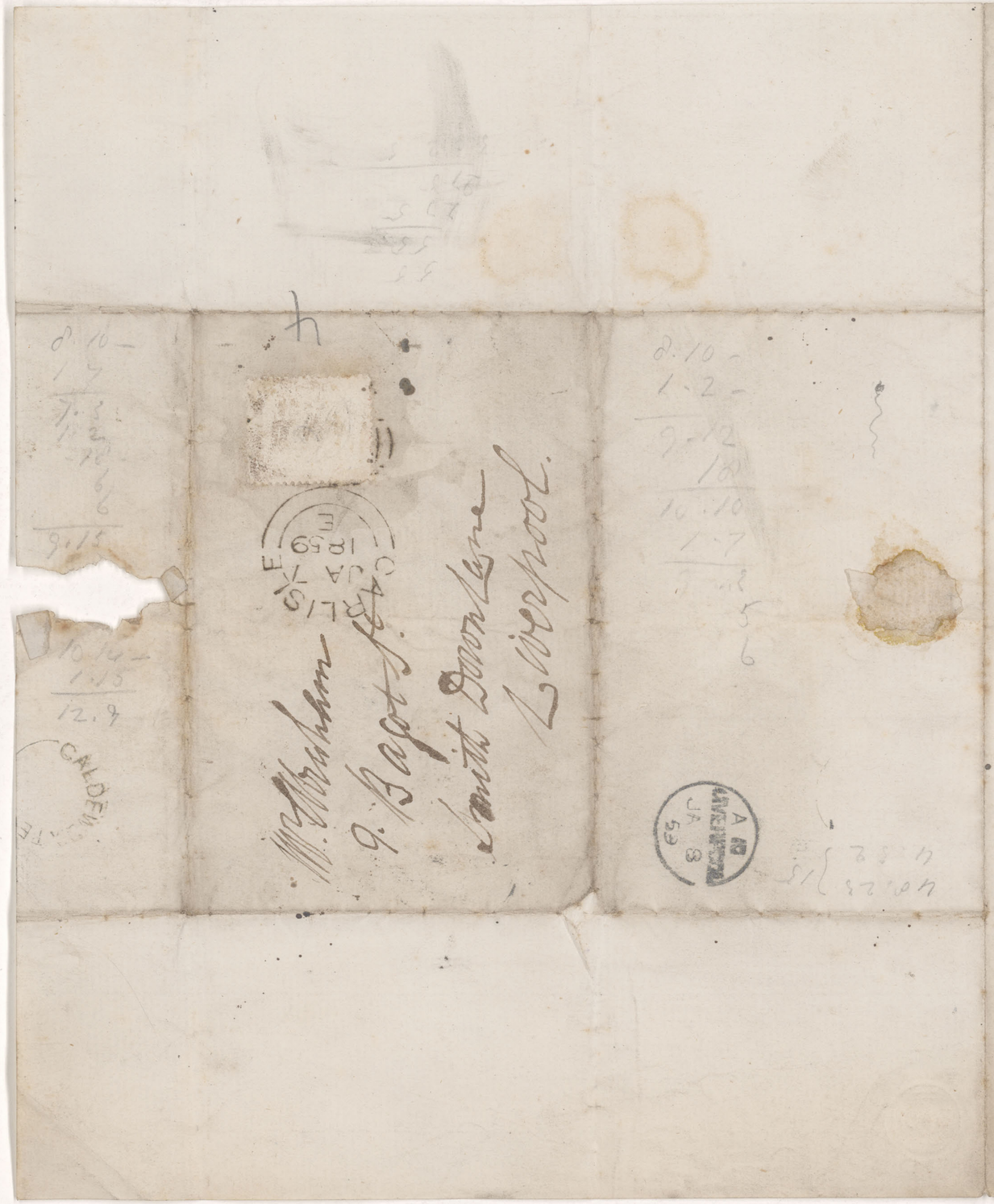
Mr Abraham
8 Bold St.
Liverpool.
CALDERGATE

10, Church St. Carlisle Jan.y 1859.

Dear John,

This morning I received your letter of yesterday's date with the enclosure of half a Five Pound Bk. of E. Note. — The morning preceding the writing of my last letter to you I passed a sleepless night; owing to severe coughing; but I have done comfortably since, the cheap I think is principally owing to keeping my chest warm during the night. — I remember *pergonic* being remarkably serviceable in common colds. Its benefits I used to attribute to the camphor; the minute quantity of opium could hardly be sensible. — I am happy to hear that your children have got so well through the lingering measles. I was very anxious about your sister's scarlatina patient.



There seems to be no fear of the tin with the photographs. Hope Mrs Abraham keeps her health, this changeable weather. — I am not so selfish, under circumstances, to advise you to pay me a visit. — The wind wind has changed from S.W. to N.W.

Your affectionate Father,

Thomas Abraham,

Are you acquainted with <u>Ozone</u>, which signifies with change? I guess that it is an amalgam.