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 —

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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.

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Mr Robert Abraham
Thomas Office
Whitehaven.

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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.

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[illegible] happy new year to you, and [illegible] it is now a long time since I heard from you, I wish you would give me a line or two now and then, when you can spare time – You would see Mr. [illegible] bankruptcy in the papers this week, it is a bad job, he is deeply indebted to [illegible] – upwards of 3000 £, he owes a [illegible] nearly 4000 £, & [illegible] this, there must be lost by him, his other creditors want about 900 £. It is currently reported here that Mr. Cook of Greenrow is under the screw – it is said he owes from 10 to 15000 £; Mr. [illegible] of the Party, near Wigton, is similarly [illegible] to be a debtor [illegible] also [illegible] the public mind is much agitated with accounts of failures and persons' affairs [illegible] Your friend Mr. [illegible] is said to owe [illegible] about [illegible] to wind up, and live upon what is left. I fear it will not be much, if it be true he owes so large an amount to the Bank – there are few [illegible] for [illegible] to [illegible] & who are to be the most [illegible] – [illegible] liberality; is a question [illegible] body's private [illegible] general distrust [illegible] producing our community & drive all substantial and prudent traders [illegible] adopt close dealings with us – the [illegible] distrust [illegible] Joint Stock Bank is said to have swallowed up the Cockermouth agency [illegible] and have been & continue to be in rivalry with the Joint Stock 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 will not succeed – I have [illegible] favourable account of our friend Simpson this last week – he writes in good spirits, he [illegible] the last attack much better than expected – My dear Abraham I am yours truly

J. R.