Mr John Abraham
Post without
Ambleside
Westmorland

AMBLESIDE
AUG 5

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.
book thanks.

Have received

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,

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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

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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
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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