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Mr John Abraham

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13 Church St June 28, 1845. (age 74)  
Keen 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 sometimes, if it be in your way, supply the loss 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 Wauke, Do'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 <sup>without fortune,</sup> of the name of Ballantine, connected with some of the respectable Cumberland families. This was an act of impudence 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-of-arms, & 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, junior, 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, or there, or a part of a share, in the Hudgill Lead mine, near Alston, (a mine that had swallowed many a fortune) when the shares were valuable; 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 Tanderale, 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 affect the interest of another partner: that is if A, B & C are in partnership they are jointly liable for partnership debts; but neither is liable for the separate debts of the other.

Donnison is so far recovered, as to intend going if he be not already gone to the seaside.

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 Trilinson, went from here to London, where he began business 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 ~~the~~ Liverpool, and obtained employment with a Druggist, he having served about two years to that employment. He is now it is said in business on his own account again, in Pitt St. Brunswick Square or some such name, giving large orders, & selling by hawkers. As his locality is near Bold St. perhaps he may favour Mr. C. 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 connections, but nothing of his parents.

I have this day received from Mr. English, the Athol, 7 June. And at various times Mr. May Chen. news 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 Maria.

I am,

Your affectionate Father,  
Thomas Meehan.

29. Natal 8<sup>th</sup> arrived <sup>in</sup> 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 Donnison as I go to the post office, and inform you of what I hear respecting his health.

July 10. 1848  
J. A.

Mr. John Abraham  
27 Bold St.

Liverpool.



13 Church St. Carlisle, July 28, 1848.

Dear John,

I have just received your short Note <sup>of yesterday</sup>, with its ~~the~~ enclosed half note, and answer it as you desire by the first mail; the ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> 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 & <sup>the</sup> 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 benefited 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 Ho. I hear nothing of the potatoe disease, yet.

I am, Your affectionate Father,  
Thomas Abraham.

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13 Church St. Carlisle, 21 July, 1848.

Dear John,

Recd. 1. 20 2/2

Just as I was preparing to set off to dine with J. Ross at Hem-  
swick, & yesterday, I received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> enclosing the second half  
of a Five Pound Bank Note. Not having time to answer your letter before  
dinner, I concluded to write from Hemswick, but then 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 until 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. Ross 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 sound Tom, in place  
of the formal Thomas, for the every day name of your Son. I think it an im-  
provement. 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 <sup>a</sup> to close. If Canada does not cut the connexion, <sup>the</sup>  
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 19<sup>th</sup> I received from you the Athenaeum of July 1. - And sent it & that  
of June 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the reverse side of the letter, including a circular postmark and some vertical text.]*