

Brother,
Penrith, March 5, 1822
My Dear ~~Abraham~~,

My Aunt intended to have written you a long letter but she expects that you would like to come and see her before we go she then can tell you what she would otherwise have written My Aunt has had a letter from Doncaster with love to you and an invitation from her sister to come and see her when your apprenticeship is out and she thinks that if the weather be favourable you should not be later than the 15th but she thinks it is hardly likely that she will get a way before the latter end of this month

I am, your affectionate sister
Mary Abraham.

My Aunt would be obliged to you if you will give Robert and John each an orange and the other two are for your self

March 13, 1822
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Carlisle

Pennith Feb. 20th 1822

My Dear Brother,

My Aunt desired me to write a few lines to you. She hopes that you received your last parcel that ^{she} you sent of last Thursday. This parcel contains two shirts, ^{Fanny} two pairs of stockings and tell my Mother that I would have run the ~~to~~ Angola stockings but I had no cotton the colour of them and tell her that I did not like to cut the shirts neck button hole, we have sent some buttons but we do not think them very suitable my Aunt has had better health

these two or three days and ^{she} ~~the~~ would
like to hear from you as soon as
can convenient.

I am, your affectionate sister
Mary Abraham.

Mary Abraham
1840

My dear Brother,
I received your kind letter, and
for which I am much obliged to you. I do
not doubt but that all persons have disap-
pointments, but I do think I have had
more than my share. I sometimes think,
if I could with propriety, I should like much
to go to America, as many certainly do well
there, who would be in a state of destitution
in England. My Father and I agree very well,
as I rarely ever dispute with him, and he
has got rid of a fit of ill humour, which
lasted for about four months. He certainly
is very selfish, and sometimes very difficult
to put up with, but I have greater trials than

his temper. The remainder of your shirts
would have been at Whitehaven long before
this, but I have had a set to make for Mr
Parker of Penrith. With the addition of 3/4 yd
of linen, I have as much as will make
4 more, and it ~~is~~ shall not be long
before you get them. I can scarcely tell
what to say about Mary. If she was well
enough, and it could be done, it certainly
would be greatly to her advantage to go to
London, but it is not time of the year now,
either to go to London, or to get work.

I had a letter from my Aunt Mary since
I wrote to you. She says my Aunt Ann
was very much pleased with her visit to
Curtis, and also with a letter which I
sent her a few weeks ago, ~~was very much~~

a long with the present of a turkey. From
what I can gather my Aunt Ann and she
are now of very friendly.

I am, your affectionate Sister
Abraham

My dear Brother,
I received Crabbs's works,
for which I am very much obli-
ged to you, indeed more so than I
can well express. I have not had time
to read much of them yet, but what I
have read I think very interesting.

I had a letter from John a few
days ago. Mr. Forrest has given up
the whole of his business to his
partner, retaining a room in the
office, and half the services of a clerk
for the transaction of his private
business. My Aunt has had an

attack of the gout, but she was
then better. John does not ~~who~~
know ^{exactly} when he shall leave Liverpool,
but he thinks between the 6 and the
10th of August. I have sent

the stock which I hope ~~is~~ you
will like. We are all pretty
well. I must now conclude with
my love. I am, your affectionate
sister
Mary Abraham

Mr R. Abraham
Whitehaven

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Carlisle May 5. 1833

My dear Brother,

I applied to Joseph Martin
some time ago, to let me know of any private
opportunity that might occur of sending
a parcel to Whitehaven, but as he never
did let me know of any, ~~he never did~~ I
suppose none occurred. I think in exam-
ining the accounts you will find that
deducting the taxes, and the bacon with
we as yet have received very little advan-
tage from, we have kept within the five
pounds for the 13 weeks, and the next quarter
I expect it will be less, as we had no coals
when we commenced and we have now
nearly a cart load, the guard too so far
from being an advantage has rather
been an expense. We always have milk
except on Sunday to breakfast, as it is quite
as good and much cheaper than any thing
else; as eggs have been so cheap we use very little

meat, but have rice puddings very frequently. I have sent you the book I am using at present, I got the principle things that we shall want this week.

I have found a file of receipts but there is no receipt for the one you sent. As I have only a balance of 1.6.10 of yours in my hands, I thought I had better not pay the bill named until I heard from you. Miss Barnes sent for Margaret on her return from London a week ago. Mrs. Tiffin told me I must pay the premium when she went, which I of course did. I find a woman to wash, and do things, which we cannot do. My Father will doubtless inform you that Mrs. Corvick cannot commence ejecting the present tenant for half a year, and she is determined that she won't go. Now I do not know what we shall do, for as Margaret is gone to business I leave you to suppose the

inconvenience to which I am subjected Margaret's hours, are from 8 in the morning until 9 at night, and sometimes later. There is a house just on the entrance of the Castle bank, which if we could get for ten pounds, would I think suit us very well. You are quite mistaken in supposing I was ever troublesome to Cousin E. as I never asked her for money in my life. when I was at Doncaster she used to give me about 10 a year and she continued to do the same after I came to Carlisle. Cousin G. and E. called as they passed through Carlisle. I intend going to Liverpool this summer.

I am, your affectionate Sister
M. Abraham

P.S. I forgot to say that when Jane left Carlisle Margaret's shoe bill and ~~it~~ 4.6 to another person was owing, who I have not yet paid, ~~and~~ were owing, and that Mrs. Fiddler was crossing ~~us~~ which you will find entered in the book and ^{3/6} which I have not yet got.

Mr R. Abraham

Whitehaven

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Carrhole May 5, 1833

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else; as eggs have been so cheap we use very little

Mr. B. Abraham

Herato Office

Whitehaven

Carlisle, Nov. 18. 1833.

My dear Brother,

I send you my account book
I got a bushel of wheat sometime since
but I have not yet got the bill for it.
Mrs. Forrest sent 5[£] I paid the rent 3.3[£]
and gave my father 1.11[£] for Mr. Refs.

I send two collars. I have not bought
any linen, as I think we have suffi-
cient in the house to make them

I had a letter from John a few days
since, he is very well, and has com-
missioned me to make him 6 shirts

Margaret is going to Thorsby soon, to
spend week or two. She is very well, and
I am in a great deal better health and

spirits than I have been for a long
time past. I have not had a letter from
Dorchester since I wrote last, but I
should suppose Uncle Cooken is still
living as I think Aunt M^w would have
^{written} in case of his death.

I am your affectionate sister
Mary Abraham

Carlisle, Jan'y. 13, 1834

Dear Brother,

I send you three nickels as I thought you might be in want of them, and I will get some more silver and send the remainder soon.

I have not heard either from John or Aunt Forrest since I wrote last, but I had a letter from Aunt Margt. last week. My uncle was able to walk across the room with a stick, but it is not probable that he will ever get down stairs again. All the rest of our relations were much as usual. I had a letter from Robt. Sheppard about a ^{week} ago. He was very well, and had got work at ²⁵1.5 per week. Margt. likes her situation very well.

and gives Miss Holmes satisfaction.
I think I have nothing more to add
at present

I am, your affectionate Sister
Mary Abraham

Carlisle March 16, 1835

My dear Brother,

I send you the stock. I could not get any of the same material to cover it with, but I got some of the best silk I could meet with. I hope the silks for dressing flies, is such as you wished for. They had lighter, but it was much coarser. I got the scales from Mrs. Dean. She only had a pound weight, but I have enclosed some weights we had in the house. My Father requests me to say, that Mr. Jefferson has paid his bill. When you are done with your silk handkerchiefs and stockings, we would be much obliged, by your sending them to Carlisle. Mary and my Father are very well. I must now conclude with my love

I am, your affectionate Sister
Mary Abraham

Mr. C. Abraham

W. Schaven

Carlisle Jan^y 23, 1834

My dear Brother,

This is the third parcel
I have prepared to forward by Mr. Donnison
but, but I have it so sent so irregularly that
I have hitherto been disappointed. I
regret very much that I did not send
the books sooner, as it appears to have put
you to inconvenience. My motive for not
doing so was, that I daily expected money
from John, ~~and as I was~~ ^{which would enable me to pay for} flour, ~~and as I was~~ for flour, a hat
for my father, and some other things,
and then you would see what the whole
years expense amounted to.

I am extremely obliged to you for your
very kind presents, more so than I can
express, I have however been uneasy from
being so long in saying so, but I write

twice by Dennison's, and I would have
written by father but Mr. Rys once wished
to do so, and another time I was unfortunately
by out for the day. Marg^t has been spending
a fortnight at Barrow Hill, and she also
paid a visit to Perwith, where she saw
Aunt Anna. I suppose Mr. Pleyne
holds the 100 [£] left by Mr. Rumney to our late
Aunt, and which he says Wilson Wood
cannot get as she could not leave what
she was not in possession of, and that
it must be divided amongst her personal
representatives. In that case do we get
another share? I had a letter from Aunt
Marg^t. They were all much as usual.

Marg^t desires her love, and is very much
obliged to you for her book. I must
now conclude with my love and thanks,
I am,
your affectionate sister,
Mary Abraham

Carlisle, April 13, 1835

Dear Brother,

I have received from my
Father £ 0.1. Of that I had to pay £ 2 for
shoe bill, tailor, and rates. When you
wrote to me to give part of it to Mr. Ross
I had as I always do make a practice of doing,
laid us in for the quarter, with flour, coals &c.
so that if I had given Mr. Ross anything I
must have written to you for more, as I
cannot make less than £ 5 per quarter do for
household expenses. On other occasions I
received from 10 to 12 £ which made all the
difference in the world. I hope what I have
will do, until I receive something from
John, as I am very anxious to put you to
as little expense as possible. I had a letter
from John a few weeks ago. He was very well.
Mrs. Thompson of Birmingham is dead.

My Father
Mrs. Thompson
John
I am very anxious to put you to as little expense as possible.

Mr. Abraham
Head Office
Whitehaven

I have not yet settled with J. Cookman, but he will
look over the acct.

My dear Brother

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My father has given me £2.⁰⁰ and a pound of tea, which he bought of Mr. Thompson when the account was settled, ~~but~~ As I did not get the money all at once. I have not been able to pay Mr. Pops ~~as yet~~. I am very glad John is so comfortable. I almost envy his temper, for nothing appears to grieve him, whereas I have never been without ^{something} to disturb me, when I allow myself to think, for though I never was so comfortable before, (for which I hope I am thankful,) yet I cannot say, as he does, that I am happy. My school is tolerable, and I am not in debt, and we all live extremely agreeably together, I must be obliged to conclude as some persons have come in,

I am, your affectionate Sister

Mary Abraham

Mr. Abraham
 Heart's Office
 Whitehaven

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 4.1.3
 2.18.6
 1.2.9

12.7.4
 3.10.2
 8.17.2

My dear Brother,

I send you my account
 book. I have received 12.7.4 from
 my father and 1.0.0 from John.
 I have paid 3.10.2 in your account.
 3.16.8 for bills over which I have
 no control, 4.17.9 for house keeping
 making in all 12.4.7 and leaving
 a balance of 1.2.9. Nobody can
 be more desirous than I am to
 be economical, and I am sure you
 will think so, when you consider
 that out of the 4.17.9 I paid 3 for tobacco
 and 1 for a turkey to go to Liverpool.
 I send you a shirt which I hope

you will like. I will send you
another by Mr. Donnison's parcel
next week. I received your letter
and is safe. I am very much surprised
that John has not written to me.
I am, your affectionate sister,
M. Abraham

The enclosed expenses
were 7.16.3 - The
post to 2.18.6. enclosed
by letter

Mr. Abraham
Head Office
W. Scherer

My dear Brother,
your two last letters, and
my book of accounts came safe
to hand. With respect to my going
to Liverpool, my Aunt half a
year ago, said that she would ex-
pect to see me this summer, but
as I was disappointed last year in
consequence of her illness, I thought
it was very possible a similar
disappointment might occur
again, consequently, I neither
calculated upon going, or named
it to any one, until I received the
letter which you forwarded me.

requesting me to name the day
they might expect me. With
respect to John, it must be taken
into consideration that he was
nearly without clothes, that I
knew he borrowed two sovereigns
of Mrs Forrest to bring him to Cor-
lisle, which he told me he would
repay as soon as possible, that he
has sent me \pounds to pay for his black
suit and spurs, and has also assisted
me to the amount of \pounds 1.10 during
the last 15 months. But as he
is now dead he will have much
more in his power for the future.

Margaret is also clever at her bu-
siness, and has already begun to
earn part of her clothes. I often

feel that this house is a very
great charge upon you, and would
do any thing in my power to be
economical, and yet keep up our
respectability, but I dare say you
are aware that my father is not
a very reasonable man to deal with,
and I can assure you I have met with
many disappointments. I am
ever very happy to say that Mary
and I live on the most agreeable
terms, and that she is particu-
larly fine girl. I have not received
any money from Mrs Forrest yet
I hope you have received both
your shirts.

I am, your affectionate
sister,

Mary Abraham