most elegant thing. the body of it a purple
Grape and in the highest corner is inserted
the Union Jack. the inscription on the one side
'Culver Troop organization, established on the
18th April 1831' and on the other 'Behold
the Christian's first of saints' on the
top of the flag staff is a silver gilded Crown
resting on a satin cushion of light blue.
Sir. Must I not you are not here to par-
ticipate in the rejoicing at the completion
of the work yourself was so instrumental
in its commencement here. — The work
after Sunset I shall be happy to meet you
at Allonby, and wish to sing on what-
day it may suit you, and when you
may say. perhaps I may be announced

by some or other of our friends, but at
all events if I am spared I shall be there

The Herald is a favourite with me
and am sorry it does not get on so much
as I could wish it. but at the same time I am
not surprised that it does not pay itself
yet. the division of the County and the
getting a member for W. Haven must
have a beneficial consequence and also
Cockermouth will add its mite. you
must continue to identify yourself ~~with~~
~~their~~ more completely with their interests
than you have hitherto done. before you
may expect any material increase in
circulation: Stale has stole a march
upon you in the County politics - this
must not be suffered. I would advise you

Mr. Abraham
Heads of Office
Washington

A little more than
Dear Abraham - I wrote you a few
lines to accompany
my invitation to your Inaugural
ball, but I think it
probable you will be in the midst of the bustle of
hatching and perfecting your long arrangements, and
you may not have time to read Brother's letter
as he proposes to do, during your month's leisure
in the early part of the last month
as with same pleasure as this year and occasion,
these preparations are on the most magnificent
scale, and 1000 poor-men are regaled by
the committee, and a considerable number
of Women also with cake. The Triumphal
Arches are about being erected on the sides
of the Smith and Cotch Gates and at the
Court House. The Inauguration Flag is to be

Carlisle 16 Apr. 1833

My dear Abraham

It will be impossible to meet you this week, as our Fair is on Thursday, and the following one it will not do to be from home as it is the last week, so that at present I can only engage for next day fortnight weather permitting; when you write please say what Fare in Boat you intend staying off, and also the hour you will be there as I shall regulate my time of starting accordingly, as I shall ride over. I shall not name our intended meeting to any person so that I shall elude all enquiries about it, and also the probability of being accompanied by any one. You are coming on

Mr. Abraham Lincoln
Care of Mr. Gillespie
Charleston

your conjectures as to the cause of my being absent when you were here; I have for some time been anxious to visit the Highlands of Scotland and Mr Stordy mentioned on coming that he intended going in company with a friend whom he was to meet at Aberdeen I at that time proposed a desire to accompany them provided it would be agreeable to him and his friend and that I would start at this convenient. I do think you had a fortunate escape, and as for Stalls it was certainly quite miraculous: depend upon it if you had been convicted (and of that I never had a doubt) you would have been severely punished. for my part I think it any thing but fair or honorable to hesitate to make a public apology to an individual, however much disliked he may be, of whom you may have published statements of a highly injurious character, and which statements you had subsequently very good reason to believe to be unfounded or greatly exaggerated. In my opinion the want of candour, on the part of the Editors of the Paper, contributes more than any other cause to ward or prevent that degree of influence over the minds of the community amongst which their papers circulate, than they would acquire if their papers were conducted more in the spirit of fair dealing, manifested by a portion of the London press, but enough on this matter — Poor Carrick has lost his second daughter and feels the loss most grievously you will have heard of his having disposed of his drapery I suppose, it was got rid of when I was from home — I have no news this

morning to communicate

Dr. Abraham

Carlisle 10 Nov. 1833

I think it will be inconvenient to meet you this week; on Wednesday week (if all well) I shall be at Bothel about 11 o'clock in the forenoon; ~~which~~ your Father thinks the distance will be about 20 miles and as I propose starting at hour o'clock, therefore I think I can ride that distance in four hours or so, which ever party reaches Bothel first, has either walk on to meet the other, to prevent any mistake about the Inn. — You would be a little ~~amused at~~ with Dr Barnes announced intention to give a lecture at the Mechanics Institute in this week's 'Journal'; more besides yourself I am sorry at his boldness, and I dare say that a few of his fraternity will be delighted at hearing of his attempt to instruct others, proving a failure. You know the Dr is by no means a favourite with many of the faculty; and besides the public in general cannot have forgot ~~yet~~, the 'Dispensary Controversy' poor fellow! 'Lord have mercy upon him if he should fail!!' for I may well fear

he will meet with little indulgence and sympathy from his brethren

Mr. Abraham.
'Herald' office,
Whitehaven

Carlisle Jan. 30th 1864

Mr. Abraham.

I wish I could accept your invitation to meet you just now, but I say much for I shall have to stick by the Shop this summer, as I am badly off for Shopmen; my Brother Jno has been unwell for some time and not able to attend to Business; and my youngest Boy is also very ill - & he has not been at the Shop this four weeks. So that, for the present at least, I must con content myself with a barn life.

I have no news to tell you so that you must continue to call from the papers which I guess are

Mr. Abraham
Office
Chief Clerk
Washington.

in your opinion stupidly dull;
as for Molly I have not seen
her this week, I suppose it is any
little matter as I have seen her before

Sir James's opinion will
have to be said or sung by you
soon I suppose. public opinion
here is unanimous in condemnation
of his recent retirement; not so
much on account of his leaving the
ministry, for I dare say no small
number of persons ~~in~~ among his
constituency deemed him unfit for a
Cabinet minister, but because the
'Corn & Currency' should
exhibit any gradations of consistency on
the subject of the inviolability of prop.
at all, & some lips could it have
been expected that his progress
towards to be offered in a
of the Irish church, a thing
that seems to be abandoned by every
body of sane minds and not blinded
by rather selfish motives. I cannot say
what other facts in the last may
have to do of the Bart. but it will certainly
be somewhat extraordinary if he sits
for East Cumberland again

either the 'Patriot' or 'Journal' which ever you can spare as I should like to read the speeches at Blannies Dinner & I don't think any body here to know or have I can get to — address the case of Mr. Craggs. Business with Stubs & Stockdale — & should any thing particular occur which I can think of any moment I shall be glad to hear from you — Adieu — My dear Abraham Yrs ever truly C. Kay

Mr Abraham Lincoln
Office of the Illinois State Journal
Springfield
Sangamon
Illinois

1851

[illegible] I am in a delicate position between you & Stell, as I did on a former occasion. I do all in my very humble power to prevent the establishment of a paper in opposition to the Journal & Gazette at the present time. I do not, nor could I not recommend the establishment of a paper, which promises in any degree to complicate or interfere in the least with the success of the "Journal". I am of the opinion, with respect to the "Journal", I am of the opinion, I am fully aware that there is an increasing party of men whose politics are of the moderate character, composed of ~~[illegible]~~ the amalgamating elements of the more liberal of the one & the less liberal of the other — two great factions of the country, and it cannot as soon as they are taken to their more sober senses, they will be ready to organize out their officers, which is only right and natural. Now the first question that presents itself is this — Are the individuals of the Clay wing to, & thereby increase at the present time to become the leaders of such a speculation? You know well what the Whigs ought to do in this way & support, and as for the East I am not so much as acquainted with the character of the leaders. Everything that I have pronounce an opinion, I have very seriously pondered & presume a decided liberal tone of the Whigs to be the most indicated & I presume it would be, as I understand it to be, perhaps a split in the party. But, to be sure the fact is, as much as I dislike the disagreeable hangdogs as far as I can see the Clerk perhaps any other man of a different feeling would not wish to march divide, but he is a great obstacle in your way. I don't say, at present, of course I would be loath to augment your difficulties, it would be well for the abuse as well as the [illegible] with a [illegible] of talent. In conclusion, I can just give you a [illegible] the Clerk paper decide anyway equally. I fear not-

I have no Carlisle news indeed I have seen no body to talk with to day — Will Sir Robert be able to get a hearing or a trial think you? for my part I think he will but by no means think the present government will get through the session — what next think you? Will Lord Grey try his hand again? if not, what will be the upshot? I scarcely know what to think of the matter, as I fear the Court cannot brook submission to the ~~old~~ illused Melbourne party if they were disposed to forgive, but it is hardly worth speculation as a very short time must dispel the present mystery — Write me as soon & as often as you can. Believe me ever

Dr Abraham Yrs faithfully J.R.

Mr Abraham.
Herald Office.
Whitehaven.

Mayn lt Co. 6-4-8
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D.A. I wrote this letter late last night under an erroneous impression that your folks were to despatch a parcel to you this morng. Now I find it was on to go to your Brother Jno
2nd & JR

Mr Abraham,
Whitehaven Stamp Office
Whitehaven.

Carlisle, Sept. 16th 1836

Thank you, My dear Abraham, for your kind invitation, and promise of an excursion into an interesting part of the County; I do not know what to say about it, as I am very anxious to be with you, for I feel assured it would do me good, but, you know how, I dare say, that my poor Brother Jno. is rapidly sinking, indeed, for some weeks past his mother & others have been constantly with him night and day and I fear his death may happen when I am from home a ~~thing~~

circumstances I would most deeply regret, however, I do not yet abandon the hope of visiting you on Monday. I will write and let you know what state he may be in on Sunday, and should he appear to have strength to allow of an absence of a few days I will assuredly start on ~~Tuesday~~ Monday ~~morning~~; on the contrary I will write you on Sunday to say I dare not venture.

The Grand Sweeps are to start for Newcastle on Thursday first, there & then to London, whether he winters in Devonshire or proceeds for Madeira depends upon medical advice which he is to get in the South.

Excuse this rough & hurried scrawl for I am decidedly nervous to day

Ever, My dear Abraham,

Yrs most truly

L. Fox

Mrs Foxton is still with us, she and Bell are quite well, as well as the young lady whom you saw & whom you miss here — Miss Mary Grant, my late wife's cousin — this during this remembrances

Carlisle 25th Sept 1856

My dear Abraham,

My poor Brother Jno closed his earthly career yesterday morning; and the funeral takes place tomorrow at 10 o'Clock in the morning. poor lad! I understand his last moments were very quiet, and to all appearance painless, ~~and~~ it is to us all some little consolation that for some time past he was fully aware of his situation and happy in the prospect of the approaching change.

If you will be at liberty the week after next I will come to you by the Coach on Monday. I suppose there is no other Coach communication from here to Litchfield but the dilatory "Royal Sailor". I penned a paragraph in the Journal, hoping you will shortly have

Mr Abraham Lincoln,
Springfield Office.
Illinois.

have a Mail between Penrith and your town and I think it may commence running before the time mentioned and then I would start by it on the Sunday Evening

Simpson started on his journey on Wednesday to Aldershott, when he slept, and was accompanied the following day by Mrs Tough his sister, & Mr Geo Ralph to Newcastle his friends had a letter from him yesterday and he writes in great spirits — he bore the journey very well: I hope he will get to London safely. Got yesterday was very boisterous here — I have this moment parted with your father and he desired me to tell you that they are all quite well, he and no other news for you. —

Write me soon.

Ever, My dear Abraham,

Yours truly J. Robs

an accordingly in the affirmative, told that he would be required to do so. I once thought of making a more minute enquiry about the matter, but a little reflection convinced me of the impropriety of it. Of course I know nothing whatever the subject is of the least importance to you or not, but my regard for your interests induced me to name it to you. —

I am sorry you should have been defeated in the choice of Trustees for the Harbour. but am greatly surprised to learn that there could be likely to operate to the prejudice of the Liberal candidate the Whitehaven folks must be a very gentlemanly minded lot, if they realize your views on that subject — complain of Lord Lowther sitting in sulky dignity at the Castle indeed! why the man must have the most contemptible opinion of such a people, and it is no wonder indeed, that they are cuffed and kicked like spaniels, when they become the more obsequious and complacent for it. but I hope you will better things of them yet: Stamford you know was as much under the influence of the Marquis of Exeter, and yet the people there, gallantly shook off the yoke of his overbearing & insulting tyranny, and why need I go from home for a sample of successful resistance to local impudence? Carlisle was at one time as completely under the domination of the Lowthers as Whitehaven can possibly be, and you know that by persevering resistance to their power, are now, and for ever turned adrift. From the state of the registries already known of East Cumberland & Penrith & Jerjumes are perfectly safe, indeed I believe the blues are more than three to one of the yellows. we are anxiously looking for an analysis of the votes in your division: and I hope you will immediately if you have not already done so, direct your attention to this important matter. — I think there will be no change in the City, although Howard is far from popular and will most certainly not receive a unanimous of confidence, unless his sentiments on the Ballot and the Corn laws become more in unison with the people on these and other subjects. we understand his agent contracts to pay money to the freemen. and

Dr Abraham

I wrote have written you last week
I had obtained a grant which I expected to go
you in the midst of war, and I perceive from the Herald
you are offering up yourself as the champion to
oppose the raging enmity of your friends
and relations of Poncas. - In this place I understand
they have been the very ones, boasted of
the patriot office-seeking of your Corner
who recently petitioned your establishment, into
the management of the Papers, and who are
the persons that composed the committee I
was told by Chas Brown of the Journal office
that he unguardedly had given out the information
regarding, and was vehemently questioned about
W. Hobbs, being a mark for such Corr and
unprincipled contributors. Articles for the paper
he was asked if he could increase to the correctness
of the information communicated, and was,

Carlisle. 5th Feby 1839

My dear Abraham,

I shall have great pleasure in attending to your commission this Evening — I am sorry to tell you, bad accounts of poor Simpson have been received by his friends this week, he has had another attack of his old & formidable complaint Lumbago, his last letter, received from him on Friday, states he was then a little better, I hope he was so, & that we may again see him in Carlisle; poor Ben. I fear we shall never see him more, I understand he is very anxious to come home, and if he have sufficient strength to accomplish the journey he will start home next month — Still left him last night E. Mail for Kendal via Manchester for

Mr. Abraham Lincoln
Care of Hon
Thos. Ewing
Washington

London, in both of which intermediate
towns he intends to spend a day or
two as well as in his report, Liverpool
the main object of his journey to town
is, to procure a printing machine, it
appears to be at Appleby at the Express
has extra name, to be made by Airey about
a fortnight — Don't you think Thomas
would be a more convenient place
for it? Get your stamps, you? Shall get
his from Chance & Nicholson & Partner,
makers of Kendal green Paper, Lancashire
they, that is the paper makers, defray all charges
to Manchester, Jones has arrangements the
day for stamps & think he pays £40 for
5,000, I may be mistaken about the No.

at all events there was two sums of
£20 from you, I recollect that it was, but
that remains to me at the time, but
you paid more postage than I did,
so that you did so send the old system
I hope you will not think an impertinent
question, giving you the whole first, as I am
about to be any thing of that
your interest
of your own Bank Directors, the important
is the appointment of a manager, this first
Wednesday to tomorrow, this I do
a satisfaction that they do not work
cordially together, it is believed that
as their candidate is the friend of the
Bank of the district Bank of Fusion, I may

Mr Robert Abraham,
Herald Office,
Whitehaven.

Mr Abraham

To Jam[es] Ross

Paid to Mr Abraham weekly from the 4th Augt. 1838 to the 9th Feby 1839 inclusive – 27 weeks – 7/	9.9.0
Paid Ormiston's bill as p[er] receipt	– 2.4
Paid poor rate	1.5
	9.12.9

Carlisle. 15 Feby 1839

Dear Abraham,

I have not had an opportunity before the present or I should have written you before now. Miss Blamire has not called for the rent which is due so it can be passed to next acct – Your father has been confined to his house for the last two or three months in consequence of a sore leg, Oliver attended him, & he is now in a fair way of recovery, though he only looks pale & seems to ~~seem~~ be thinner in person. – I got him to call to day at the Registry Office, but it appears Miss Lowthwaite's will has not been proved. I am sorry that I have no information to give upon the subject of ~~[illegible]~~ the disposal

Mr Abraham

Jas. Ross.
Feby 1839
Re Allowance
to 2 Feby
Rent & Dr. (3)
& Dr.
Margaret
see note below

£ 1.16
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18.12.5
7.10.1
11.2.4

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of her property, & I know no one here that I could take the liberty to speak to about it, I therefore, however, that friend Tom Carrick can give Dennison some intelligence respecting Mr. Watson's reputation under it.

We had a bit of a stir yesterday afternoon with a few of the Chartists, a meeting convened by circular was called by the no-corn-law people to consider the propriety of petitioning that the operatives should be heard at the Bar of the Commons & the altras had got wind of it & the enclosed bill will sufficiently explain the affair. M'Gill was present among the cotton spinners so he will be able to report to you what took place at the Coffee house. Mr Dobson had prepared some resolutions on the subject to propose at the last meeting of the Council but for some cause or other which I have not learned he did not, the Dixons have always been, you know, deficient in moral courage & you will not be surprised, to hear that they appear to be fast approaching to torygism again indeed the knowing ones now consider that their connection to Reform was since but that it was only the consequence of temporality arising out of the excitement of the movement of 1830.

I think I'm glad to hear from if you have time to write a line or two by this

Give my respects to your Brother sisters & Dennison

Tasmania, Dear Abraham,

Yrs very truly

J. Q.

Mr Abraham
Jamaica Coffee House
33, Castle St.
Liverpool.

Oct 29 1839

Liverpool
Sep 27
4 PM

Mr R Abraham

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To Mrs —

60 weeks payments to Father — From Augt. 4th 1838 to Sept. 21st 1839 } 7/- 21.0.0

both days inclusive

1839
March 4th Paid Miss Blanner's rent — 2.0.0
Augt 30th do do do — 2.0.0
paid
Mentled J.G.
£ 25.4.9

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1839 Feby 29th Refund rec. from Miss Warwick 0.5.6
Apl. 2nd By do from yourself — 9.12.9 £ 9.18.3
£ 15.1.9

Carlile. 26th Sept. 1839

Dear Abraham,

Send you the particulars from the comm.
for Sabine I committed to you you credit for 5/6 rec. of Miss
Warwick, & charged a week short — My Brother-in-law
& his family left him on Saturday for Chester to attend the Assizes
at Liverpool & expected to finish their business on Tuesday following
however. I learnt that they would be detained longer, so it
occurred to me, that a note of introduction to you, on their
behalf, would lead to a sight of the Lions of Liverpool,

know the explanation of the otherwise inexplicable note you received from me, addressed to Mr Craggs P.O. Liverpool. — I cannot avail myself of your kindness this year for I shall ramble to the Lakes of our district with my Bro.-in-Law son of his friend his wife, Stal; I saw there a lot of us had an excursion to Rydal, Lymmouth & Grasmere, it was rather too much for me, I was almost knocked. Carrick was with us. the party consisted of Brodie, Ralph, Brown, Rockbank, Wilson the Teacher, Stal & myself. Hardcastle the Editor of the Cumberland Herald, whom you will remember to have met with at my house, was also of the party. — Our friend Carrick his wife & bairns are hearty & well he has some beautiful portraits in the Royal exhibition of pictures; your friend Watson has a splendid Medallion & two or three plaster figures there. the whole of Watson's works are justly very much admired; Carrick says, Gough the Sculptor gives Watson a very high character indeed, he says it is allowed on all hands that he is among the first artists of his profession. I am sure you will be most gratified with this account of your old friend. I think you could contrive to come in a week & then you could talk the matter over & you allude to. I think you are quite right not to look upon the L— as a resting place. you might have been the Merchant restaurant as I spoke of a few days, I hope you are comfortable, at all events for nothing I have to trouble on my hand to make you comfortable at my house; things go on here much in the old way. Stal you note he has considerably modified his politics as to the views of the Whig aristocracy and the Ministry, between us, I think G Moriarty has

J. R
June 16/41

Carlisle. 16 Jany 1841

Dear Abraham,

I send the other half of the ten pound bank note & the rest of the enclosures of your letter in due course. — Mr Mounsey paid his y/e on the 14th inst. of 1844 which I have passed to the credit of your y/e

Mr Jefferson's bill was paid to your Brother on the 2nd April 1838. & receipted by him. ——— The y/e against Mr Stel is for advertising prior to his possession of the 'Journal' I have therefore handed the bill to Mr Routledge, Father to inquire of his niece Mrs Jollie about it —

With best respects,
I remain, dear Abraham,
Yours truly J. R.

Ans.d
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North of England Bank Newcastle
19 January 1849

Dear Sir

One of our Shareholders Saml Foster late of Sawood in the Co of Durham, Surgeon, left that place some time ago and is reported to have gone to Liverpool. As we wish to serve a document upon him but cannot ascertain his address will you oblige me by endeavouring to ascertain this and let me know at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
James Ross

PS. From papers I have just received I find your Brother has relinquished the 'Gazette' Do you expect him soon in England? if so tell him I shall be very glad to hear from him — With best regards —
JR

John Abraham Esq
Mess.rs Abraham & Clay
96 Bold Street
Liverpool

Rec'd
Nov 13. 49

Appears that
R. A. has
sold Montreal
Gazette

also says
Jam. Foster
late of Darrow
was a shareholder
in the R. A. to
Bank which
was seemingly
in difficulties

Mr. Wm. Gray
Montreal
C.E.

Mr. Abraham,
Springfield
Favor of Mr Dunlavey

Carlisle Saturday Morning

My dear Abraham

Dunlavey is just about to start for Springfield. I can hardly a moment to say how sorry I shall be that you will be here & that I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you.

Your Father told me yesterday, or the day before, that you intended being here on Wednesday week, or Sunday - that is to-morrow week. I am home for Stockton on my Marriage trip, it is arranged for the ceremony to take place on

Tuesday the 23rd Inst. I am intend to ramble about the neighbourhood for about ten days — you see it is the day you at present propose leaving home. Now I think you would defer your visit till our return, as I shall be so glad to see you —

I have no particular news — Carrick has arrived at home & quite well, Stal, you see has been hard. On this time, has again got into a mess, he intend to fight the Parson in the Court above with affidavits.

I hope he may escape clear for, but I think doubtful.

The "Agitation" is brisk as ever, the enthusiasm nearly as great in favour of the Ministerial Corporation Bill as on the occasion of first introduction of the great measure of Reform.

The registration will be made quite complete —

Forgive this short note & believe me My Dear Abraham
Yrs most truly
J. R. L.