

Feb 7th
Liverpool Jan 7th 1837

My Dear Brother,

Enclosed are two documents — one for your signature and one which I will be obliged to you to forward to Mary for her's and perhaps you can get the latter back and return both to me under Mr. Howard's or some other of your honourable friends' frank. Mr. Foster brought me them yesterday and would have paid me my legacy but demanding out of it a fee of 10^l for himself I declined receiving it. I have enquired however of Mr Dalrymple and am informed that we shall have to pay it. Mr Dalrymple cannot recollect that in the deed which you referred to any limitation of my Aunt's property was made but he cannot be positive that there was not — However I am tolerably certain that if there had been any interesting to us he would have recollected. I have no means of obtaining a copy of the case and opinion respecting the validity of the will but by application to Mr. Foster and as it was of course (I presume) taken at the expense of the Executor it is doubtful whether he would give me it and moreover I should not wish any one to suppose

that I am desirous of overthrowing the will.

I received your parcel on Sunday and am
much obliged to you for the newspapers. I forwarded
the parcel and letter. I received Willmer's act. ^{for last year}
on the day I wrote to you last — as follows —
Edw. Willmer — Nov 178 — Earl. Newkome 13/1. W. Malley
13/1 — total £ 1.17.8. —

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Father's will for a copy of our Aunt's will I now
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piece of paper.

Wishing to hear from you soon

I remain

Your Affect. Brother

John Abraham

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in London — I presume he
is there though I have not
seen his departure mentioned
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Wm Allen Esq.
Plough Court
Lombard St
London

32 Northumberlandth New Road
(at Hampbell's) July 25 1837

My Dear Brother,

I have obtained the situation
I coveted - with Wm Allen Esq. - I reached
London last Thursday having walked
all the way - I found my trunk at
Mr. Burnett's, for which I am much obliged
to you, and met with a very kind recep-
tion there.

I went yesterday to Allen's and was very
well received - they enquired if it was
probable that I should stay 2 or 3 years
as they did not wish to take an aprentice
for a long period. I had no difficulty in
answering that satisfactorily. Then they
said that they had for some time re-
quired an agreement not to begin
business within 5 miles of London without
their consent. They have no objection
to their aprentices opening shops in
some parts - so North & West of Temple
Bar where they have hardly any cus-
tomers but in others places they have
found it to interfere materially with

Wm Allen Esq.
July 25 1837

[Faint handwritten notes]

Wm Allen Esq.
Journal Office
Liverpool

At - Evening - Worcester at 8-00 P.M.



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their connections. I wish my prospects had made this condition a matter of more serious importance than it is - I had no difficulty in assenting to it but they thought it better that I should consider it until to-day. This morning I agreed to it and told them that I was so desirous of being with them that though I had an introduction to John Bell He at the West End, who, I believe, do not require such an understanding, I should not make any application there. My remuneration was then settled - it is considerably less than in Liverpool but for that I was prepared £32 1st year £36 2^d £40 3^d and also a percentage upon the amount taken but I have to find my own groceries. They said the average of the three years was not likely to be less than £42 - I am to go on the 10th Aug^t.

I am much obliged to you for 3 L^{pool} journals and 1 Carlisle Journal which I found at Mr^s Barnetts. I have not got last Sat's but it may be for me to day. I wrote to you from Builth -

P.S. I should be glad if you had time to call on Mr Kelly and you may tell him that I am so engaged in the city.

I proceeded thence by Way - Hereford - Ross - Monmouth to Chepstow & crossed to Bristol. Here I would have called on our Uncle Henry but his name was not in the directory. I walked thence by Bath & Windsor to London. Upon the whole I enjoyed myself very much. And am considerably better for my journey. I have got a comfortable room for 4^p per week through the address my Aunt gave me - it is near the Regents Park.

My expenses to London were about £5.9 - I walked 500 & a few odd miles - reaching London on the 23^d day. I am glad that Marg^t is likely to suit you and hope you will both have reason for continued and increasing satisfaction. I was sorry to have my things in such a disorderly state with you. I shall require a new suit and want some money. I should be much obliged if you would send me £10 in a letter to Mr^s Barnetts care. It would do if I received it by the end of next week and perhaps you can get a frank by that time.

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