

July 26 1839

Mr. John Abraham

11 Mulberry St.

Paris St.

Liverpool

26 July 1839
Mrs. Abraham

1 Castle Lane, Carlisle, July 26, 1839.

What became of (in original
Bible)

Dear John.

I have to thank you for your letter of 17th ult.

I have hitherto respected making inquiry for an opportunity of forwarding Margaret's bible; but I think that I shall look out for such an opportunity soon. I shall be glad to find that Margaret's health grows good. but I am afraid, that she inherits her ^{family} mother's constitution, which on her ^{mother's} mother's side is not a good one. Tell her that I am much obliged to her for her attention in sending Chronicles, &c. I received 2 parcels by post to-day & 4 yesterday. - I forwarded the C. Journal on Tuesday. - I now receive the C. Journal ^{weekly}; since I made a stop at the P.O. which I was induced to do, by your saying, that the C. Journal was regularly sent me. - The suggested plan of making post paid letters the rule, instead of the exception, would not answer.

I am glad to hear, that you are all doing well. - I am afraid, that Margaret puts herself to much trouble in supplying me as above.

There is still a little eruption on the right leg; but not much. I suspect that the greasy application which I made ^{the} to eruption last

year occasioned much irritation. - Oliver immediately ordered it to be discontinued. - James Kip is very well; & I think every body else much as usual. - Isabelle Tremble, & James Kip has called to see me about a fortnight since; and I think that I shall try to get to Crenshawton on Sunday; as the train to Scottby will suit ^{on} that day both going & coming.

I think that the Chartists here are getting out of hopes of success; hopes which they certainly entertained at one time. - The police officer, I should think, would have a good consideration for stating, that he could not have got Harney out of Ceehole, without Harney's own assistance, aided by that of Arthur. - How the civil & military authorities of Ceehole take the complement, I do not know.

I have had a good crop of peas; but I have had none to sell; thinking, that I could not do better than dispose of part of them in making little returns to different parties for many kindnesses received by me when I was so long laid up & helpless. I believe that you have little notion what a pitiable condition I was in; especially when I had lost my nurse or dresser; and it happened that no body came near me for several days.

I am, Dear John,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Ashman.

Carlisle, Dec^r 21, 1841.

Thomas D to 2^u
Refers to R Sheppard & to
Mary D

Dear John,

I am afraid that you will think me very dilatory in answering your kind letter of 24 September, & thanking you for it & the stamps enclosed. — I have thought about changing my quarters, but such a change is more difficult to make for the better, than might appear. Along with suitable apartments, it is requisite, that a suitable woman should dwell near to take care of them. I have my eyes open to look for such; but I see nothing at the present time.

If Robert Sheppard has had a favourable voyage, he will now be approaching his destination. Perhaps through him you may hear something of your Sister Mary. Mrs Tiffin had a letter from her daughter Sarah, about three weeks since. It seems, from Sarah's letter, that Mary obtained the situation to which Mrs McArthur recommended her, but that she had not kept it long. Sarah says, that Mrs McArthur had a letter from the lady, in which she said, that Mary Abraham was the most unaccountable woman that she had seen. — James Kelp denies his respects to you all. He is very well. I had a long conversation with him, at his house, last night. — Mr & Mrs Tiffin are very well. Their Sister Stoddart died last Saturday. — She told me some time since, that she had burnt the will which I wrote for her. I was very glad to hear it. I hope, that she has not made another, or at least, that nobody, whom I take any particular interest in, is Executor. For I am afraid ^{that} a post-obit will work rather awkwardly. If she did, what she hinted to me about nine months ^{ago}, she intended to do, I anticipate proceedings in equity.

I hope that you will find the benefit of your water-ramble. — I expect my letter, & the potatoes from William Percod reached you brother safely. — George Percod

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M^r John Abraham
4, Colquhoun St^t
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was just recovering, at that time, from a pleurisy. I have not seen any of the family since to inquire after him. I shall endeavour to do so on Saturday. I am as well as possible, & not near so lame as I have been. I shall be happy to hear that you are all well. With my love to you all,

I am, your affectionate father,
Thomas Abraham.

Along with this I shall post the C. of - for your sister. - I am actually on the look out for a house; but I see nothing likely. Two of our neighbours have changed for the better; though, indeed, I never have had any reason to complain of any of them.

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Mr John Abraham
4, Colquitt St.

Liverpool.

W. H. C. Hall



1843

Dear John,

Carlisle, May 10, 1843. (See the Lane
Refers to removal from 2
to 10 Church St. Caldwell gate exactly opposite
gateway of our old house)

I write to you now for the purpose of informing you, that I have taken another dwelling, two rooms in a house in Church St. Caldwellgate, exactly opposite the Gateway of the yard opposite of our old house. The Rent Six pounds a year, clear of all rates and taxes. They are good rooms, not badly papered, up stairs, on the left, with one neighbour on the right; a stair-case ^{leads} from the back room to a tolerably open yard, with a good pump, common to several tenants. The property belongs to Joseph Forster, the foreman to the Dixons. They ^(the rooms) are in the possession of a journeyman hatter, who left the town 3 or 4 weeks since in search of work; and to induce his wife not to relet them, I agreed to take them off her hands two weeks before the term, Whitson-tide, paying her five shillings. Indeed I suppose, that I may enter when I please. When I write again to Liverpool, I will give you the correct address. — So this flitting lays me under the necessity of accepting your kind offer of assistance on such occasion. Yours respectfully

I received your brother's letter of April 15; and was very glad to hear that you are all well. I understand that you are very much confined by business. I hope not too much.

R. & M. Tiffin left here for Glasgow about ten days since, to remain over the summer. They both look uncommonly well.

I am, Dear John, with love to you all,
Your affectionate Father,
Thomas Abraham.

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Mr John Abraham

3, Heath St.

Liverpool

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13 Church St. Carlisle, July 23, 1843.

Dear John

Refers to the ^{particulars} ~~particulars~~ ^{below} ~~below~~

I received your letter of the 20th Inst; yesterday, and thank you for it and its contents. -- I have likewise a letter of yours of the date of 21 June unanswered more properly unacknowledged. Robert had not arrived at Carlisle, when your letter of 21 June came to hand; but I had a line from him from Whitehaven ~~from~~ of the same date, stating his intended motions. I am sorry that this clumsy ink of mine gave you so much trouble, but I shall dry it better this time. -- I like my rooms well; but the distance from shops and market, is (as I knew before) inconvenient. You will remember Thomas Capstick, Wright? His wife attends to my appointments. Nobody could do better than she does. -- I have a note from Margaret of the date of July 14, stating the sending of a box by the Newcastle, & her intention of leaving Liverpool next day for Whitehaven, where, I expect ~~to arrive~~ I see by your letter of the 20, she has arrived.

I cannot give you any advice respecting your Aunt Sheppard's affairs, unless it be to consult a gentleman of the law. It is strange that your correspondent, Mr. Craft, should not have given you more explicit information. I have not yet learned any thing from Sydney respecting her son; but as my inquiry left England about the beginning of the year, the time for information is approaching. -- I hope to hear of the arrival of the Columba when I take this letter up street. -- I am very well & I hope that you are so. -- I suppose that I shall see Margaret in a few days, & it will not be long I hope before I shall again from you with news from Robert.

I am your affectionate Father
Thomas Abraham.