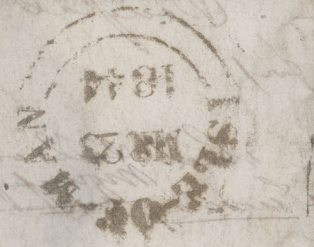


Isle of Man Friday M<sup>o</sup> 22 March 1844

My Dear Sir

You will be surprised to hear from me, from my present abode (not having called on you on my route thro' Liverpool) - a few weeks since I left Manchester to come to live here permanently, but was unfortunately seriously indisposed when I had to leave my late house in Manx. Somewhat so that on my arrival per train in Liverpool I was taken so alarmingly ill that a physician had to be called in, named Macriore and I was compelled to remain in Liverpool with my dear wife for a week, unable to do anything, and quite unfit for the excitement of travelling. However with much difficulty, and serious annoyance in my ill state of health, I arrived here, and every day in a worse condition than ever. But under the treatment of a Surgeon in whom I have put the greatest trust and reliance, whose prescriptions the one enclosed <sup>not</sup> I had made up in Douglas, but the drugs where with it is formed, are of such an inferior sort, that I am forbidden to continue it, and I have therefore resolved upon writing to you (with the concurrence of a Medical man) for the medicine from your establishment - fully confiding in your wisdom in seeing that it is of the very best, and such that will have the proper effect in my case - Yesterday I was taken with such alarming symptoms,

Mr. Abraham  
Apothecary's Hall  
Liverpool





some that I was obliged to call in the aid of Mr Reed a Medical Gentleman of this immediate neighbourhood, whose advice I am glad to find coincides with the Gentleman's who wrote the enclosed prescription - I know a Mr Edward Lacey late of Manchester, but now of Poole Dorsetshire - My Dear Sir, by the nature of the medicine I have to take you will be partly aware that my case is one of highly excited nervous derangement, otherwise I should be glad to enter fully into the subjects of the late Mr. Shepherd, your respected Aunt. But I do sincerely hope soon to be able to do so - I am particularly desirous to keep my mind as free from all excitement as I possibly can, by which means I believe I shall greatly help the medicine to effect a cure.

I am sorry I cannot send to Douglas in sufficient time to enclose a post office order for the amount of what the medicine will be - But if you will be so very kind as to send it me as safely packed as you can, together with a few lines from you, likewise stating what I am indebted to your Company, I will take the earliest possible opportunity of sending a post office order for the amount accompanied

with my sincere thanks for the kindness you will confer upon me by giving this small order your consideration and immediate attention, and now my Dear Sir with sincere respects believe me yours very truly  
William Croft

late of 5 Radnor St.  
Stratford New Road, Manchester  
now of Glen Willin Cottage  
West Michael  
Isle of Man

Please let the parcel be directed to me to be left at Mr Cairns Saddle Inn, Douglas (this call is for 1844)

Please return the prescriptions and be careful to send me in the medicine by the King's Cross Steamer which departs on Tuesday

P.S. Please to send me what will be exactly four half Bottles of the Mixture, prescription marked No 1, and four boxes of the Pills, prescription marked No 2 - please also the <sup>full</sup> cash price of your Comp<sup>d</sup> Extract of Sarsaparilla & also what is the price per Ounce of your Sulphate of Iron

It is of the utmost importance that I receive the medicine  
Wednesday



Mr John Abraham  
Amherst street  
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Mr Abraham  
Dear Sir

Your letter came to hand on Thursday only, and in reply I am happy to find that you have heard from your Cousin Mr R H Shepherd, who I presume is yet uninformed of the death of his Mother. It is my intention to visit Manchester about the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month, and on my passing through Liverpool, I will endeavour to see you, and show you an exact statement of the assets due to the estate of Mrs. Shepherd, after deducting the expenses attendant on the funeral &c, and after deducting the Balance of rent which she was owing to my late father, namely £. 15. 0. The papers relating to her matters I left with some others with my friends in England, but will write for them - so that I may show you the state of the case when I call.

I should recommend that Mr Shepherd should be written to immediately, and that he should be written to immediately, and that he should address me in his own hand writing, and inform me how he would like to have the money remitted, and give me full and legal authority for so doing.



Without such an order expressly from him, I do think I should  
not be acting with due Caution, if I remitted to him, or paid  
any person the amount I hold in hand for him.

The little bill I enclose for Camp I will discharge when  
I come through - With kind regards I am Dear Sir

Yours truly  
William Croft

Dear Witten Cottage

Walter Michael

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Mr John Abraham

Dear Sir

Your letter of last week has only just come to hand in consequence of my absence from home. When I last wrote you I fully expected to have been able to have had an opportunity whilst passing through Liverpool of calling upon you as I intended to visit the Isle of Man, and unfortunately the time of the Post not being finished we were obliged to go - we have been then informed of three months, and returned home a short time since, and Mrs Croft's state of health from Sea Breezes was such as to prevent our leaving her when on our return thro' Liverpool, otherwise I much wished to see you to consider what arrangements had better be adopted for ascertaining when Mrs Shephard's son has and obtaining his instructions respecting the small amount I have in my hands this credit

Thereupon we are sure the intention about the matter of such credit, when I will lay before you one of the proceeds of the sale, and what the expenses of removal and payments of debts to have been. Would you in the interim state whether I should send the clothes (which I possess I send in a letter) to Mrs Shephard's sister who lives in London and I can be as I believe she is respecting them I should not like to send them to her unless I had your sanction. Would you drop me a line expressing your wishes thereupon which shall be carried into effect without delay. In a short time I will write stating the precise time you may call upon me by  
I am Dear Sir Yours very Respectfully  
W Croft

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