

Liverpool May 17/41

Dear Margaret -

Mr. Union has impressed me  
of your good intentions with respect to  
writing to writing to me, I hope you  
will not forget them. I have been  
enjoying in perfection the pleasures of prob-  
bade among dovnats, and melancholy plea-  
sures they are, compared with those of the  
Pleasant society which I have lately en-  
joyed. I have indeed been labouring hard  
to ~~find~~ <sup>some times</sup> true. - Sometimes I strolled about,  
either among the docks, - or in Lord & Bold  
Streets which are the Princes st of L Pool, gazing  
at the goods in the shop windows, or <sup>at</sup> the faces  
of the passengers; but that is but dull work  
without a companion - The only place  
that I could find where there are green trees  
or any thing else to make a lonely walk  
pleasant, is a sort of public garden - connected  
with a cemetery, but it was too far away from  
my lodging to go to it frequently. I went the other

day to see the Steamer British Queen,  
which the proprietors had made a public  
exhibition for the benefit of the families of  
the crew of the President. She is a fine large  
vessel, though not so finely finished as some of  
the smaller Steam boats. Other portions of  
time I spent in reading, either at the inn or  
the public reading room - which with the Exchange  
in connection with it presents a scene some-  
what similar to your description of the hall in the  
Parliament house on court days. One day in  
rummaging among my papers, I found some  
of the pieces containing my unsuccessful  
attempt at taking your likeness. I compared  
them with one another, and, partly from them  
& partly from memory, sketched a profile, which,  
perhaps in consequence of being unable to com-  
pare it with the original, I consider a very  
good likeness. That occupied my time for  
one afternoon - You will learn from Marion's  
letter of a change in my plans respecting leaving  
this country - It will be a longer sojourn.

than of the Steamers, but much less ex-  
pensive and perhaps more safe.

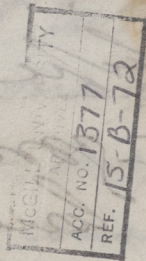
There are some Pilot vessels here,  
but as they were not acquaintances at  
home, I did not think it worth while  
to look for them. Some of them however I  
have seen, and I have found some pretty  
willing to serve me in any way that I  
require. This is probably the last letter  
that I shall write you from this  
side of the Atlantic - I know that you  
will join me in the hope, that I  
may be able to write good news  
from the other side of the long ferry.

Until that time ~~you~~ you may be certain  
that you and my other friends at Edin-  
burgh and your beautiful city itself, will not  
occupy the smallest portion of my thoughts.  
I could ~~all~~ write away all day such stuff as  
I have been writing, ~~all day~~ but I have many

May 19<sup>th</sup> / 41  
Arrangements to make and must  
now for the present bid you farewell,  
with my best & warmest wishes for  
your prosperity & happiness—

Your affectionate friend

J. W. Johnson



Wm. McChesney

Edwin



P.S. I have just received your letter, and you  
cannot imagine how much pleasure it gave  
me—after reading it I can no more believe  
my pretences of inability to write and write  
excellently—You will excuse my leaving it  
at least till it reach the end of my voyage—I can  
add no more at present—Yours most gratefully & affectionately  
J. W. Johnson