

To Longmore from his uncle John Longmore

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L. 24/1
London Road

Worcester
Feb'y. 27th. 1873

My Dear Tom;

I am very sorry to hear so sad an account of your Mother. I knew it was very bad, but did not think from anything your sisters have said, that it was so bad as you describe. I had a note from Maria yesterday, & she says that her Mother has now three Boils at the back of her neck, the pain from which increases the nervous irritability. I had thought it arose chiefly from weakness of the system, and if that could be strengthened, the nervousness might be got rid of, but your Mother was

always excitable when in full health: then she had an active mind, & full occupation for it; incapacitated for that, the mind preys fretfully on the past, & so helps to render her what she is. It must be dreadful to those about her, especially to Maria & Martha, who are poor weak, nervous creatures at the best. Fanny is a daily Governess I believe in a Catholic family. I had a note from her, & she speaks of their kindness, & the presents they make her in the most glowing terms. I cannot make Fanny out; she is on the worst terms with all her sisters; poor Emma is her fag, through fear of her, not love — "Emma dear, just go up stairs, & fetch my handkerchief." Emma pouts, but goes. Miss Fanny is very selfish.

Well, the extraordinary part of her character is, that go where she will, & into whatever society, she always is liked and makes friends. The only way I can account for it is, that she has a habit of flattering people, and though not delicately laid on, but with the hand of a plasterer, yet it generally succeeds, for luckily she has the knack of seeming to mean what she says. I have heard nothing about Henry. I was very sorry to be out when Mr. Lawrence, & the Miss^{es} Moorson called, especially as it was the second time the former gentleman had favored me with a call, but I am mostly from home in the mornings on public business. On Sunday last however, I caught a violent cold, & have been confined to the house ever since, as I feared

it might fly to the weak part,
the chest; I have used the Almond
oil twice. This illness set me
thinking, as the time has nearly
arrived when the Psalmist says,
"then is it labour & sorrow". I have
made my Will, & you & Maria
are Executor & Executrix: you are
far away, & she has no notion of
business, but necessary help must
be obtained. As the property is chiefly
in Shares, the trouble will not be
much I think, & full explanations
will be found with the Will, in
addition to what I herewith send.
Perhaps it would be as well to
appoint someone here also by a
Codicil, who would see to the sale
of the furniture & effects here.

"The Vision", enclosed, I wrote many
years ago. Your Aunt Anne admired
it, & wished it to be printed. With
love to Rosalie & the Bairs -

I am, Yours Sincerely,

J. Longmore

L 24/2
London Road
Worcester
March 26. 1873.

My Dear Tom;

Thinking of your affairs
kept me awake in the night.
I have read the Will, & offer
a few remarks to you & Maria
before you leave Town.

If all the property were turned
into money (except Eaton square)
and placed in the Funds, it
would not produce £100 per
annum. Again if sold, it would
be at a sacrifice, considering
the nature of it, Boro' R^d. for
instance. Better leave it as it
is, it will produce most, but
then who is to undertake the
receipts & payments, & keep a
correct account. All is liable

P.S. Do you mind all the success of the
deductions of the
from the statement of income, & Rents,
Rents, & income, & Rents,
Rents, & income, & Rents,

for the £100 a year. The money
on deposit, & your Mother's
Shares I should advise should
be invested or transferred to
you & Maria, in Trust towards
Benjamin's money. Also any
rents, or proportionate part of
rents from Eaton Square up to
March 25th will be due to the
general estate, subject only
to a proportionate part of
the Ground-rent due to the Marquis
up to the same date. Then all
this being invested in London
& West. Bank Shares (you cannot
do better) then will come the
question of the Sixths, which at
present you need not trouble
about. Then there is the £150 due
by Maria, £95 by Martha, I think,
and £78 by Emma -

In a letter I got from the
Secy. London & Westⁿ. Bank, dated
28 th Jany. 1870, he says there are
5 Shares in the name of Mrs.
Longmore, but I think your
Mother has bought one or
perhaps two shares either for
herself or Charles, ^{since,} but this
may be got from W. Shipp, the
Secy. Look at Charles Account
in the square book.

4-30 p.m. - I have just got your Note
and the calculation. I much fear
you have painted it couleur de
rose. I shall be very glad to find
you are right. I still adhere to
my ideas as to the mode of pro-
ceeding with the property, at any
rate for the present. In estimating
for Probate duty, you have a right
to consider what the property would

fetch at a forced sale, say by Auction. The Leases are all short, & would fetch comparatively but little money. I should make a return for Probate of £5,000. All I have said however is subject to your & Maria's consideration. The paintings may be taken at the valuation price, or if the furniture &c. be eventually sold by Auction they can be bought by anyone. I shall think of you all to-morrow, and shall read the service.

My nose bled again this morn^g. as soon as I got out of bed, but I had your styptic at hand, & steeping the wool in it, & applying it to the nostril it soon stopped. Dr. Woodward recommends me to take 15 or 20 drops of it twice a day in a glass of water.

Yours Sincerely
J. Longmore

Ferry Side L 24/3

Carmarthen

S. Wales.

June 28-1873.

My Dear Tom;

Every time that I went into the Town at Worcester the oppression at the chest returned more or less, & the weather was close & oppressive, so I determined to be off again somewhere, so on Tuesday last I came here, partly to have a look at the old scenes once more, & partly to try the effect of the Welsh air. At Carmarthen on Wednesday, I met several of "the old familiar faces", who all flattered me by saying how well I looked. My face is generally

florid when I'm tolerably well.

My feelings here, & what I have done, tend to confirm me in the opinion that Dr. Parker was in an error, deceived perhaps by the pulse at 100! Yesterday I walked 4 miles, 2 out, & 2 back, "up hill and down dale", without inconvenience except some fatigue, the chest complaint being, I presume, left at Worcester. This morning I have walked nearly as far by a much more difficult road, going up a hill a mile long, in some parts very steep, slowly of course, but really without inconvenience to my breathing. The country is very hilly, but I think the country is more beautiful around Carmarthen, (5 miles off) than it is here, but here we are situate on the bay of Carmarthen, the embouchure of the river Towy.

Mr. Elcum told me he sent you a copy of his letter to Benjamin. The annoyance he felt at first seems to have blown away Maria says. Of course there would be no objection to his going to Horne Bay, to the same person he went to before. I have written to Maria about it. I am glad Count de Mezeley has paid. I wrote to ~~Benjamin~~^{Henry} on Thursday, and enclosed is a copy of the letter. You need not return it, but as well perhaps to keep it for the present. I don't see how he can give any satisfactory reply.

Unfortunately the weather is dull, humid, & cold, so I think I shall leave here on Tuesday, stopping on my way home at Malvern for a week perhaps. My love to Rosalie and the children, I am

Yours Sincerely,
J. Longmore

L. 24/4

London Road

Worcester

July 7th. 1873.

So attached
to every ill
the poor
as long as
I help him,
Love;

and, much
of the way
Friday. I
where I
got home from the Ferry-
Friday evening, & now to
reply to your two letters.

I think the London & Westⁿ Bank
 stands the first in the estimation
 of the public, after the Bank of
 England; at the present price of
 the shares, the usual Dividends
 are equal to full 5th per cent. If it
 were my own case, I should
 make the exchange to which you
 allude if the prices would only
 consent to it.

do not like Turkish Stock, but I think I prefer it to any of the South Americans. The Turkish Government is either very poor, or very reckless as to money matters, they are always

borrowing, but they always pay
the interest on their Bonds, and
as I suspect out of the money
they borrow. The last quotation
of Bolivians I have seen is
43-43½ ex. div. I think you will
do right to hold them at present.
I have not heard from Maria
about the Legacy duties; she is
not yet aware of my return home.
There is no hurry about paying
them; if your Sisters pay theirs
out of their Mich.ⁿ rents from
Eaton Square it will do. I will
write to Maria to day or to-morrow.
With regard to Fanny taking a
part in the management of the
Household, I think Maria had
rather she did not. Quite entre nous,
I believe her idea is that, Fanny's
organ of acquisitiveness is so

large, that she is hardly to be trusted. Maria told me lately, that I had so simplified the different accounts, that she found but little difficulty in managing them. I understood it was quite settled that Maria and Emma were to accompany Miss Roy to Scotland for I was asked to join them. Then Fanny would be left in sole charge. I hope while they are away, Benjamin will be at Herne Bay. I had a reply from Henry which I enclose. It is not to my mind satisfactory. Julia told me that when she signed, ~~she~~ understood it was for Henry to obtain the Interest. Why did he not tell her it was to obtain the principal sum? Obviously because he thought she would not then sign it. He says "The Bankers

refused to send the money" without
Julia's signature. He must then
have written to ~~them~~ previously,
trying to get it without reference
to Julia. Whether he placed half
his money, & all Julia's in her own
hands or not I cannot say. The sting
of the business is as above, but the
squandering away so much money
was very bad indeed. I don't want
Henry's letter returned. My love
to Rosalie & the children. I hope
sincerely the forthcoming event
may terminate satisfactorily.
I walked 7 miles one day after I
wrote to you, much of it up hill,
greatly fatigued, but no oppression
at the chest. Saturday walking up
the hill from Worcester the oppression
was felt considerably. I'll hunt up
the drainage, for my neighbors
right & left are often complaining.

Yours Sincerely, J. Longmore

L. 24.15
London Road
Worcester
Nov^r 19. 1873.

My Dear Tom;

I have had a sharp
Bronchial attack; it kept
me in the house for a
fortnight. I can now get
out of doors in the mornings,
but the cough & the phlegm
continue to tease me at
times, but not half so bad
as they did. Dr. Woodward made
me put some turpentine on
the upper part of the chest,
and then a hot flannel on that.
Since the receipt of your letter
I have applied the Almond Oil
as you advised, but there has not
yet been time enough to judge

of its effects.

I had a Note from Maria yesterday; she tells me that she had placed \$50 more on Deposit, from Rent & Residence. I had advised her to deposit what she could spare; she says they now allow 6 pr. cent for it. I expected it would be 7, as the Bank rate of Discount is 9 pr. cent. As long as such Interest is paid it is hardly worth while purchasing the shares. I will watch the money market, & apprise Maria when I think the proper time arrives. The money can be obtained from either of the Banks where it is now deposited, just as easy as if it were placed at your Agents.

Mr. Herbert will arrange that
as to the 14 days notice.

I never saw so much of Emma
as on her recent visit to me.
She has the one thing needful,
as regards the next world,
but it is fortunate for her, she
has not to get her living in
this. I never saw a greater
amount of — simplicity.

It was a great pity your Mother
did not put her daughters more
forward than she did. She had
such an active, energetic mind
herself, that she couldn't bear
to see a slow person attempt
anything. Miss Marshall comes
to me to day on a visit; she is
the very antipodes to Emma;
she is sharp, shrewd, & clever,

with vast conversational
powers — too much sometimes;
her mother was my first cousin,
a daughter of my Aunt Bloomer.
Miss Marshall has to get her own
living, & has not a friend in the
world that she can look to
but an Uncle at Birmingham,
who has a family, & myself.
She has been ill for some time
past, & so out of a situation.
She is a Catholic too which
makes against her.

You will not forget to speak to
Mrs Roy, & to make other enquiries
about Charles. I have a strong
opinion that a change ought to
be tried for him. Give my love
to Rosalie & the children.

I am
Yours Sincerely
J. Longmore

L. 24/6
London Road
Worcester
March 3^d 1874~

My Dear Tom;

I write principally to say that I shall be very glad to see you at the time most convenient to yourself, only give me 2 or 3 days notice if you can, so that bed-room & bedding may be properly aired. I hope the weather may be favorable enough for us to have a morning at Malvern, and I must ask Dr Woodward to meet you. I am glad to find that your cough is gone, & that you appear to be altogether better.

Your complaint seems to
be a good deal like mine:
there is something wrong
in the chest, which induces
you to rub it with the Anise
Oil, & also the difficulty of
breathing; mine is so also;
it fluctuates, according as I
am not so careful as to the food
I ~~took~~^{take}, or perhaps the changes
of weather have an influence.
Mine has been rather worse
for the last 10 days, but then
what weather we have had!
When you are here you must
look over Raspail's book; it
looks to have a good deal of
quackery, but I believe there
is also much good sense in it.

I suppose you are not to be expected to prepare another edition on the Ambulance Transport without being paid for it! Benjamin now talks of going to Herne Bay for a time, & then to Westreps's.

I should have thought it would have been much better both for him & for Martha to have delayed going to the coast for a month or so, for both Margate & Herne Bay are greatly exposed to the cold east winds, which prevail so much in the early Spring on that coast. Quere—Will Henry be glad to have his father in the same house with him?

I had a note the other day from Fanny asking sundry questions about her lodgings, mostly betraying an entire want of knowledge of the world & its ways. Her writing is so bad, that it is sometimes difficult to make out her meaning. Even the direction was so illegible that the letter went to Manchester before it came here. Th her capital W. The Claimant has got it heavily, but not a bit too much so, and Kenealy also received a well merited castigation.

With love to Rosalie and the children. I am,

Yours very Sincerely
Longmore.

L 24/17
London Road
Worcester
April 14th 1874

My Dear Tom;

As Maria is
writing, I will enclose a
line or two. I think a month's
visit here will do Maria
much good. I make her take
rather more stimulants &c-
than she would probably
take when at her new home.
Worcester never was so gay
with flags, Motto's &c- as it has
been during the last week, to

commemorate the complete
restoration of our Cathedral.
On Wednesday last our Mayor
gave a breakfast to a large
number, & ⁱⁿ the afternoon the
Dean & Chapter gave a luncheon
to a numerous assemblage of
the élite of the County & City.
I had the honor to be invited
to both. The Cathedral now it
is restored may I think vie
with any one in the Kingdom.
The pulpit given by Earl Dudley
is a splendid work of art.

Said to have cost \$1500.

I really think it must have cost more. Maria & I have been there this morning. Such a procession of choirs from all parts of the county, with the clergy, was never seen before - several ^(Dudley) hundreds - The Earl & Countess, have been to all the services. Wednesday I sat near them, & had the opportunity of handing her Ladyship a hymn-book, for which I received a gracious smile; she is very beautiful.

His Lordship's device on his crest
is, "Comme je fus." It was exhibited
on one of the numerous triumphal
arches; a countryman asked me
if I could tell him its meaning?
I couldn't resist the joke, & replied,
"Look at the last word; "It means,
"What a fuss." — I enclose you
Benjamin's last note. I have not
showed it to Maria. Also Fanny's
last, which will amuse you I think.

What a great pity it is that your
great ability & mine, are not
more generally known & appreciated!
Some people have such strong stomachs
that they can digest any garbage —
Burn them when read, Love to all,
Yours very Sincerely, J. Longmore.

May 10/1874
(2 pp.)

I. 24/8
London Road
Worcester

8 p.m. - Nov. 10th 1874.

My Dear Tom:

First let me thank you & Rosalie for your good wishes with regard to my health & strength on the return of another birth-day, my 80th. Indeed I have very much to be thankful for, possessing all my faculties still, & a fair share of health. You must also thank Isabel for me for the very pretty & nicely executed design she has sent me. Faith, if she goes on with the same application and improvement, she will

become quite an artist.
When a young person takes
to anything con amore,
whether painting, music,
or literature, they are sure
to attain a certain amount
of proficiency. The care
of Mr. Lawrence is a very
sad one. The thoughts of his
large family must add mental
sufferings to those of his body.
I have not heard a word,
and know nothing about
"the unexpected legacy of
£100 to Fanny". She sent me
a pretty book-marker on my
birth-day, but not a single
line of writing with it.
I had heard from Henry a

good account of his Father.

You will be much surprised to learn that I was yesterday elected Mayor of Worcester. Here is the history of it. The term of 3 liberals in the Town Council had expired, myself and 2 others. I quite determined to retire, & got a neighbor, a very efficient man, to offer himself in my place. Then came a deputation to me, one of our members of Parliament, & two other influential men, to press me to remain, & after much resistance, I finally consented. Then the Conservatives nominated 3 persons to oppose us. My two colleagues, most respectable men, were thrown out, but I was elected. The same scenes took place in other parts of the city: it was made quite

a political fight. Then came the question who was to be Mayor and Sheriff? The late ones were both Conservatives, the Mayor a lawyer, & an active agent for the Tories. Then the Liberals had a meeting, & determined to have a Mayor & Sheriff of their political principles if possible. Again I was urged to allow myself to be nominated for Mayor. I refused decidedly, but after very much argument & pressure, I felt constrained to consent. In the Council yesterday, a gentleman who had been Mayor once, was put forward in opposition to me, but I had 26 votes to his 16. We carried the Sheriff also. Mine is a very onerous office, but I feel myself equal to it, if only health and strength continue. With love to Rosalie & the Children
I am, yours very Sincerely,
J. Longmore

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L. 24/8

You will see also that I have got into a little controversy with Sir John Pakington.

In a speech he made here, he expressed his opinion that every provident agricultural labourer might keep a cow, at the same time ^{that} an agitation was rife that the labourer's wages were not sufficient to keep his family. I and others commented upon it: you have his reply. — Your purchase appears to promise well. Your Neighbor's house pays the Interest of the money borrowed, & you seem to enjoy the remainder for £37 a year, subject to repairs, income tax, & insurance. You may by & by have an opportunity of selling your neighbor's house well, should

you wish it. With a ground-
rent of £17 put on to it, it
might sell for £800 or £1000.
I was gratified to find that
Henry came out so well on
his examination. I confess I
was somewhat doubtful, for
though he studied as much
as could be expected from a
young man of his age, yet he
could scarcely be said to have
studied hard, for I know he
frequented the Billiard-room at
times, but "All's well that ends well".
He is somewhat like Horatio
declares of himself in Hamlet,
"A thoughtless disposition good my
Lord." It is a great pity that Julia
cannot be got away from the
deadening influence of her Aunts.
With love to Rosalie, I am

Yours, Sincerely
Longmore,



L. 24/9

GUILDHALL, WORCESTER.

18 December 1874.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a Letter from the Earl of Dudley, in which he expresses his hope that the Corporation will make it convenient to be present on the Platform at Shrub Hill Station, on the departure of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh from our Worcester, tomorrow (Saturday).

I shall, therefore, be obliged by your attendance at the Shrub Hill Station at a quarter to one o'clock tomorrow.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Longmore

Mayor.

L. 24/10
London Road

Worcester

Monday Evening, Sept. 27th 1875.

My Dear Tom;

I thought to have written on Saturday, but was too much occupied. I went to Malvern on the Thursday morn^g - joining my neighbors; they left on the Friday even^g - & I remained till Monday morning, getting back in time for the Beach, & to preside at a Good Templars meeting in the evening.

You will have seen in the paper I sent you, the particulars of the Chapter Music meeting.

I did not go; only one Town Councillor there, Alderman Wood, who had done large works for Lord Dudley, which on dit was the cause of his going, for he is a Dissenter.

I like many other people hereabouts, have left off Milk, on account of the cattle disease.

In a pecuniary sense it was a success, as all expected, for the great Earl was of course a liberal subscriber, but as a Musical Festival a failure. There were large attendances, numbers going from curiosity. The large West Window was completed in time, & forms a grand addition to the Cathedral. On Sunday I went there to hear Dr. Barry, & met the Dean in the Cloisters; he asked, "Had I been able to attend the Festival?" I said, "No, I thought it wiser to refrain." He said, "Well, perhaps you exercised a sound judgment." The sermon was on the Holy Sacrament, admirable as regarded a fluent eloquence, but not quite convincing to me. To day Canon Barry called on me, returning the "Revue des deux Mondes." He kindly listened to my arguments

on the subject of his sermon
yesterday, & also to those verses of
the 15 Chap. 1st Corinth^o, in which
Christ is said to give up what
had been committed to him, & to
become subject to the Father,
that God might be all in all."
He is a learned man, & a clear
thinker, & of course I could not
compete with him on such subjects.
On Friday I went at 1/2 past 10, to
the Police Committee, of which I am
Chairman, from 12 till past 2. on the
Bench, then to a Pony & Donkey
show to please our Superintendant
of Police who takes an interest in
the Soc^y for prevention of cruelty to
animals; there I was surprised to
meet Canon Barry & his Lady, to whom
he introduced me; at 3.30, I got a
Captain's biscuit, & a glass of Stout,
and then walked to the Cathedral
evening service, remaining to hear
Canon Barry's last lecture, on the

first 9 Chapters of 2^d of Corinthians,
getting home at 7 to a meat tea.

A sharp day n'est-ce pas? None the
worse for it. To morrow at 2, I am
to preside at a meeting at the
Guildhall, for the "Propagation
of the gospel in Foreign parts."
Canon Barry will be there.

On Wednesday I go to Malvern
to be present at laying the first
stone of a new Congregational
Chapel by our member, Mr. T. Rowley
Hill. The 2 churches there are both
decidedly Ritualistic. Saturday I
have promised to preside at a
Railway meeting at the Guildhall.

My back & chest are perhaps a trifle
better. I have been taking the last
day or two, an hour after dinner,
a tea-spoonful of pepsine ^{in water} - wine. I
can hardly say if it has done me any
good. With love to Rosalie, & the Bairnes,
I am, Yours Sincerely

J. Longmore

L. 24/11
London Road
Worcester
Feby 23. 1876.

My Dear Tom;

I think the half share
in the Borough Road house
is not a bad investment
at the £40, or it is better that
you should have it, than
that it should be in the
hands of a stranger.

I see Maria has been making
a diversion from the Rest
and Recreance. I advised her
always to keep about £50
on Deposit. I was surprised
rather at her purchasing a
share in the L. & West. Bank,
as I feared she was spending

all the excess of her income
among the poor.

I got £900 for the Peckham
Houses, less £22-10-0, for the
Commission to the Agent who
found the purchaser, but I
should not have refused £850;
I have bought £500 U.S. 10/40 s.
at 107, but have just received
the first $\frac{1}{2}$ year's dividend.
I also bought £1000, 3 per cent
Portuguese at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ - I expended
this extra money, because
my Income will be somewhat
lessened by this exchange.
I gave your Pamphlett to
Dr. Strange. On my telling him
who the writer was, he paid you
a high compliment: he said,

L 24/12

London Road
Worcester
Nov^r 25th 1876

Dear Tom:

Many thanks to you
and Alice for your good
wishes on my birthday. I have
much reason to be thankful
that I am as I am at 82. Last
Thursday evening I went to the
Guildhall to hear a Lecture
from Canon Barry, "Lazarillo
and Luther a comparison & a
contrast. It was both eloquent
and interesting. The large room
was crowded. It was connected
with the Young men's Christian
Association". At the close I proposed
a vote of thanks to the Lecturer,
and then the Mayor who presided
proposed in complimentary terms,

For my namesake, & I find
it is on that 6 of Dec. I will ask
you to present to her
Master Willy's
I will get out of your debt
on the 23rd day
with my dear
birth day
you there for
with my dear
birth day

that I should give a Lecture to them. That is not very likely, but if I were 20 years younger, I have vanity enough to think that I could give an interesting Lecture, "On the introduction of Protestantism to England."

I think Maria did quite right not to incur the responsibility of having Charles to reside with her. In her weak state of body, she has quite enough ^{upon} ~~at~~ her mind, and the others would be no helpers.

I suggested to her to bring him to me for a month in April or May, and then I could form a better opinion of his mental state.

I am very glad to hear that Willy has at last got rid of his troublesome skin complaint. It must have been a source of great vexation to you

and Rosalie, besides being a standing satire on you doctors for not stopping it earlier.

My itching skin complaint has annoyed me for several months, and still continues; this morning my leg itched, & I thoughtlessly scratched it, & then for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour it burned, as if I had held it for some time to the fire. It does not affect my general health. Fancy my going to the Lecture walking there & back, coming up the hill at 10 p.m. It was a folly, but Mr & Mrs Stratford had engaged to join me in a fly there & back, and just at the last declined, because it was so cold. The old Lady of 97 at the rear of my house, still walks to the Cathedral every Sunday morn^g. and goes up to London every summer.

I should think her name (Hartshorne)
helps to keep her up.

I have just sold the last house
I had in London for £1,400 a
good price, I consider; 15 years
ago I offered it for £1,000. I have
already invested the proceeds.

£500 Victoria 6 per cents — 598..15..0

5. U. States Bonds — $\$0/40$ — 540..0..0

£500 Portuguese 3 per cents, $53\frac{3}{4}$ — 268..15..0

Commission — 3..2..6

£1410..12..6

My money affairs have so altered
since I sent you a Schedule, that
I enclose you a fresh one.

I expect Mrs. Wiseman, Wednesday
next; she comes through on that day
from Brighton; she will get here
at 6 p.m. She has been living at little
expense lately, having paid several
visits. With love to Rosalie & the children,
I am, Yours Sincerely J. Longmore

L 24/13
London Road
Worcester
July 12th 1880

My Dear Tom;

I have your letter, with
Maria's enclosed. She wrote me
about Burton's Ground Rent.

In her letter to you she seems
only to have looked to her Mother's
books. I have told her to

refer to the Deeds, where she will
be sure to find a description of

the property, the Albany Road

being quite a mile long. Having

found it, I said, she must visit

the property, & not obtaining the

present address of Burton, ask

them to whom they paid their last

rent. What was the use of going to

In your previous letter you said that your present Session closes
early in Aug. I shall be happy to see you when most
convenient - yourself

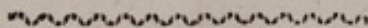
Uncle William about it, unless
he knew where or to whom to write?
Maria told me also about Miall
still visiting Martha. I replied,
that if she & you thought well
of it, I would write to Martha
on the subject, but if she "has
seemed infatuated with him" as
Maria says, I fear it will be of
little use. If he have spoken of
marriage, she might possibly be
persuaded to put his affection to
the test, of having her little property
settled upon herself. There can be
no doubt that it is her money he is
in love with. The upper part of my
right Hip continues painful.
Love to Rosalie & the children.

I am, Yours Sincerely

J. Longmore.

P.S. As life is so uncertain, I
may as well tell you for the
correction of the list that you
have, that all my United States
Bonds are paid off, & also all my
Canada Bonds. With the proceeds
I bought a New Zealand Bond for
£1000, & have just bought five
4 pr. cent Canada Govt Bonds,
costing close upon £500, which
amount I have at present on
Deposit at the City & County Bank here,
and my current account at that
Bank, with the coming Div^d from
London & West^r will be more than
enough to meet the 2^d call on the
new Shares - on the 3^d of August, £240.

WORCESTER CITY ELECTION, 1880.



The Electors of the City of
Worcester are reminded that
Soup, Sandwiches, Pork Pies,
and other Refreshments are
supplied at Moderate Prices by
The County & City of Worcester
Coffee Tavern Company, at the
BROAD STREET,
CORN MARKET, and
LOWESMOOR Branches.

Ebenezer Baylis, Steam Printer, Tything, Worcester.

*I have 60 Shares in the above Limited
Liability Company. £1 each Share. 10 of them
fully paid. 50 half paid up, = £25.*

L. 24/15

LONDON ROAD,
WORCESTER.

March 2nd 1881.

Dear Tom

I think I have had
two letters from you since I
have written. I have looked at
the examination paper for young
men intended for army Surgeons,
and I think it perfectly ridiculous.
Few would come up to it, & a lad
of weak constitution like Willy
might permanently injure his
health in striving to master it.
If it were the examination for
the head master of a public
secondary, it would be more in
accordance with common sense.
I can only suppose the examiners
are not over & above exacting.

Mr. Stratford continues weak & unwell: his doctor
prescribes a very generous diet, with Epsom salts -
He has a good constitution, & a much better & stronger
stomach than either you or I have.

I must congratulate you on obtaining the good service pension, and hope you will live many years to enjoy it. Talking of Pensions, I am glad the subject of perpetual pensions has been taken up: it seems monstrous that one granted to a person in the time of William the 3^d, should still be continued to his heirs.

I am quite of opinion that it was right for Benjamin to go to Mr Westney. I believe he is a man of good character, & from his knowledge of his new boarder, will be likely to look after him. I think also that Maria will feel less anxiety about him, than when he was living so near to her.

As you so rarely hear from Henry, I return you his letter. Never hearing anything of him, of his occupations, his companions &c. (he may be married for what I know) I confess it makes me lose all interest in him.

The weather continues as winterly as ever, but I went to a meeting on Friday last (riding there & back.)

I have 50 £1. Shares in Coffee Taverns in some of our County Towns, half paid up. I have 10 others fully paid up, making altogether, £35 paid. The other day they paid a 5 per cent dividend. Two dissenting ministers moved that they should be entirely closed on Sundays. I moved an amendment that the question should be settled after due consideration by the Committee. A church Clergyman supported me, and so it was decided. I have since

learned that they are only to be
opened on Sundays from 7 till 10
in the evening. Yesterday I went
to our Town Council meeting, & was
there from 11 till 3 p.m. speaking
two or three times. I have caught a
slight cold, so am a prisoner to day.
I had 83 Shares in London & Brazil
Bank; with the new shares, I have
now 92 Shares, £10 per share paid up.
I have not made up my mind whether
to keep them all, or to sell 12, but the
Div^d is payable in April, so I shall
wait till after then. Nothing now pays
such good Dividends as Banks, but there
is the question of risk & safety.

The Pruritus Ani is not cured. Woodward
still wishes me to use the same ointment,
with the addition of a little arsenic.

Miss Marshall desires her kind regards,
and with love to Rosalie & the children.

I am yours Sincerely

J. Longmore