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The Right Honourable Lord George Henry
Lowther -
Whitehaven and
My Lord, Lowther Castles
Cumberland

I am acknowledged to be the
Son of a Bankrupt; and I can assure
you I am very proud of this Consideration
for the most part, as Little Lordling Todd
you are my Gardener. If you will only
act as my Gardener at Home I will
positively act as your Gardener hereafter.
because if you will refer to your Books
you will find my Father paid you 12
Shillings per Year for my Garden in High
Street; and the difference between this and
the composition of my Fathers Estate to
yourself as a Creditor would not be more
than the price of a Bottle of Urne. —
I am only poor my Lord and feel an
earnest and wishful desire to return to

P.S. If Your Lordship would procure
me the Patronage of the Queen, I perhaps
would more speedily succeed in reaching
my Home. -

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my happy Home in my own Dear
Native County of Cumberland. —
I used to know Peter Shepherd in the
Colliery Office, from whom I received many
Cheques for my Father's Estate, for accounts
rendered to your Father's predecessor.

I knew your Father's predecessor very
well and once had a Note from him:
when in Rochdale, saying he knew me:
and I was told by my Mamma before
I came here he had passed through Newrick
on his way to Penrith. —

I likewise know Peter Shepherd of the
Granary Yard who married Miss Bullman
an old and respected friend of my own
family and Home. I also knew little
last of the Colliery Office. Swainson
who married Jane Kennedy. Jane
Kennedy used to take me out a La La
when the weather was fine. —

I wish my Lord for your patronage to
Newrick — and Believe me to be
Yours very truly and Respectfully
John Todd
of Newrick and Whitehaven

Low East. Cuckton Institution
Sumpies November 13th 1877

Joseph Henry Robinson Esq.

My Dear Friend
Lowther Street,
Whitehaven

You are perhaps one of the
oldest living friends I have resident
in my own dear Native Town of
Whitehaven and as you are growing
old and I am getting older in a
Criminal Sense. I think it is just time
for one friend to give another a
Character before any circumstances
should occur to render such a course
inoperative: as I can assure I do
really feel in a very false position.
With kind regards to all your family
and Miss Maria Hilton.

Yours Affectionate Friend
John Todd

Low-Ed. Crichton Institution
Dumfries November 13th 1877

Mr Deane Junr Esq
55 Yorkshire Street.
Dear Sir, and Doonfield House
Stochdale

I do not like to insult
you but really Sir the time has
come when I have to call upon
you for a Character to save me
from becoming the victim of a
few unblushing scoundrels who
are secretly destroying my prospects
in life by using your Name as
the agency for its accomplishment.
I remain Dear Sir

Yours very Respectfully
John Todd

Low East Cuckton Royal Institution
(Sunbriest September 24th 1881.)

To Her Gracious Majesty Victoria Queen of
Great Britain and Ireland &c &c
May this Note Please Your Majesty

It is certainly a queer world Your
Majesty, and those that have to try and
make head way in their endeavours to
live have no doubt, a plodding time of it.
It is some time since I wrote you a number
of Notes on subjects which at that time
afflicted me, all of which no doubt, would
be ascribed to the Lunatic tendency of
my mind, but all of which would have
been pronounced by my Mamma Aunts
and Sisters to have been so much in the
Scale towards making me what they
always recognized me to be in my own
Dear Home, the very essence of perfection
in all things. To Live Your Majesty
and be the recognized head of ones own
House as a Citizen of a free and
enlightened Country is to my mind the
true and Noble feeling which should beat
in every Britons heart, and such

I beg to say are the sentiments of my heart at present, and I am afraid such has always been the case since time immemorial. When I was a little Baby with arms about as thick as your fingers I sometimes played in front of my Secretary Book Case, while my Mamma cleaned herself and put her hair up, and not unusually I managed to just reach ~~the~~ of the two first rings on my Secretary, when I would tumble over and cry my Ma Didq, when my Mamma would instantly come to my rescue and say Dear me what little feeble things we are to be dead, when I would give a hum in recognition of my satisfaction in again having regained that safe position on my bottom which babies should never depart from. I usually wore short, full sleeves in summer, and long sleeves in winter. When I was in business with my Father, I sold Argentine forks and spoons in the office, and when I was short of money on Saturdays to pay wages with, my Father told me I was to borrow from Richard Gordon, Finman what I was deficient

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as he was going to his Garden in High
Street, and would pay me the deficiency
on Monday Morning. So that I could repay
our Methodistical Friend - Richard -
and when I began to count my Fingers
I would say one, two ones, three, four ones.
No Stars, fine Globes woks of finished Ari.
It seems to me to be a most extraordinary
improvident Method. Some people have
secured liberty and freedom by shutting
it up and trying to prevent it breathing
and extending in every part of Gods
Creation, why its strangulation, and
simply aims at the destruction of that
life which ~~the~~ all the world should try
to nurture (as I did my little Scyamore
tree in the Centre of my Grass Plot when
we lived in St Dawson's House in
Whitehaven) which was walled round
and had a wicket Gate at ^{the} end facing
a low wall running parallel with my
Summer ^{House} and separating my Grass Plot
Rhubarb bed, thorn edge and poultry House
from my flower Garden) by watering

it with a small rose watering pan,
as much as I could lift, and I
turned away all the time I watered
my little *Hyacinth* tree.

I soon tire writing Your Majesty,
but I simply fulfil the instructions
of my family by writing to you and
trust you ^{will} soon restore me to my much
valued home with my happiness and
and comfort unimpaired by sixteen
Years of unhappiness spent in an
Asylum.

I trust I have not said too much
or too little - nor do I know your mind
concerning anything whatever - nor do
I know anything concerning the world
at large - therefore I may presumed
excusable for saying anything about
the world, as I think it capable of taking
care of itself, but I was at your
Coronation when a little Boy in Whitehall
I mean its celebration, and saw the first
printing Machine there. I wish you and
your family all the good I can wish
and believe me
to remain Yours very truly John Todd

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL
AMATEUR CONCERT.

Ambrose Larkworthy

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Exeter Institu-
tion

ment,

August 26th
1880.

My dear Sir

For the arrangement
of my release I am
allowed to leave this
Institution through the
Railway directors, provided
that they will give me
a ticket for a train
to Manchester as
have been made the
Arch Bishop of
Manchester, and

it is decided that
the Church has given
the Arch Bishop
of Keik Mepkow
and W. J. Mepkow
Parish by the power
of the Living God.
If you believe that
ordination is required
I am ready through
the Scotch Churchman
to state that I am
appointed as the

that Arch Bishop of
Westminster and
given that the Church
shop of England will
how ordain me thus, as
how by proper arrangement
as I was made the
Arch Bishop of
the Lower the parish
that by the opportunity of
secured Mrs Home that
ought to have these
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I am given me my
as the Bishops Gordon

and Bishops that
of a lowther passage
and that also that
the Church must
admit that it must
have proceeded from
the first Bishop
of the West and
Bampton, and
from there have
been since divided
as the churches in
as well as situated
from the River in
Frenchesley Parish
If you chose to allow
me this right authority

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William Duffon

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Brighton Intitition

My Office Dumfries

Edinburg in my

my, Grace if, all is Well on, Monday
two or three weeks in as to directed, or
Steps. Mr. J. W. Allan, his word of
simpathy have been, responded to by
expressions, of gratitude. I hope, ~~you~~ ^{we}
be in want, of A few days only to
go of to shooting, to kepe up or
Correspondent, on the daily, alluded
to the fact that, we, can, considered
as to the, best, I myself, no object
has Alway, be to or calm the troubled
Heart, and whearever, we, to the;
Capital, of or Cuntry to kepe in
mind of or writs to maectain, success,
and. extension, of this singular, labour
to my mind as to the working, but
at home. I Pursue, the look, forward

amidst all or byways, of' Populous,
Cities, for us England, amidst the
most establishing or society would Profit
by or success Mr. ^{B. W.} Bucheairdson as
to consider the minds of or People
that there is a, God who ruleth in
reason to regard I remain in
Also Mr James Gempson to go with us
Majesty Also, Majestreich

By my hand,

William, Faulder, Dufton

son to take the name of
the Crichton Buildings
and be head Doctor
of this government Asylum
under the state

I object to any one, but
an unmarried man we
require for this place
fond of Lectures Concerts
Dances Games Chess Whist
Cards Dominoes Balls
evening parties or Theatres
charades acting readings
among our own selves
only or within the building.

Insanity is caused by
pains on any part of the
body and also hunger, or
rage or pride or inquisitiveness
insanity or languid insanity
or want of sleep insanity
these are all caused by

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out of order, and the vessels
or veins connect the head
have an effect on the mind
Insanity is caused by sorcery
Divination witchcraft
necromancy helps to fill
assemblies more than any
thing else and division
in the church or in the family
these causes pride rage
and forcing your opinions
on other people unasked
causes rank madness
and fill assemblies ~~here~~
just as bad as hatred pride
envy covetousness striking
or kicking swearing madness
caused by derrangement
inside the stomach
The new doctor for this place
must be handsome and
nice face and well made

and nice eyes nose ears
cheeks and nice legs and feet
I think a married couple
the most selfish creatures
alive on God's earth and
you may have some
Scotch people relations
called Crichton and they
might take the situation
for their merit & exchange
some day old age will
turn people out of the place
or bad health or disease
I know the English hate Scotland
for they could not see republic
in England for they are a
burden of the present nobility
in England for they are only
the poor farmers or people
and the grand title is of
no use in God's sight for
they are only companions
to harlots all the nobility