

Burgess

The Lambert Fund

to the Editor of the Glasgow
weekly mail

Sir, The present condition of
James Lambert is this. He
is in an almshouse, safe
from the worst ^{storms} of life.
I conclude he is well fed; and
I know he is well clothed, because
the worthy Treasurer holds money
and clothes from me, and is
inclined to draw on me at
discretion.

But this condition of life lacks
two things, independence and
liberty. These things I think the

man has earned. Therefore my
 desire is - not to disturb his
 mind on his condition till
 I can really better the latter.
~~Meaning what I am trying to do~~
 to ^{but mean more to} raise a fund and buy
 a government annuity of £40 a
 year. Should I succeed, this
 fund will be handed over to trustees
 to be paid weekly to James Lambut.
 These trustees must be Glasgow men
 and I shall not scruple to ask
 the chief officer of the ~~Bank~~
 Bank to assist or advise me
 in that detail... The Lambut
 Fund at present stands for at
 £150. which is scarcely one
 third of the sum required: but
 this is only a temporary chill
 I hope. It has been caused by
 the unhappy spirit of ^{jealousy and} detraction

in two Glasgow papers. These I
have set it about that James
Lambert wrote the 2nd Subscription,
a very noble one, James in Glasgow
alone; and have said that to know him
things that are distinct should be
kept distinct; certainly James
Lambert has up claim on Glasgow
more than on the other side of the
English.: but that is no reason
why the English Subscription should
be charged with a false statement that
James Lambert wrote the 2nd
Subscription. How can that be
when he never controlled it? It
was paid weekly by a trustee: and
it lasted eleven years; and
eleven years are 572 weeks.
If people will only take all the
figures into consideration they will
perceive that the money went in the rent,
food, and clothes of a poor man

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~~I have the honor to be, Sir,~~

~~your obed^t Serv^t~~

Charles Meade

And a helpful woman.

Harry now declared my views
permitted me to express a hope
that if any body in Glasgow or
Scotland is willing to cooperate
in them he will be good enough
to send his donations to
"The Lambert Fund" Messrs Hones
& Co. 16 St James's St. London.
At the same time I will ask
you to send me a line with
the payment, because it is my wish
to print in my next edition the
names of all the donors: and I
fully believe that the descendants of
these ladies and gentlemen will find
with some satisfaction the names of their
names, as the names of people
who were before their age, since
they had brains enough in their skulls
to see that a man may be a Hero
without a red coat, and blood
enough in their veins to feel for
a great human Benefactor, whom God has appointed

THE LAMBERT FUND.

LETTER FROM MR CHARLES READE.

Sir,—The present condition of James Lambert is this. He is in an almshouse, safe from the worst storms of life. I conclude he is well fed; and I know he is well clothed, because the worthy treasurer holds money and clothes from me, and is instructed to draw on me at discretion. But this condition of life lacks two things— independence and liberty. These things, I think, the man has earned. Therefore, my desire is not to disturb his mind or his condition till I can really better the latter; but meantime to raise a fund, and buy a Government Annuity of £40 a year. Should I succeed, this fund will be handed over to trustees, to be paid weekly to James Lambert. These trustees must be Glasgow men; and I shall not scruple to ask the chief officers of the burgh to assist or advise me in that detail. The Lambert Fund at present hangs fire at £150, which is scarcely one-third of the sum required; but this is only a temporary chill I hope. It has been caused by the unhappy spirit of jealousy and detraction in two Glasgow papers. These have set it about that James Lambert wasted the first subscription, a very noble one, raised in Glasgow alone; and have said other things to lower him. Things that are distinct should be kept distinct; certainly James Lambert has *less claim on Glasgow now than on the other cities of the Empire*; but that is no reason why the English subscribers should be chilled by a false statement, that James Lambert wasted the last subscription. How can that be, when he never controlled it? It was paid weekly by a trustee, and it lasted eleven years; and eleven years are 572 weeks. If people will only take all the figures into consideration, they will find that the money went in the rent, food, and clothes of a blind man and a helpless woman. Having now declared my views, permit me to express a hope that if anybody in Glasgow or Scotland is willing to co-operate in them, he will be good enough to send his donation to “The Lambert Fund,” Messrs Herries & Co., 16 St James’s Street, London. At the same time, I will ask him to send *me* a line notifying the payment; because it is my wish to print in my next edition the names of all the donors. And I fully believe that the descendants of these ladies and gentlemen will point with some satisfaction to their progenitors’ names as the names of people who were before their age, since they had brains enough in their skulls to see that a man may be a hero without a red coat, and blood enough in their hearts to feel for a great human benefactor whom God has afflicted.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES READE.

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