

To John Leigh Philips
Manchester

Dear Sir

Left I should appear to make my book
of more consequence by withholding it than by
sending it I have folded it up in paper &
shall send it by tomorrow coach for your
perusal - My only request (which I am sure
you will excuse) is that for the present you
will keep it to yourself, unless you think Dr.
Ferriar would take the trouble of looking into
it, in which case I should be highly obliged
by his pointing out any prominent errors ~~as~~
as I shall also be by your remarks, ^{on my faults} which
it may not be too late to remedy as the vols
are yet in sheets & I cancel pages without
scruple -

I told you when I last had the pleasure

I might have had the gratification to thank you for your
present of a basket of Gray's milk which in this part of the
world are a singular treat - My best wishes attend Mrs. &
your increasing family -

of sitting at your hospitable table ~~blacked~~
~~excitable~~ that I continued to amuse
myself with scraping together coloured prints
of Plants; of which good, bad, & indifferent,
I have mustered a tolerable number &
have had the arrogance to attempt to
arrange them on the great scale of
Linnaeus, imitating certain people who
once began a building called the Tower
of Babel as a ladder to the world above
- I confess the journey I have undertaken
has no end, but if I amuse myself by
the way it is sufficient - when I have
mustered my army I intend to begin to
study the *Factus* of Botany, of which at
present I know nothing - In the mean
time tell me (for you know) by which *Ed.*
of Linnaeus I ought to marshal my troops

The *Subfield* translation is my present assistant
(2 vols of the genera, 2 of the species) but I
suspect some of the late foreign editions (as
Gmelin's) w^d be a better guide; & as I
write the name of the Plant on each leaf
I wish to be tolerably accurate in my
arrangement - I have endeavoured to get them
for some time past & sent a *coupl.* to Allans
sale without effect - The works I have already
cut up - are *Jurris*'s *publ.*^{us} *large & small*
Journele *Hortus Amstelodamensis* - 2
vols - good, but old & frequently ^{than} wanting the
participation, the plants having been but
lately introduced - part of the *Fla. Neap.*
& *Flora Danica* - The 1st vol. of *Jacquin* *Plant.*
Rard. - I wish I could get both of his other
works but I fear they are too high - The
Hortus Romanus 4 vols - very rough, but useful
in a collection in cases where better are not
to be had - *J. Smith's* *publ.*^{us} *large & small*

very good, but rather too neat - Some of those
 I most approve are a few prints by Jungmann
 a German which seems to be unimpaired
 from the plants somewhat in the manner
 of Leiper, excellently col.^d yet not ostentatious
 so as to be a near imitation of nature
 & at small expense - I sho^d also have
 ment^d the Plant Vicum by Erst &
 published by Trew - too pompous & on a
 larger scale than necessary. I have want^d
 these that in case you can recommend
 any others worth my notice I may
 benefit by your advice - (aid I but persuade
 you to begin a similar plan we might
 be of infinite service to each other by an
 exchange of duplicates, but you converse
 with living beauty - I only admire her picture
 my comfort is that when she fades with
 you she continues to bloom with me, &
 that whilst your coy Doxies require constant
 coaxing, my Seraglio is always the same
 I am my friend ever truly yours
 W. Roscoe

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Address ROSCOE CLUB 1818
 The annual general meeting of this excellent insti-
 tution was held last evening, Henry R. Sandbach, Esq., in
 the chair. The secretary read a lengthy and well-
 written report of the proceedings of the club for the last
 year, from which it appeared that there were nearly 800
 members, exclusive of the associate members from the
 Mechanics' Institution, numbering between 50 and 60.
 The report went on to state that the satisfactory condition
 and the flourishing condition of the club house,
 in the financial relation, it was shown by a detailed
 statement of the accounts, that the current expenditure of
 and that only a general effort was required to pay off
 the outlay for the additional furniture, and em-
 bellishments of the new premises, to establish on a secure
 and lasting basis, what was emphatically described as one
 of the best institutions in the country. A resolution in
 favour of this object was unanimously passed; and after the
 election of a new Council, and office-bearers for the
 ensuing year, and the usual routine resolutions on such
 the occasion, a vote of thanks to H. R. Sandbach, Esq.,
 who was re-elected President of the club, was carried by
 acclamation, and the meeting separated.
 We go to press too early after the meeting to admit of
 giving a more lengthened report of the proceedings; but
 we hope on a future occasion to have the pleasure of
 giving, in another form, a detailed account of the ad-
 vances made out by the admirable institution to the young
 men of the town. We understand that the report, or
 the greater part of it, will be shortly published in a jour-
 nal about to be issued by gentlemen connected with the
 club, to be entitled the *Roscoe Magazine*.

IMPERIAL NOTICE OF LIVERPOOL.

"In the recently published tour of their Imperial
 Highnesses the Archdukes John and Lewis of Austria,
 we find honorable mention of our native town: from
 which we select the following extract:—
 "On the 16th of November we arrived at Liverpool,
 acquainted with Mr. Roscoe and his son, which gave us
 the advantage of seeing all the curiosities of the town in
 the short time we could bestow upon them.
 "On Sunday the 17th, we went to Allerton, a country
 seat belonging to Mr. Roscoe. We found there a copy-
 ing collection of pictures, and a select library, which
 contained all the curious productions of the Italian line-
 man Mr. Roscoe, celebrated as the author of the
 "Fire of Lorenzo de' Medici and Leo die Tenth," has
 never been in Italy, but speaks the Italian very well,
 and corresponds with the most distinguished literati of
 that country.
 "On the 18th we visited many manufactories in Liver-
 pool: a great rope manufactory, a machine to saw
 boards, and a sugar refinery, which appeared to us in-
 ferior to those we have seen in Austria. There are fine
 such refineries in Liverpool. The botanic garden is
 very large, and rich in exotic plants; it seemed a fault
 that the shrubs and herbaceous plants are placed in pic-
 ture groups, as in the English gardens, by which
 the object of a botanic garden, namely, the study of
 the science, is rendered more difficult. An institution
 worth seeing, and which does honour to the inhabitants
 of Liverpool, is the school of industry for the blind,
 which was established by subscription. The building
 forms a long parallel-oblong; it contains sleeping rooms
 for the blind, and rooms for their instruction: one
 wing is provided with a corridor; and at the back part
 of the house are several workshops. Blind persons of
 all ages are received, well fed, and clothed. In the
 year 1814 there were four hundred and eleven in the
 house. Their principal work consists in spinning, bas-
 kets, making, cloth and carpet weaving, &c.: those who
 have a disposition for music are instructed in it. We
 heard several of them sing: they had very agreeable
 voices."
 April 24 1818.
 CARLTON WITHOUT HORSES.