

I had a letter from one of the fellows
that sailed with me, he was the one
I liked best on board, saying he
should like to get work near me,
So Mr. Lees said that I might write
to him so I did & he has come & he
takes my place & I take the mans that
has left, he is a nice fellow his name
is Albert Gray from some village near
Manchester, I have a little more work
to go now, I have three horses & a
double plough it is easy work, but
I have to look after them on Sunday
& ride round to see that the beasts
are all right but I get done about ten
o'clock & there is no Church here in
the morning, so it is not so bad for me.
& now I must tell you about the ^{lecturers}
they are all seals up here & I have
joined them, nearly all the young
fellows are tatts they say it is no use
if they are not we meet every Thursday
evening in the school room & have
singing &c we are going to have

a concert next week & I am going to
sing the Miller of the Dee, I did not
tell you in my last letter for I had
not joined them, but I have not looked
a drop of anything since I have landed
& I dont mean to that's another thing.
I shall keep that letter from Mr. Baker
it may come in handy if I go to ^{the} ^{place}
in time, I have heard nothing from
Francis, I wrote to the post Office ⁱⁿ
but have not had an answer yet.
You were a long time getting my
letters I sent on board, the vessel was
going to Antwerp it must have had
a bad voyage or you would have
had them sooner, & I wonder you
had not seen the arrival of the ship
in the newspaper before you sent your
letter for you wrote on the 21st & we
landed on the 17th of April but you
saw it soon after I expect
We have had winter here the last week
there was ice two or three mornings
but it melts in the sun very soon