

14 Sunderland Street
Sunderland

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Dear Sir

I have made enquiry
from several Ship Owners here
since my return home, and I
find none of them ever has paid
poor rates for their shipping. There
is now a motion to that effect
which is being pushed forward
here by some of the wardens,
and I am told that it will be
successful. at least such is the
idea of a friend of mine who is
a large owner.

The enclosed will give you the
particulars respecting Estlin's
refuse I spoke to you of

Whitman is now in Canada on
a visit to a Doctor there who
is interested himself in promoting
through the papers his thoughts
of Whitman & his Works. —
he has sent me two papers —
wherein I learn Whitman likes
Sir W. Scotts Works. having read some
of them 6 times. especially the
Heart of Midlothian. he does not
care so much for Dickens & Robert
Harte. he considers they are ac-
-tually the working classes. and
Miners. he seems in good spirit
and to like his reception there
by the people. he says he
has gone to look at the
people and the Country —

Mr Scott was leaving home, or
I would have got you the
copy of the first Edition of
Leaves of Grass. I also had
no opportunity of seeing you again,
owing to a friend having come to
London. that had not been to
see it before. to whom I had
to act as a guide the whole
of the remaining time I was in
London. I left and went down
to Sheffield to see Perkins's
even. at which I stayed two
days very pleasantly. examining
the Specimens. Engraving. Coins,
Crystals &c with walks in the
neighbourhood, which is
very beautiful indeed.

The keeper of the Museum is a
very nice kindly man and
his Wife altogether my visit
gave me great delight and profit;

It is pleasant to think that

the neighbourhood of my
town, such an institution

should exist for the joy

and training of thoughtful men

free to all comers. There

is an acre of land attached

to it, which is well cultivated

and adds much to the English

and rural character of the place.

I send you the periodical

promised, the other will follow

next week. Yours truly
Thomas Dixon