

**Gibson, John** (b. 1790, d. 1866), English sculptor; born near Conway; the son of a market-gardener; worked in the studios of Canova and Thorwaldsen; revived the use of colour in statuary, and gave a fine example in his tinted *Venus*; elected to the Royal Academy in 1836; lived chiefly at Rome, where he died. Among the best specimens of his art are *The Hours leading the Chariot of the Sun*, and *Phäethon driving the Chariot of the Sun*, *Hylas and the Nymphs*, as well as portraits of the Queen and Huskisson in Westminster Palace, and of Sir R. Peel in the Abbey.

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Country in a few days.

I left Rome on the 22<sup>d</sup> July  
& I only wrote yesterday to Miss  
Hosmer. I have not heard from  
her, nor do I expect now for by  
the time she receives mine I  
will be about to start.

I remain, my dear Mr Jamson,  
ever affectionately  
Yours

L. Habington

at Henry Sandbach Esq  
Hafodunos  
Blanwrest  
N. Wales

6<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1858

My dear Mr Jamson

I have now to acknowledge  
the receipt of two kind letters from  
you — I appear negligent, you  
ought to have received my best  
thanks long ago. I have been close-  
ly engaged for some days — Here  
I am in Wales modelling the bust  
of my friend Henry Sandbach  
who is the possessor of my Hun-  
ter, the Aurora, a nymph by Wyatt  
& one by Spence. he has ordered me  
to execute for him a repetition on



of my Sapposilios of the Hours  
& the horses to be placed on the  
wall between the statues.

also in a small place, he wishes  
to put a Sapposilios which I am  
to execute from my design of  
Christ blessing the children. &  
he wishes the portrait of his wife  
& child which may be done.

I am glad that my sketch in  
plaster of the wounded warrior  
& the woman is still in your  
mind. your approbation

of that composition encourages me  
in my intention to model it on a  
large scale. I think the subject is  
pleasing to the feelings, when that  
is the case it is an advantage to  
the work. Heroism in the  
man & devotion in the woman.

I am sorry to find that you  
~~are~~ have been unwell. I hope  
you will return to Rome this  
winter. The climate here is al-  
ready bad, rains & wind al-  
most every day. I should not  
like to reside here always.  
Unless I get tired of the



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John Gibson  
Sculptor

W. 1791

Aurora. Wounded Amazon. Venus

27 Burg St  
St James's  
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My dear Leslie

It would have given me the greatest pleasure to accept yr kind invitation to dinner but I am engaged to dine on Sunday next with my Patron Mr Saml Gask who has arrived here from Wales. it was yesterday I received his invitation.

Will you kindly present my respectful compliments to Mrs Leslie.

I remain very sincerely yours  
John Gibson

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