

furniture So if, receive
a telegram before, leave
home to go to the sale
& will buy it unless
the clock happens to fetch
more than the reverse

I am yours Truly
John Walker

ppp
A telegram as follows
will reach me safe

Walker
40 Castle Street
West Street
Leeds

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Furniture Dealer
Walker
40 Castle Street
West Street
Leeds
Feb 24/96
And Feb 28/96
by Telegram
and letter
J.C.C.

I cannot see no
other way. But addressing
a letter to you in haste
an old gentlemen died near
here. This is a most
famous and antique
black oak long case clock
all carved with swords
spears, battle axes, and
lots of other carvings
also an Eagles Head
or some kind of Head
with a fish in the mouth
and a name Peter Beethford
By all accounts the late
old gentleman that has
been in possession of the

loved as Butter in a good
Jenny at Rushmore Lodge
or "grange". The clock
contains a brass dial
the long carved case
is in fine condition
but require a little
repairs at the summer
it is very little worse
for its age. This is
a date 1783. The clock
door and bottom panel
is all carved in arched
this is a small reserve
of five pounds upon it
but & do not think
dealers will give that
sum. Here is no trade
for old things here. The
clock wants to be
at Scarbro or London
to fetch a price

I informed the deceased
relations that the family
at Rushmore Lodge would
sell the People to buy
the of the curving the
of this family. If my
letter reach the family
at Rushmore Lodge, if
they will give me eight
pounds for the clock, I shall
be open to buy it and
send it to your nearest
station. This is not a
moment to lose in my
getting a telegram from
your end of the world
the sale will be over
before I can get a letter
by telegram. I think
the family at Rushmore
Lodge or "grange" should
be entitled to the clock
as it is a bargain to
any private collectors
that admires real old

on the matter, and find when
I look at all the circumstances
of the case... after serious
consideration that it is a
long price to pay for me to
give or speculate upon
and also it is a long
way to send an old
thing... been so subject
to shunting on the line
and if the clock happens
to get damaged in any
way you may refuse to
take it. Old things are
also subject through
old age to come from
the South. At the same
time the clock seems
in very sound condition
and not much worn
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40 Castle Street
West Street
Leeds,
Feb. 20/96

Dear Sir

I have received your telegram
of offer of £8 for the
ancient old clock. The
sale is over. But you
are still have the pleasure
of coming the owner of
it. The clock was bought
in as it did not make
the reserve. Six pounds
from only a cottage
sale. and also badly
advertised. It was
simply advertised as
a ordinary clock
The auctioneer said
of it was in London

Sale rooms no one can
tell the money it might
relied at any rate
thus is no sale for
old things here: better
class people do not feel
to care or do not admire
old things here: what
old things we buy
the dealers' dealers come
at times and collect
it up there were no
buyers of old oak at the
sale. The cloth was
bought in for four
pounds ten shillings
& sold at a speculation
for four pounds seven and
six pence. it was

with drawers. The present
owner state that a
dealer once offered £10
for it when the cloth
was in Lancashire
the present owner lives
in Lancashire - and
as the sale is over
and the owners are taking
the great cloth with
them, as soon as I received
your telegram I went
direct to see them
and showed them your
telegram that you required
the cloth. They do not
leave till Monday
& informed them I
would write to you

to see that it is
put on the time for
you safe. you can
inform the station
master that he is to
receive the clock packed
and consigned to you
before he gives me
the £8. This is a
Surety for you as I
am a stranger to you
and as I say again I
feel full hearted as
my small way of
business to lay down
£6. so I have laid the
case before you, and
if you are wishfull to

come the owner of the clock
at £8 and you at once
telegraph to me that
you agree to my letter
I will on the strength
of your telegrams go and
see it is and properly
packed for you. if you
do not wish to trouble
the railway Company
by depositing the £8
with them and wish
to honour me with
the £8, shall be
pleas'd to receive
it. But as I am
a stranger to you
you have the full
privilege of sending the
£8 to Rotterdam

5/ and not much worse
for its age. The long case
is most handsome in
the grain of the oak
and I undertake also
to guarantee that the
case is in splendid
condition and the
dial is an antique brass
a Bacon face it is
handsome - the only
difficulty now in
the matter is I feel
saint hearted in laying
down £6. in case
of any unseen dispute
after you receive it
But this is a honorable

way to do as I feel
saint hearted to lay
down the £6. as I am
a utter stranger to you
I am open to deliver
the clock properly packed
and safe in the hands
of the railway company
officials at Bramely
Station which is
on the Great Northern
railway. I am open for
you to deposit the
£8. with the Station
Master at Bramely
Station and to inform
him to take possession
of the clock and

1289

So if I receive a
telegram from you
before the clock, as
left for Lancashire
I will see to it
been sent that
as some great army
and a Bad with
a fish in its mouth
then as spears and
Bottle and
men with Helmets
on the Head

Bramley Station.

If you send the
Ld to the Passenger
Station Master you
will see by the
enclosed that this
is a station as described

Security, as I am a stranger
to you, you could instruct
the Station Master to see
it of all safe you for you
which we don't he would
be glad to see it safe
on the railway for you
& saw the Lady that still
possess the clock. She is taking
the clock with her to
her own home. I have
seen her since, got
your letter, and she will
be leaving York here
some time on Tuesday
& I receive a telegram
from you before the
clock leaves, & can
now to have to Bramely
she is staying at her
aunt's, and the clock
and Procter is now
at her aunt's, getting
packed to go with her

40 Castle Street
San Walker West Street (B459)
Feb 29/96
I again drop a letter with
your postal address, & answer
your letter from the telegrams
to Rushmore Lodge by Shaftesbury
dorsel. But you letter
concerning to handle the letter
states your address is Rushmore
Salisbury. So as I do not
feel sure of you getting
my post letter direct,
it may be some time before
the first letter reaches you
or it may land. Back
here, I wrote direct to
you a special letter, con-
cerning the clock, and
I addressed the letter to
General Pitt Rivers, Rush-
more Lodge, Shaftesbury

Co Dorset... so as I see
your direct postal address
is Rushmore Salisbury
Wiltshire. So my first
letter may not reach you
directly. I wrote you a special
letter concerning the clock
that - looking at various
circumstances of the case
and having an antique
clock to deliver so far
if the clock came to
damages - you may not
like to pay the full
amount. of course on
the other hand if I was
getting a vast profit out
of the clock - then could
have afforded to risked
delivering the clock. But
as I am only going to get
a very little profit out
of the clock - it is a

great undertaking for me
to pay £6 for the clock
also it will cost me
more of £7 in time and
packing and getting to
a station - my last letter
I wrote to you the day I
received the telegram. I
suggested the way that
you could still come
the owner of Peter Beckford's
carved clock - I suggested
as I am a stranger to you
that you could deposit the
£8 with the Station Master
at Bramley Station near
Leeds. And you could
have instructed the Station
Master to hold the £8
until he got the clock
safely into his possession
consigned to you. This was
giving you ample

to go with her. So if it be
a pleasure to you to deposit
the £8 with the Station
Master at Bramely Station
and that you instruct him
to exchange me the money
for the cloth is a honest
direct business way that
I can suggest to you. on
the other hand if I had
your assurance by telegram
that no unseen dispute
arise after delivery of
the cloth to you it would
then altho the circumstances
of the case as I again say
& only or simply feel
faint hearted in sending
an old cloth so far
in case it get broken
or any unseen dispute
arise. that may be the
risk of the cloth been
sent back on my hands

in case you was displeas'd
with it or it was damaged
on the railway. It is as
I say, makes one fearful
hesitated in paying £6 and
all costs and time in
the matter - considering there
is no profit to risk it
at the same time if I had
a good assurance from
you that the £8 will
be sent on delivery
and no unseemly disputes
to arise after delivery
& then would secure
the cloth and send it
so if I receive a telegram
from you at once that
you have already sent
the £8 to Bramley station
or to me I will see
to it being properly
pack'd and safe on

the railway. I am at a loss
what to do in the matter
& do you not wish you to
lose sight of it. There
is no real fear that
the fine old cloth will
please you and I will
be satisfied. So if I receive
any message from you
before the cloth is gone
I will quickly attend to
the matter

I am yours Truly
John Walker

I have informed the
owner that I should
now get your final
answer.

40 Castle Street
West Street

(B459)

Mr Walker

And
Mar. 6/96

Leeds

March 4th 1916

I received your letter
about the clock of
course the clock case
is in most splendid
order and no doubt would
have come safely. But
in my small way
of business I felt bound
at the length of the matter
as it would be serious
to me if the clock were
on my hands in case
General Rivers did not
like it the least en-
couragement would
have caused me to
have bought it and
sent it as have been
to see the lady at

Bramely and I have tried
to induce her to send it
to you her self. But she
is not advised to part
with it without a pay
for it. She is left Bramely
and as left the cloth
with her agents to send
after her by goods train
But the owners informed
me she would stand
responsible for any damage
if I paid for it. This of
course is one great
responsibility of my shoulders
So the responsibility of
damage will be of
your shoulders. So I now
send you a pure sketch
of the long case. front
Just were the carrying
is. But I have not

drawn the very top. I thought
you were entitled to have
some idea of the case
front part and if you
are willing to purchase
the cloth from the sketch
I enclose you... and as we
now take of the responsibility
of the damages of any
and also as we guarantee
the cloth in fine condition
except cleaning and very
trifle will put it in as good
condition as ever it was
if you are open to purchase
it upon these conditions
it will be sent you
the £8 on delivery.

I am yours truly
John Walker

1283

Peter

Beckford

spurs

helmet

battle axe

sword

spurs

bellows

bellows



a bird with
feet in the
mouth

here about it. I will
write to you again - it
will be remarkable if
it is lost sight of
at the end of all
our correspondence
it will be a pity in one
sense as you most
certainly could not
have But. admired
it. I am your truly
John Walker

40 Castle Street
Wick Street
Leeds (2459)

My
March 12/96
I have up to day
been unable to get possession
of the quaint old cloths
& have been twice the
first time & went to
brandy for the possession
of the cloths was from
home & went again to
day & the possessors
informed me they had
not heard of me been
thus for it while
she was away & and
thus fore had dispatched
the cloths to her niece
in Lancashire. So whether
& shall you get possession
of it or not is a question
whether the Niece after

getting home in Lancashire
as considered to have it
sent here by advice of
some dealer there - at any
rate I have written to
her and I have instructed
her to send the clock
direct to you from Lancas-
shire and to drop me
a letter if she is open
to accept the £6 for
she which I have in-
formed her I am
open to send her
the £6 on hearing
from ~~you~~ her in
Lancashire. when
I went the first time
to Bramly for it
and could not get
it I left word

next door that I had
been for it. But the
people I left word
with - over looked
informing the people
that I had been. So
if I get a letter from
Lancashire that the clock
is to be sent your
from there I will send
the £6 to her and
the clock will come
direct from Lancashire
if it is to come back
here. I shall have to
pay the carriage
fare of it back here -
So to save me any expense
I desire the Lady to
send it to you from
there direct. So if I

I think get it up to
Dunsmore more safe
than heavy carts or
waggons of your own
the most special point
is in getting it from
Lisbury Station to
Dunsmore as your
state it as ten miles
to go by road to
Dunsmore. I sincerely
trust you will receive
the cloth all safe
and you will kindly
let me hear as soon
as you receive it &
the cloth will be
at Libury no later
than Thursday morning
or Wednesday night
before. I am yours truly
John Walker

40 Castle Street + West Street
Lis Libury Feels March 30/90
I got a letter from the Lady
that as the cloth is my
Pancaker her brother
that is a Soldier my
pretends had a little
desire to have the
cloth. But she would
have to keep it for
him over two years
as his Service as a
Soldier wont expire
over two years. and
his regiment is expected
according to her letter
to move into the
East. she informed me
that if I sent her £6
she would send the
cloth to me. I sent
her the £6. and cleared

her to send it direct
to Tisbury Station & But
she dropped me a post
card to say as I was
the purchaser of the
clock. she preferred to
send it here. It arrived
here this afternoon
all appearance seems
to be well packed
so I have not opened
them out. I have for-
warded them to your
ward as arrived here
from Oldham in Lancashire
The lady informed
the brass face is
in the Brown parcel
the pendulum is
packed along with
the clock. But the
lady informs me

the weight a lead
weight got lost
in going from
Yorkshire to Lancashire
as regards the lead
weights you can get
them at 3d per pound
or from 1/0 each. all
is perfect except
the weight is not
with them. I have
found I can get
express goods that
will bring it through
earlier and safer &
than by slow goods
when it arrives
at Tisbury. If you
have carriers carts
that goes to Tisbury
the carrier would

P.S.

I shall also be pleased
to hear if you are well
pleased with the old
thing - and as I have
had a lot of writing
back wasch and forward
and even had to go to
Bromley district twice
and I also have paid
for it coming back
from Lancaster
if you really think I
deserve a few shillings
more I shall be thankful
for it. I shall feel
very anxious about the
clocks safe arrival
so you will not fail
to let me know of it
as arrived safe