



*with the
compliments of*

David Griffith Jones

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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The Right Hon.,
Mr. port. Thatcher

The Prime Minister,
10 Downing St.
London. W.

STATION ROAD T.50
WORKINGTON.
CUMBRIA.

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Dear Prime Minister,

This area of West Cumbria
is one that has the highest
unemployment percentage.

It is probably because of
its remoteness, always suffered
from this insidious disease.

By the closure of the
Foudry at Drington Engineering,
our position will be intolerable.

As a Sub/Porter I am

more aware than others the about
the employment benefits that is possible,

It is necessary for the
well being of the people that they
are allowed hope if their freedom
is closed even hope will have
been taken away from them.

In your deliberations I
trust you will find it possible
and necessary for such work
to be retained in the area.

Yours faithfully
R. H. H. H. H. H.

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SUA/Postmaster.

WHITEHAVEN & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

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WHITEHAVEN, CUMBRIA.~~

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SOLWAY HOUSE,
SOLWAY VIEW,
WHITEHAVEN, CUMBRIA.



President-Chairman : P.F. Johnstone.

Vice-President : D. Tembey,

Treasurer : W. Rook.

General Secretary : S. Williams.

16th March 1981.

Dear Madam Prime Minister,

re; - Job Losses Distington Engineering Company
Foundry.

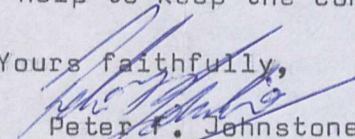
We are writing to you to ask you to seriously consider the effect on West Cumbria that the loss of a further 400 jobs in the area will have on the community as a whole.

The Chamber which represents a high proportion of Traders in Whitehaven & District are deeply concerned about the steady decline of job prospects for the young and the level of trade which will inevitably add to the already high unemployment in the area.

The Chamber is finding it increasingly more difficult to remain optimistic about the ability of West Cumbria to climb back when the present recession ends because of the loss to the community of its traditional industries.

May we urge you to give great consideration to any proposition which may improve the job prospects in the area and help to keep the community of West Cumbria viable.

Yours faithfully,


Peter F. Johnstone,
President

38, CHURCH RD,
HARRINGTON

WORKINGTON

CUMBRIA

17 March 1981

Dear Sir or Madam,

I own a small
Hairdressing shop run by myself
with two part time helpers. I would
like to put my protest towards the
closure of the Foundry at D.E.G.
I have always voted Conservative
because I believe in most of their
policies and understood that there
had to be cutbacks at the Steel Works
for it to pay. But I don't think the
Government realises how these closures
are going to affect this area. The
majority of my customers are involved
one way or another with these closures
this in the end affects me as a

business women. I was always taught by my parents "who allso are Conservatives" that if I wanted anything in this world I had to goe out and work for it, which I have done since I ~~g~~ left school but through these redurdancies I am going to be stopped from doing this.

Yours faithfully

M. A. Wood

KATHLEEN DAVIES (CRAFTS) LIMITED

11, St. Johns Arcade
Workington
Cumbria CA14 3BE

13th March 1981

The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London.

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing asking for you to have investigated the imminent closure of

Distington Foundry
Chapel Bank Works
Workington.

As a business wholly dependant upon customers, many of whom are redundant or under threat of redundancy, the future is bleak.


The area has suffered severely due to the recession with Courtaulds and 'K' Shoes factories ceasing operation here and many of the lesser firms on short time working.

I am sure that every consideration has been made in determining the closure of the Foundry (Europe's most modern and largest under one roof) refurbished within the last two years to the most modern specifications but I do entreat you to consider the consequences to so many of your loyal followers if this Foundry is closed.

It is believed a further million pounds will be lost to the economy of the community should the Foundry close and the future jobs for our children would be lost leaving no course open except an exodus for the people.

May I thank you for reading this letter.

Yours faithfully,



P.S. Davies

DIRECTOR

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Nr Workington
Cumbria

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Dear Madam

As a member
of this community, I feel
it is in good cause to
support the proposals of the
members of Chapel Bank
foundery.

Yours sincerely

17th Mar 1981.

Kit John
Proprietor

I JONKINSON
NEWS AGENT
91 MAIN RD
EOSTON
WOLKINGTON

Dear Madam,
I would like to
ledge a strong objection to
the closure of D. E. Laundry
in Wokington. without a proper
survey being carried out.

I think after 7/1 million pounds
of tax payers money being spent
to modernise the laundry the
money should be put to good
use to keep it open
apart from the loss of present
jobs lost there will be
less training facilities for the
young sewing school. as a

now already black area.

There will also be a large loss of more than 1 million pounds per annum to the west Cumberland economy and this the county can not afford.

There will also be a large amount paid to the unemployed of state money which the state cannot afford. as the job prospects in the area are nil.
Trusting you can oblige.

Yours Faithfully
J. J. J. J.

Mrs. M. PAE
GROCER
38^A Church Rd
HARRINGTON
WORKINGTON
CUMBRIA

DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I AM A SMALL SHOP KEEPER AND
THE SMALL SHOP DEPENDS, ON THE PEOPLE
THAT LIVE IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT.

IF THEY CLOSE D.E.C AND BRITISH STEEL
A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE OUT OF WORK AND THAT
WILL AFFECT THE AREA AROUND US. AND IT IS BLACK
ENOUGH WITH PEOPLE ON SHORT TIME NEVER MIND OUT
OF WORK.

HAS YOU KNOW THE SMALL SHOP IS IT THE HARDEST
TRYING TO KEEP THE PRICES RIGHT FOR THE CUSTOMER
THIS IS MY BREAD AND BUTTER SO PLEASE THINK
TWICE BEFORE YOU MAKE A BIG MISTAKE AND
AND MAKE WORKINGTON GOD'S FOR-GOTTEN COUNTRY
BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NOTHING FOR THE MEN
AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS AREA

Yours faithfully

M. Pae