

one of the worst seasons on
record; but the influx of
foreign stuff into the English
market will bring the
proud aristocracy of this
Country to consider at any
rate it must affect them very
much indirectly. I never
saw such fine apples as
the American were this time
in Manchester. This Country
cannot touch them. I
bought a splendid barrel
of Newtown Pippins at Xmas
in a shop in town for £2.10
(grown in the States) the same
kind was offered at £2 a barrel
Canadian grown but they were
not so fine as those from the States.

The Gardens
Abney Hall
Chead
Manchester
27 Aug. - 1880.

Dear Professor Patterson
I duly rec^d your
very interesting letter of the
26 Dec. last. It is now
a good way into another
year but I hope nevertheless
& wish that it may
be a prosperous one to
you and yours. I have
not rec^d the day the
Edinburg Daily News copy
from you with the special
description of Texas there in