

Synopsis

A description of the expansion of Liverpool and the changes that came with it.

Themes: Impact of the railway upon cities;

Text Includes the following lines:-

There's Gloucester Street and Nelson Street, have had an alteration
They've pulled the most part of them down to make a railway station

Glossary:

Source of Text: Roy Palmer (Touch on the times ISBN 0140811826),
Gives his source as Cambridge University Library Madden 18/475

Music. No tune given

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Printer: John Harkness,

Where Printed: Preston

Author : Anonymous

Date: 1836

Notes of the song and Its Historical Context:

This is very similar to Bar240, "*Manchester's an Altered Town*". It is clear that one is a re-working of the other but it is impossible to establish which came first. Both songs mention the new police that were established in Liverpool in 1836 and Manchester in 1839 http://www.manchester-family-history-research.co.uk/new_page_33.htm.; both songs make mention of Zoological Gardens and both cities had zoos (Liverpool's opened in 1833 <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44435674@N00/5643461269/> and Manchester's in 1836 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belle_Vue_Zoological_Gardens); and, both songs were printed by Harkness of Preston.

Crown Street was the original Liverpool terminus of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway. Lime Street opened in 1836 and this may be the station mentioned in the song.

Roy Plamer (Touch on the times ISBN 0140811826), says that a version dealing with Preston also exists.