If you would be so good as to Advance this Money for me, and Nominate some Gentleman as a Trustee for you here to whom I would give the fullest Security our Law Requires In trust for you, As I would by no Means Expect it on any other Terms. — If it is at all in your Power to Relive me at present on this very Important Occasion (and I have the Greatest Confidence in the Goodness of your Heart) It would relive my Spirits from an Oppression from which I cannot Easily get from under. It appears very plainly from every Step that Doctr. M.Cormick has taken, that he wants to purchase, frequently Advising me to Sell out, & go to America But as the Property is so Valuable being a Lease of Perpetuity, and I have of Late been at so much Expence in Improving and Reclaiming it, by your own Instructions, which was to Ditch in one field every Year & go on from one year to Another untill I would finish, this I have carefully Observed, It is with the greatest Unwillingness and Reluctance I would part with it. And I am Resolved to hold it untill I have an Answer from You, and I am making my Self happy with the Expectation of a friendly One. In your Goodness alone my Sole Dependence is placed, for which you may be Assured of my most grateffull Acknowledgmts. About Six Months after you left this Country, My Brother by Law Silas Stein Insisted upon the payment of his Money, I wanted to pay him in Gales, but nothing less than the whole would Satisfie him; This with every Other Demands Distressed me greatly. — I have had the Addition of a Daughter whose Name is Frances since you were here, So that my Family now Consists of two Sons and three Daughters, Your Wifes Namesake Betty Ross is a fine thriving girl; As I Look upon a liberal Education to my Sons to be of the last Consequence to them, I have brought a Young Man into the House to teach them the Languages, and they are Indeed two very promising Boys, and have a very good Genius, and are diligent in their Application to their Books; It is Expensive Indeed, but as it is so Necessary, that I do not Value —

My Aunts and their Familys are all Well, and Owing to Your Freindly Interposition in Settling our Family Affairs while you were with us, We have lived upon the most amicable Terms, and Enjoy the most Social & happy Intercourse with one Another. — They all with my Wife and Family Joyn me in our most Sincerely Affectionate an Respectfull Compliments to You, and Mrs. Scott, and my Brother when you have an Opportunity of Seeing Them. — from Dear Sir Your most Affte. Nephew

Wm. Scott

P.S. As it is an Affair of the utmost Consequence to me, in my Present very particularly distrest Circumstances, that this Letter Should Come Safe to your Hands, I have sent a Duplicate of it, the two Letters by different Ships for fear of Miscarriage I have applied to Different Gentlmen for the Money but have not Succeeded, As Trade is now Flourishing Since the Commencement of the Peace, It is very Difficult and Indeed next to Impossible to get Cash to borrow, I have also Wrote to my Brother giving Him the Same Account of my present Condition. — — —

My Sole Reliance is on Your Humanity and Freindship. — —