Belfast 11 Nov 1807

Thos Verner Esqr

Copy of notice & Catalogue of a sale to be held at Mr Carsons Yard Ann Street on the 4 Inst at 12 O Clock –

A Quantity of Quebec Staves

18th – The Lease of a Store in Store Lane on Saturday the 21st Inst at one O Clock at the Exchange Room

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Cosgrave & Mollan
Dublin

Dr Sirs

I am favoured with yours of the 21 relative to the Trials misfortune & am glad to find that it was not so bad as was expected. There last night as you have determined to ship the Cargo I am in hopes the Johns will be with you in time to answer your purpose as she has had a fair wind since sailing

As this is a business the expence will come under a General average. I therefore beg leave to suggest the propriety of your having an average Bond signed before you permit the goods to be discharged, by the shippers otherwise both the expences on the Goods & the repairs of the vessel will fall on you or the Owners of the vessel, I am rather of opinion that if they insist on having the Cargo forwarded by another vessel that you should be paid the Freight, of this you can best judge how to act, I only mean to say that the Trade cannot afford making any compliments to the Publick & wd therefore have you to make the E as light on the Vessel as possible. I shall expect you to repeat the Voyage

Yours &c &c

Dorne

Mr Jno Knox
Ballinahile
Dromore

Belfast 23 Nov 1807

Sir In reply to your esteemed favour of the 23 Mr Crawford says that tomorrow week is the latest goods can be taken onboard the Elizabeth you will therefore be governed accordingly

Yours &c Bonne

P. 24 Inst
S. Wm

26th

Cosgrave & Mollan
Dublin

Dr Sir –

I am favd with yours of the 24th

Notwithstanding the respectability of your Information it is a position that I always had admitted that in case of a Vessel being stranded the damage & Expences outstanding came under the Denomination of a Genl average & that Consequently the Ship Freight & Cargo must respectively according to their Values Contribute to the repairing of the Vessel paying Demurrage &c & under that Idea I would certainly have an average Bond signed that is in case of Getting up or handing over the Cargo to any other Vessel neither of which I would do untill the Freight was paid for my opinion a Vessell having undertaken a Voyage shall due diligence being used to perform it by the Master &c but being prevented by an act of Providence as in the present case it is the Masters the Owners or the Agents Duty & their Right with the Vessell (can be repaired) to store the Cargo & Charge the Expence thereof untill the Vessell be ready to proceed with it, but in case the Owners insist ~~they~~ on having their Goods they may be indulged