23rd Feby 1808

Lagan and Mallard
Dublin

Sir

I am sorry to inform you that I last night received a letter informing that the Providence had struck on a Rock off the Harbour and was found in nearly full of water. The writer J. H. Reid Pilot adds that he had to the assistance was about to discharge the Cargo

23 Feby
Wm H

Yours truly
C Birnie

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Mess. J. Scott Renworthy
London

Gentlemen I rec.d from Mess. B & C. 2 Boxes of Linen
ISK #405 wh are for your Acct shipt on board the Lagan J. McCormick Mr for Liverpool care of Mr James Whitte there. The Lagan will sail first fair wind. The weather is now moderate for yr Good from

Do Wm
26 Inst

Yours &c
C Birnie

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Mr Wm Moore
Down

I can now offer you a vessel with carry about 300 Tons of Timber at 6 Pence Foot & 2/3 Port Chr to waite your reply in course if you can load her you had better accept the Offer. The Mr said nothing of cutting or where the Timber is to be measured

Inc.d both yours of the 10 & 17 but could say nothing to the purpose

Yrs &c
C Birnie

Endorsed 25 Inst Wm

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Thos Vernor Esqr
Excise Office

Catalogue of Goods to be Sold at Mess Greenlaw & Hare's Store on Monday the 29th Inst at one o'clock

66 Puncheons Rum

Birnie
Auctioneer

(Returned to this date)

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27 Feby 1808

To the Right Honble the Chief Commrs of his Majestys Excise Dublin

The Petition of C Birnie of Belfast Auctioneer

Humbly sheweth

That Petr has generally made his returns & paid the Duty thereon very punctually for the truth of wh he begs that yr Honors may refer to Thos Vernor Esqr Coll of this District

That Petr was lately under the unavoidable necessity of being often abroad, & when at home the severe indisposition of some of his Family required his attention insomuch that he found it absolutely impossible to pay sufficient attention to his business & therefore did not make any returns of his Auction Sales since the 1st Decr last consequently an Information has been filed against him to wh he has submitted relying to your Lordships

That Petr has now his returns made out & as soon as they are examd by the proper officers he will pay the Duties wh he hitherto has done & allways will do

Petr therefore submits his case to the mercy of your Hble Board, fondly hoping that your Lordships will be pleased to Exhonorate him from the payt of the fine wh the Law prescribes (in short the fact is that from the distresses already mentioned in his Family & other misfortunes he is totaly unable to pay any Fine without reducing them to absolute want) and Petr as in Duty bound will ever pray

C Birnie

Do 28 Inst Wm

Thos Vernor Esqr
Excise Office

Catalogue of Goods to be Sold on the 2d of March next at 10 o'clock at the Merchants Quay onboard the Dove

Two Cables cut on bd of Do Vessel for Accts of the Underwriters

C Birnie
Auctr