Mess.rs North & Kelsey
Wakefield

Belfast 27th Feb.y 1808

Gentlemen

I received from Mr D. Birnie, Jun.r Bros Lines Cloth packed N 1 to 2 which am shipt on board the Adventure Mr Kirkley M. for Liverpool, Capt Mess.rs J. & P. Smith & Co, Passage Paid & Bill of Lading which you can have if required.

The Adventure will sail full fair now for your Ports.

Yours &c

P. O. 28 Inst

Wm F.

D. Birnie

1 March

Wm Lawrence Coleraine

On receipt of y.r last letter I wrote to Martin to come & pay for y.r ½ of the Vessel & take charge of her he came to Town but did not pay any money he says he has wrote you & has been trifling back & forward ever since in fact it does not appear to me that he has either money or Friends, that will assist him, I am concerned that the vessel sh.d lye so long her expences be accumulating, I beg therefore that you will think of some plan to get her afloat

I am D.r Sir &c.

D. Birnie

P.S. Since writg the above I find that Martin told my young man that he w.d not give the full of the money he had offered for her it is therefore in my opinion in vain to do ought to them as a purchaser & no other has appeared

NB

P. 2 Inst

W. W.

Belfast 1 March 1808

Thos Verner Esqr Greiss Office

Catalogue of Goods to be sold on the 4 Inst at No 2 Leggs Lane to commence at 12 O'Clock

3 Hhds Sugar damaged by saltwater for Acct of the underwriters

D. Birnie Jun.r

Corry & Mollan Dublin

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In reply to y.r last favr I have examined your revised state of the old Acct & see nothing objectionable in it except the Wheat Freight w.h the Committee think you ought have recovered long since w.h I think there can be no risque in doing provided you have the Masters Protest properly made out of this you never informed me I hope the documents you have you certainly can judge by the advise of your Atty whether it be recoverable if not perhaps it w.d be best to Arbitrate in w.h case you ought to get first them to pay y.r Agents Bill of Costs

The £2.15.11 to Corrigan I will apply to him about

I had yesterday a meeting of the Committee the want of a correct statement of the Exp.s of repairing the Trial to enable them to see exactly how the business stands but in fact as to raising money to pay them I know not how that is to be accomplished, I also laid before them an Acct of Mess.rs Simms for 8 pipes of rice lost off Deck & stove in the Hold. Ship £86.7.8 — How came they to be on Deck was it by consent of the Shippers, you must find the Survey for that stove in the Hold — This Acct of £86.7.8 an Acct aw the Rope walk of £176.12.2 Back aw me about £160 & the Acct against the Trial for repairs all put together I assure you the Business a very gloomy complexion

When there are no funds to discharge them I have been always in advance from £600 to £800 & have no more to advance in fact I think no Individual here will — The Trade in my opinion sh.d either be supported by a third fund or given up as it seems to me the longer the worse