

to hear from David—that he had got a letter, if he had not the disappointment would have been great, besides my honor was concerned, for I told him I was pretty sure he would get an answer to his letter from some of the family, perhaps his mother, as you I supposed would have too much business to attend to & might not find time, but he assured me you would have more time than his mother, & often sat without doing any thing, ~~but~~ I told him that when you sat so, you were thinking, & that—that was much harder than working, he could not comprehend how it was possible, for it appeared to him that it was very easy to think—

I have it in contemplation to make a little tour to Longnewmore & that part of the country

which was the scene of my youth when every spot could please, but shall not for the present travel so far as Belfast, I do not like to leave Helen so long alone in this solitude which is so ill calculated to dispel the gloom that shadows

us— She desires me to thank you for the attention & trouble you will have had with her. Bob, & joins me in best respects to M<sup>r</sup> B—

Yours affectionately

M. Jones—

Craig the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1809—