Belfast 3° Feby 1811

Dear Sir

I was in hopes of receiving a letter from you before this, but as I ask was writing I take this opportunity of letting you know how the People in this part of the World are doing. For my own part Business has been extremely dull so much so, that I was obliged to give up the Office the first half year and I afterwards gave it but am very much hurt my old respected situation, but back as the General run of business was I could seldom or ever get fair play, as a certain person on the Quay who you know, was forever cutting me behind my back as usual. indeed I do not know very well what hand to turn myself to at present with my small family. I wish to God that I was near you, for I have had nothing but trouble since we parted from you. If you thought of any situation about yourself that would be of service to you I would be glad

If you write to Mr Alexr Cochran Belfast he will forward it to me. I have not heard from him since I left Belfast

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For Christopher Carroll
Worthy Barrace
Mary's County
Frederick County
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America

Belfast March 1st 1811

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 3rd ult. I was very much hurt at your situation, but as you write that you are in good health I think it a great blessing. I am very much obliged to you for your kind offer of assistance, but I hope it will not come to that yet. I have had a very bad season of it myself, I have been obliged to give up the Office I had for the last half year, and I am very much hurt at it, but as the General run of business was so bad I could seldom or never get fair play, as a certain person on the Quay who you know, was forever cutting me behind my back as usual. Indeed I do not know very well what hand to turn myself to at present with my small family. I wish to God that I was near you, for I have had nothing but trouble since we parted from you. If you thought of any situation about yourself that would be of service to you I would be glad

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