how to fix with him as I know nothing about the Wages, but incase of my not receiving farther instructions from you before that time, I may perhaps send him out and leave it to you, which he seems willing to agree to — a Wm Johnson the Smith has been with me he thinks the terms you mention too low and it does appear to me that at his time of life & in all eight of a family could not go out without a greater inducement so that I belive you needed expect him but when you next write to me please say what kind of Smith would suit you best, and if you could mention the Wages in Cash it wd be better understood than Garden or Cow keeping which they can form no idea of the Value of there where as they are generaly informed Land is to be had for allmost nothing but very high Wages for all kinds of work — I have had several conversations with Q. Cubbison but can make no settlement of it I havent got any payt of the Note from Mr Cameron nor do I expect it for I think he isnt likely to do much good, he tells me he has wrote to yourself. Mr Swift hasnt given any thing neither, so that I fear you will think me a bad agent in those matters but I assure you I cannot help it — I got the half years Rent at ~~Aug~~ Nov from Mr R. Delap & also from Mrs Dunlap but Mr Phelps refused to pay only by the year, neither could I get any out of Mr Lyle's hands altho I pushed him hard and didnt even ask him for Money due to myself and what I suppose will greatly surprise you is, that about the 20th of Decemr he became insolvent & has been made a Bankrupt, the way this took place, he had been in the habit of drawing on J. Gordon of Dublin which Dfts it now appears he had passed to the amt of £8000 and the great Mr Gordon stopped in the sum of £78,000 so that poor Lyle was left in the lurch and has not made any payt. Dunwell & I hold one of those Bills for £150 — I think it may be years or this business be settled and I dont know what may be done about Lyle's Holding, as no Tenant ever offered, so that I am afraid that his interest in the Leases will not sell & I understand it may be abandoned by his Assignees — John Gillis and Jno. M'Cracken have failed in large sums some time ago, the latest failure we have had is Thomson the Distiller in £16,000 with very little to make any payt. he owed me above £300 but I have had such a time of it since you left us that those kind of losses are become quite familiar to me

I havent room now to mention any your domestick affairs nor I belive is it necessary as Rose wrote to Mrs Birnie by the last Packet and Miss Mc Naghton by this conveyance and their accounts of those matters will far surpass any from yr sincere friend

Belfast 17th March 1811 — Wm Napier