more than mine; & as he had only his Salary to support him, it was not difficult to conjecture where it came from; I had even encreas'd his Salary (without an Application from him) as an inducement to Honesty — He is now rich & I am Poor, far seperated from every thing I hold dear, it is however the will of the Almighty it should be so, & at his Wise Decrees I must endeavour not to repine. — You are the only Person I ever took the smallest Pains to explain this unfortunate Transaction to, Probably the Explanation is not very Satisfactory. — Dr White I have not the Pleasure of being acquainted with, I would like it much as every Person I have heard speak of him represents him as a truly respectable Character — If you have occasion to communicate with him soon, & from anything I have stated you are enabled to make a favourable Impression, I should feel much oblig'd by your doing so — he might perhaps ~~be enabled to~~ have it in his Power to render me some service without much Trouble to himself, I would not expect, or wish it otherwise, & sure I am that no one will ever have reason to regret anything they may do or say in my favor. — The Account you give of your present Prospects are extremely agreeable to me, I sincerely hope (& have little doubt) your Expectations will be realized — Mrs Thomson & the Children have been living at the Brewry at N. T. Ards with Jas. & Mrs Scanlon since I left Ireland, their Attention to my Family has exceeded my most sanguine Expectations, it is the Wish of them all to come out to this Country immediately, but by a Letter I recd lately I find Mrs Thomsons friends are against her coming out, until I get into some settled Situation, by which I could provide for them, her Uncle in Lisburn & Brother in Bath, contribute towards their present support, & I believe would continue it so long as was necessary after they came here. If I could get a Situation in some respectable Counting House I have little fear of soon making myself very useful, there were few People more difficult to Please than Mr Cunningham; his Conduct to me shewed what his opinion of my Conduct & Abilities was; I could now labour as cheerfully as I did then, & I have much more Experience, you may add & some of it dearly bought too. Should I not be able to procure a Situation & that my Friends come out to America, I would propose investing in a Farm the small Sum they would bring out, say two or three Thousand Dollars, as the most certain Mode of procuring Food for my numerous & sweet little Family, there are not many better calculated to make Money off a Farm than Jas Scanlan & he is determined to come out with them, I was certainly always fond of mercantile Transactions & have the Vanity to think my Abilities are not of the meanest kind, notwithstanding my Misfortunes. I never made a Speculation of any Consequence but what I made money by it, I was certainly unfortunate in losing large Sums by bad Debts in the Country, frequently by being too lenient. — Should it be my lot to turn Farmer, if I am able I would prefer purchasing to renting a Farm I could not then be deprived of my Improvements — is any of those which you say will be out of Lease next year, such as would be likely to suit me, or do you know of any thing near you that would. Mrs Thomson was to have a small Fortune say about $2000 which fortunately she had never received, her Aunt Mrs Brown living on the Interest of it & some more Money, as she is now upwards of 70 years of age & very infirm, she is not likely to require it long. The Fields at Newtown Jas Scanlan had in fine Order & sown in Wheat last Winter, he would have clear'd at least £100 off them, when to his surprise at Nour L. Londonderry at the Instigation of his infernal Agent (Cleland) let him know he must deliver them up on being paid for his Seed & Labour, I hope the great disposer of all will deal more kindly to his, than he has to my Family — Let me hear from you on receipt of this, say what Progress you have made in the new House, so soon as I get to Baltimore I will certainly go & see you is there any Stages go your way, I suppose a Stranger