at that Time we had not got it. Dr Armstrong on his way to New York from Virginia spent two days with us last Week, he looks very well & is got very fat, he told me several Things which I was not before acquainted with viz of John Duncans Death at N. Orleans I think you knew him & also young Adams (of the House of McMaster & Adams) has fallen a Victim to that terrible Climate, little Jno Bell who used to live with your Friend Haslet was also a Clerk in N. Orleans but a Gentleman who lived about 30 Miles up the River & who had a large Sugar plantation & carried on some Manufactories, induced John to leave his place & go with him, the Man has since Died and has left no Heirs or legal

My dear Sir York 20th July 1812

I avail myself of Mr Donaldson going to your Town to write you, as some parts of your former Communications remains unanswered — I do not well know how the person you spoke of in Tawney Town & I could be useful to each other in the board way, unless it might be inconvenient for him to come down in Spring to purchase & that he might wish to employ me or some one near the scene of Action that he could depend on to buy for him on paying a reasonable recompence, indeed it is a laborious Business, or if he might run short of Boards in

Representatives that are known; of course, John holds on; for whom it may concern, you may guess who is likely to be Heir; how wonderful the Vicissitudes in this Life! Mr A saw a Son of Js Fergusons of Mt Pottinger he was returning from New York to North Carolina where he lives; his Brother lives about 20 Miles from him & both doing well, one of them lived with C. Sweeny — Allen who used to live with the Stevensons & young Will Tennant are both at New York, never sober unless necessity compels them, the latter lives chiefly on Tom Story. D. A. says Tom is worth from 15 to 20,000 Dollars. — I believe I inquired

Mr C. Birnie
Care of Mr Miller
Tawney Town

York 20th July
Mr Donaldson

He looks as just [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]