

Dear Sir,

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Yesterday I had a letter from our Friend Armstrong containing a good deal of Belfast Affairs, which I herewith inclose. If any fresh Evidence were wanting of the great uncertainty of every Thing in this world, it contains it, several of the people mentioned in it were certainly the most unlively of anyⁱⁿ Belfast to go backward in worldly affairs, from the Circumstance of young R. Simms coming to New York to establish a House for Jas Cunningham & Co. the latter of course cannot have failed. a letter I had from Dr White yesterday mentions many more, several of whose names are ~~new~~ ^{new} to me. — Mr Cathcart called on Friday Evening last to inform me he had a letter from Capt Gibbs's son, saying he had rode out immediately to Dr Gibbons to enquire about the Quicks who said Capt G. had spoke to him about them but had told him nothing about how to forward them. The fact is that Capt had intended forwarding them himself, but the unexpected peace & consequent Bustle in his line, had made him forget them. however it can now be so arranged that there need be little fear of disappointment next year, as you can correspond with the Doctor directly yourself, he said it was now too late, that not more than one half of them would be likely to grow. — did your people get plaister after being disappointed at Klines, they were to go to the Canal or Eips Landing next morning, at both of which places there was some, but they never called afterwards so that I know nothing of their operations — as to Business here our prospects brighten, the Cart has just returned from Carlisle where the only difficulty was to get it divided among them as two or three of them would have taken the 31 dozen. — we must ^{send} another Load the Moment we get the Bottles up from B. more, I have engaged 240 dozen which will cost about \$300, but one filling will