Dear Sir

York 4 April 1816

In reply to your Letter respecting the Report of my going to B. more, I have to observe that it did not arise from a beleif that the Business would not support the two Families, but from a supposition that it might be nearly as well conducted by one as by both, & thereby be save the expense of the second Family, by which in a few years it might be clear'd; under this Impression I wrote to Mr Oliver (having been informe that he wanted a person to keep his Books &c) & rec^d an immediate Answer saying he had lately engage a Mr Thomas formerly in the employ of Mr Hue Thompson & did not require another, he concluded by saying that if any place offered which he thought would suit me, he would not fail to let me know – I had no Intention of entering into Business in any Shape, that I would have considered too uncertain, but I had no doubt I could have supported my Family

25th I have been on the Wharf about the Barly & Sent William this morning to see if Eles habbing the Stage, it appears Eles has just driving; the Barly not worth Week; Therefore did not buy the Barly the Stage will not Run until it is too late for Sowing; & I am no prospect of any other Opportunity – If you run a Neighbour Waggon or going to B. more I shall be glad of the Opportunity of one Barly for Sale

Leonard Oliver

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York 4 April 1816
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G. Binnie Esqr

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Saml Willis has sold $350 Bushels of Barly off 1 field of 8 Acres from the State of the Foreign Markets any Crop is likely to fare Thos Wheat you were fortunate in selling the Tenc you did, as Celin's afterwards to $1.50 & from $1 to $8 & 1.50