Dear Father

Baltimore April 13th 1816

I received your letter of the 30th Instant accompanied with three letters & 6 hdfs, I have delivered them to the respective persons. I have not commenced French yet as I would either loose time at English or Latin & perhaps have to leave one in the middle of a lesson to attend to another. I think I can do without Cicero's Offices. I am in Carpenters measure in Mensuration & expect soon to be in Surveying. I suppose a grammar & Telemaque are all the Books I will require in French. I am not coming on as well as I would wish in Euclid for I cannot understand it. To save postage I send you a copy of Clagett's account & will give you the original when you come down

Mr Birnie — In ac with Clagett & Magruder

1816

March 13	To Cash paid him	$ 100
15 "	1 Ton plaster	15
		115

Cr

March 15th By 18 Bls 2d Rye Flour @ 5½ $ 99

Inspection 27 & 20 lbs light ... 1,7

Balance Due — 97,93

Clagett & Magruder

Rye flour is $5¾ Wheat $1 ½ out of the waggons Whiskey 72¢ & salt $1 per Bushel

I was trying on my summer cloths & I believe I have not any thing which will fit me but the taylor in Taney Town can cut out my clothes by my measure which he has some of my clothes will fit Upton this summer. Give my love to all

I remain your affectionate Son

C Birnie

Mr C Birnie
Taney Town
Frederick County

Baltimore 13th April 1816
Mr Birnie

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