Dear Father. May 8th 1844

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I received your letter & the Books by Mr Warner, but it was so late that I have not time to answer it. Since I wrote last last I am in Surveying & expect to be done with it again ~~this~~ August. You need not expect this letter to be well written as my desk is a parcel of Blankets laid on a chair, but with respect to my writing, I am not afraid of returning to my old scrawl although I may not write so well for a while as I did with Mr Forester until my hand is formed I sent the Pill by Warner & as I am not acquainted with many Irishmen I will find out & speak to Mr McClean to send some, who as I believe keeps a public house will be able to supply you with many Business is reviving for indeed it required it, Tell Margaret to enquire at the taylor in Moun for the measure of my clothes & not to make the coat tail so long for summer & to make my Vest the same as my blue striped. I sometimes collect acc^ts & copy letter for Mr Grimshaw since the young man is gone to Ireland. Last night by chance I met with a Mr Robison who knew you in Ireland he desire to be remembered to you & would have gone to see you but his time would not permit. I heard of Wm Mc Partlin & I believe he is doing very well. In the morning I study Euclid, at night I read & in the Middle of the day I either read or amuse my self. Give my love to all Tell Upton to write & I answer it. I remain Your Affectionate Son C Birnie

P.S. please send me a pair of green spectacles to read with