rest of that Amiable Family I sincerely trust
are well. not forgetting the Major - I shall not close
my Letter till after the Mail arrives Tomorrow
in hopes Sally & one of the Girls will be here
which we all long much for. as the time appears
very long to us all - when will you & Mrs Birney
come & see us. I trust you will pardon my
long silence. I intended to have given you an Acct
of my Journey home on Poor Dick. but Andrews
sudden movement almost put me to my Bed.
however after two Days hard Riding. I got home
safe & sound. for if Dick has all the faults
in the World. he is perfectly free from Stumbling

I have killed the Steer Duchess and
my own old Granny. and have them all
safe & well cured in Casks. and as much
of it Cut into Hanging Pieces as could
be made - & this Day has made Pickle
& Covered it. & when Stand shall send it
to Baltimore where I have no doubt
of getting a good Market for it - I was
only offered 6 Cent P lb for the Steer. and that
for hind Quarters. I knew my Creditor was
of the first Magnitude and thought this
the best made to save myself.

Friday 22d. The Stage is now
Come. but neither Sally nor Hester. what
is all this about. Nothing but Visiting &
Running through the Woods for some time will
do - Some requests as does Matilda
with your most obedient
to let them Come next Stage. and
if the Sleighing Season was once Come, I hope
to have the Pleasure of seeing Mrs Birney and
my little Rogers. and as many as can Come
How Comes on the Road. don't fret with
Hanlan or Peter be good to me. they are both
with Poor Pett noble Hands - what have
you done with the Rest of your fat Cattle.
Andy Little killed his Heifer which turned
out well - Duchess had a good lump of a Calf with
a little hair on it which I have sent to get Tanned
for a Cover for the Bible. She desired us all on
that respect - Write often and believe me
York 22d Novr 1816 Dear Sir
your ever Sincere
D. Hanlan