My Dear Sir

Ever since the Snow set in we have been on the look out for you my Neck is almost strained looking round the Corner yet no Mr. Birnie. I sincerely hope all are well. The Stage now arrived no letter which gives me some hopes of seeing you this Night. should this not be the case on receipt of this I would recommend you to Start while there is much good Sleighing. In consequence of expecting you some time ago I had two Fat Heritage killed. the are all gone. but I still have a few good ones. with a Nice little Pig. Come on my brave Irish hero. & with all the other good things you shall get a draft of Fine Ale. some good Whisky and a Hearty welcome

Port Talbot 12th Feby 1847
Yours Truly
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