Cold. But, thank God, the Seed-Time has been early, and continues to be the finest I ever saw. Hence we may expect an early Harvest & a plentiful Crop, if the Season continue favorable. The working and manufacturing Classes have thousands unemployed. In Towns, Multitudes are dependent on such Establishments, and the Country swarms with Mendicants. Our political situation is scarcely more favorable. Though the Countryes as quiet, as usual, Yet Sedition is taken pon very pretty Leaven & to proclaim whole Baronies out of the Peace; & in Ulster every Man, found out of his House, after nine O'Clock, is seized, convicted without Trial by Jury, and immediately transported. Police Magistrates are appointed, with large Salaries, and Spies & Informers, or rather Seducers of the ignorant and unwary, are prowling over all the proclaimed Districts. Of England and Scotland I may write nearly the Same. Want of employment & consequent Starvation are universally prevalent. The Acts of Parliament, passed last Session are more severe than ever those under which we groaned, and are still groaning. Arrests have taken Place, & Trials of Course, but none of them have turned out favorably to Ministry, or the Aristocracy.

I would be very glad of a long Letter from you as soon as you may have Time and Opportunity. I wish much to know which of the Provinces would be most favorable to Settlers in the agricultural Line; as great Preparations, I am told, are making for Emigration, against the ensuing Spring. Indeed, the Number would be very great this Season, could Money be raised to pay Passage &c. &c. As Things are, I think the Vessels, in the American Trade, will not be sufficient for their Accommodation. Of myself, I can write little, and that little is not flattering. My Persecutions have not yet ceased. Most heartily do I wish that I was on your Side of the Atlantic; but Mrs D.'s Fears & Weaknesses prevent the Attempt. She is now unable to use Crutches, and cannot be moved between her Bed & the Parlour, except in a Servant's Arms. Of my Family, only Son and one Daughter, are living. The latter lives with Me. The Bearer of this, Mr Richard Marmion, I beg Leave to recommend to your Attention. He is of a very respectable Family, my particular Friends, and I feel a sincere Wish to serve him. His Views are directed to Farming, and, if the Climate agree with him, nearly the Settle. Should he come your Way, your Advice & Instructions would be of great Use to him. I am confident they will not be withheld. His being Nephew to the worthy Colonel Magenis, our old Military Barrack commander, will not injure him in your Estimation. With every good Wish for the Health, Prosperity, and Happiness of you and yours, & good Wishes to all old Friends near you, if any, believe me,

My Dr Sir

your sincere
and aff^te Friend,
Wilsted Dickson

Snuglodge (Kilkheel)
Augt 25th 1817.