in value nearly double since she went to Ireland, but Mrs Beyley found or thought she found this country not so agreable as she left it, yet they have determined to return to the little Island as soon as she can get all her affairs arranged so to do, she has now only two houses to dispose of. she has hopes of getting a way this fall, and they want me very much to go with them and you will wonder how I can hesitate for a moment, but when you consider the length of time I have been in this place, and that it has been the seen of the most happy part of my life. that I am and allways have been treated by my connections with the most affectionate attentions that they are very much averse to my leaving them, and above all the melancholy blanks I should find in my family at home many of those who were dearest to me having been called away since I left them! So much agains my going. on the other side of the question, if I let my Sister and her family go without me I must bid adieu to every relation I have on earth for ever for I never could expect to see one of them in this country more, I cannot for my life come to any determination, and the nearer the time comes for this departure the more I am bewildered, but I must dismiss the subject for you will get tired of my difficulty I suppose you have heard more frequently from your Irish friends since the peace, and lament with me the death of my poor Sister Nancy, which happened in July last. poor woman she enjoyd but a short time her independence but I make no doubt she has made a happy change.

The last letters we had from Ireland mention that they were all well, and that Thomas Birnie was to be married in Feby. to a Miss Mary Grace Smith, of Dublin, she is niece (and prime favourite) to old Miss Nevins, John Cunningham was married upwards of a year ago to a Miss Gilmor of Glasgow, they all seem to be doing well and living happily, Sister Mary has got John Cunningham to purchase for her the house and farm which she occupied near Ballymena, to which she intends building an addition and settling therefor for life. She bids me say she will write to you ere she leaves this country.

There is a Mr Alexander McTeer in Baltimore who is [illegible] to a Mrs Bangman a friend of ours near a most [illegible] respectable woman, she begs I would ~~enquire~~ get you to enquire of [illegible] him if he is alive or what he is doing she would be very happy to hear something of, or from him, he is brother to her father. if you can hear any thing of him I hope you will be good enough to mention it when you write which I hope will be soon, and I promise to behave better in future, and if I go to Ireland I shall certainly write you often, from this place my letters must be uninteresting as you are not acquainted with this place, so that I can only speak of my self therefore you would find me but a dull correspondent though a sincere friend, I beg you to offer my affectionate regard to Mr Birnie and all your girls and boys Mrs Jones and Beyley joyn. in every good wish to you and yours

Your aff.t Cousin and Friend

Eleanor Davidson