but now I have no reason to repine People who
I see here every week from Belfast say that
I look better & younger than I did Ten years
ago and my Family are all in good Health
and few Gentlemen Families I believe all people
will say goes to the Scotch Kirk on Sunday they
are all tollerably good looking healthy and
genteely Dressed Margaret is a great Comfort to us
all She is as fine a looking woman as in
Liverpool and Dresses as well She wants for nothing
this world can afford She has the best of Husbands
two fine Children and a very fine place to live
in. last Summer Mr Blake purchased a very
fine place about two miles east of Belfast
close on the river a very superb House Ten
Acres of Land mostly pleasure grounds and
Gardens for which he gave £8000 — and it
stood the Gentleman from whom he purchased
it Sixteen this is a fine out let for our
Children and Mr B is never happy unless
he has two or three of them there Sarah
we are often all there Mary lives there
allways and a very handsome young woman
she is. now my Dear Sir I have given
you a long History of my affairs &
Family Lett from which you may
think I have great reason to be very
thankfull to God that I am as I am
after all that you know has came
a cross me in this uncertain world
but thank God I am out of Belfast and
I may say Established my Family in one of

Mr C Birnie
my Dear Sir

Liverpool 16th May 1817

I have your much esteemed favour
of the 6th May last on the 14th July by which
you were advised of having a Bale of Dephdle
at that time I was under some deficultyes
which I soon after got settled most agreeably
to all partyes and went on with my Business
as usual and have since paid every person their
full demand I cannot account for it why
I suppose sending those things so long but if it
happened I after you I Purchased them on the
8th Inst and had them Shipped on the 11th Ins
and yesterday I rec.d your Letter with out a date
enclosing me Several others to be forwarded
to Belfast which I will do in a few days
by Capt Davison those Letters cost me 14/3
postage as they charge here as much for Letters
when put into the Office here or nearly so
as if they had came by Post I will write
Mr Napier what I have paid if he can
average the postage no doubt he will.
I suppose you thought I could not mistake as
much as would purchase your order in
this I am happy to say you were Mistaken
I say this because you say I may Draw on
Mr N. for the amt I can say you have desired
him to honour my draft. however I will write
him that if he is due you the money that he
may send me a Bill at his convenience for the
amount but if otherwise that I will not
accept of any payment from him. yet I have a