interest and softened down by my great anxiety, which they saw could not be selfish, being only an agent for you and but for this management I am convinced that under all the circumstances, we would not have got more than a dividend on the half year, due at the time of Phelps failure which as his affairs have turned out, would not have been worth looking after, so that on the whole, I hope and trust that you will be satisfied as I got all I could or did claim and that I may say with no expence incurred, except what has arisen in different indirect ways which has not been brought to charge against you yet. You will please observe that I furnished your acct curr.t before up to July 1813, by it, I debited you with the whole of my old acct against you as it stood at the time of your leaving this country, but as you have now stated to me the exact sum you wish me to charge you with out of it, I have now given you the account agreeably thereto and as I am no adept in keeping books, or accounts, you will have the goodness to forgive any informality, and I shall hold myself accountable, for any error that you may perceive in it. Indeed there has one error arisen, which you will observe and which I really feel ashamed to account for, notwithstanding I have settled it as it ought to be, the way in which it came was this the Clerk who kept my books and cash did at Oct. 1814 take a half years rent from Lawson Armesly, for Mrs Dunlop, in place of a year and when the error came to be discovered, Mrs Dunlop was dead and Mr Armesly after putting me off rather in a trifling way for a length of time, would not at last produce any receipt, but said that some of them were lost and would do nothing better than leave it to two Gentlemen, who awarded me the one half, which you will see by your account and which I have stated in that way, only that it might correspond exactly with the form in which it now stands in my books, or else I should not have now exposed myself to you, who have been pleased to compliment me for my uncommon assiduity and friendship in transacting your business — I by to mention that I do not recollect to have received any order from you to pay the sums to Mr David Birnie, which he got to purchase linens for you, and I am sure I had none for the sum to Mr Slate but both these gentlemen wrote to me, that they were sure you must have forgot to mention it, when writing to me as they had advice from you to value on me for it, and they being so respectable friends of yours I could not doubt it, so I hope it has met your approba[illegible] future, I hope you will have the goodness to advise me [illegible] any person to draw on me for any payment on you [illegible]

You will observe that Mr McCartney and the Corporation do not pay half yearly, so that they are only up to Octo.r last. Mr Delap is a remarkably decent man and gives no trouble, I most sincerely hope that he will be enabled to stand fire in your way but he has not yet taken any lease from me, of the upper part of the store, and the truth is that I dare not press him for fear of making a worse of it by his giving it up, and as we are now on velvet considering all things, in case you are contented, we shall remain so as long as we can. I have not yet had an opportunity of giving any thing to John Dow, agreeably to your desire as it is a very short time, since I received your letter and he now lives at Stonyfort, but I saw him at the assizes about four days ago, and he is to call on me on Friday next and I will manage the matter as nearly as I can