My dear Rogers had him decently Buried, I am glad to hear of the Increase to his little Flock, may he & them be as prosperous as I wish, I hope he will be attentive to the Lame and blind ones in the Flock Yard. here comes in the poor Horse - I have reason to be thankfull to Divine Providence I have never yet wanted a good friend, and always of the most respectable kind. and trust no act of mine shall ever forfeit the good opinion my Friends entertain of me -

I have already given you an Amount of the agreement Mr L and I made, way to make trial of me for one Month and if he thought me not deserving of any thing, we would part in peace. I believe he is well satisfied with my mode of doing things, altho I do assure you it is not easy to please him but I give him his own way. he is poorly in health and very fretful, and what is still worse I fear his Circumstances not good (this to yourself) one thing I know he cannot do without some carefull steady Man - I flatter myself he never will meet with one that will answer better than me. indeed both he & Mrs L seem remarkable attentive and well pleased with my conduct I am the forth Boarder he had this Season (Mr Haley) the Clerk says he thinks more of me than any one he ever had - all the Men Black, and White, are fond of me - The last Boarder, had $10 p Month and Board. I understand he values the latter at $16 p Month. which if he adds to the former I shall engage with him for one Year. I shall be a Month here on the 17 of this - and can say nothing till then Rents are very high in this City and if the Captain and I can come to an agreement. then I shall look out for some genteel House and get a few Gentlemen to Board which with care and Industry might support my little Family. which I long much to see, once more around me - I shall make no apology for leaving them so long in your Hands, well knowing the goodness of Mrs Bernie's and your Heart but we must not upon a free Home - I trust in God all will be well yet and that I may have it in my power to make some return for your goodness to me

I am much obliged to Capt Snack he really is any decent man w.d take nothing for Carriage if [illegible] Valice. and came here with the hands on [illegible] Holiday last. The Snow is come on this Morning and looks as if it would continue. I do request you will take care of my poor Piper's Neck, as I w.d be a poor Man without her - do not make any rash Jumps with the Sleigh I much I may have my health till you Catch me in one - I will thank you to write your opinion and advice in respect to the manner I am to proceed with Mr L after the Month is up -

I will conclude with my love to Mrs Bernie & Jane and all the Young Ladies wishing you a happy return of the approaching Season - I am my Dear Sir Yours ever Sincere

Jno Scanlan