Postmaster please deliver

Mr Wm Binnie

Near Binnie

Cumberland County

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Bring and Ballymarten 7th June 1819

Dear Master we received your friendly letter which give us great pleasure to hear from you and family hoping When this reaches you to find your family in good health as it leaves us at present but I have to inform you that this Country is much altered since you went to America it is very hard to live hear on Acct of the alterations there is bad bread and there wages is so low that is hard to make it out at present Solomon is at Quarry near Banger in the County down this two month the back Taiving stones for the key in that is Remaking in Belfast and James is with my Brother William in Belfast and little Binnie Peggy and my self lives at the Bridge end William has 18 month of time to serve but in case that we should come again the Spring he would get coming along to my great satisfaction I inform you that Solomon is most altered man and all for the better that you were seen if you have need of Roman Servent your self keep the hearer of this letter as he was bred & born in Clougendutt and is a grand son of James M'Cawtneys the Mason and is very stiver boy from his infancy there is no young men of spirit will stay here that can get over to America for the County of Derry men come and works for little more than their victuals 8 a day so that you may judge how it is with the poore I add more at present but remains Dear Sir your very obliged faithfull S.

Jean Read

as you be writing after String please to inform me any particular matter that you may think of after that time so conclude

Ballymore 3 June 1819

Mr Binnie

Dear Sir

The Bearer Allan Sandiston

is for America I was speaking to him about

I hope he will answer your his character is very good — William and I got clear home he sends his Love to Mr Binnie & all the family we are doing all we can to be ready to start with the Ship which is to sail on Sunday first

I am Joined in Love by Mrs B. to you and all your worthy Family and believe me my Dear Friend yours truly

James Colville