Belfast 8th June 1819

Dear Clotworthy

I expect this will be handed to you, by William Brown, Son to our old friend, John Brown of Warings town, but how soon you may receive it, is more than I can take upon me to say, he sailes hence, perhaps tomorrow for Philadelphia and his present intention is, to visit your neighbourhood, before he returns to Europe, to him, I refer you for much information, respecting the State of this unfortunate Country, which in my mind daily gets worse, speaking of it generally, so far however, as respects his Father and himself, they have no reason to complain, having succeeded in business, fully equal to their expectations, and the House stands now, first in the trade, a circumstance I am sure you will gladly learn, John Brown is a very wealthy man, but among the few who have been fortunate, his riches has not corrupted his heart, he is still the same pleasent honest fellow he ever was, and I am much mistaken if he ever alters,

Your Easter Mondays letter of 18th, I got on my arrival from Liverpool on the 10th June last, you will perhaps say, I have not hurried myself in answering it, it is very true I have not, at same you must admit I have only paid you, in your own coin, I did not however do so in retaliation, it came at my busy season, and when time permitted me to write, your letter was lost, and the opportunity past, the truth is best at all times, so let it be told, so far as I can recollect its contents I will give you a short reply to it, I believe David Biggers name

Mr Clotworthy Birnie
Bear Branch Ferry Town
Frederick County
Maryland
America

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Thos Thos

Thomas Rea and others

Hugh Birnie
John Rea

Mr Righteous, who on his journey traddes, notwithstanding his interested
ness long reputation, Yet many are ots of Prime Consider the Among
st us, he must take on intention of visiting at Christmas, time
which Instructions he remain to the Neighbourhood of Newgh.
otes he is acting I have not known, yet and I have reason to
not assume Nothing in advance, Gilling matt, my Matt
should be length with Great respect to my friends Gilling, Adieu