Manchester German Cavalry, to the credit of the Soldiers, they acted with much more humanity, the consequence has been, that a spirit among the People of England and Scotland has been called forth, unknown for a Century past, and thousands of your moderates have become reformers, and meetings upon meetings have daily taken place throughout England and Scotland, condemning the Manchester Butchers, and calling loudly for Parliament reform, here we are perfectly quiet, not a meeting has taken place in Ireland, for so far on the subject, we are like sleeping Gunpowder, watching the movements of John Bull, how it will all end, God only knowes, business of every kind bad in the extreme, and the difficulties of the People daily getting worse,

In a former letter I expressed to you, my wish to quit this unfortunate Country, in doing which, I am sorry to say my plans are frustrated, and here I fear I must drag out the remainder of my days in bondage, my eldest son, on whom I greatly depended, is about to embark for South America, he has joined the Patriot cause, and going out as a Lieut.. in the 1st. Fusiliers, commanded by a Colo.. Lyster, I done all I could to prevent him leaving me, but to no purpose, seeing him so determined, I was advised by my Friends to consent, God only knowes how it may turn out with him, he is young, strong and healthy, with a constitution unimpaired, and must take his chance as many who are going on the same service, another reason for my declining it, is, that my business for the present year, has not been successful, besides the accounts from the United States, are not just now flattering that is, so far as respects the retailing business, but, to enter into that, never was my intention, my idea was, a snug Farm, with John to labour on it, with what little assistance I could give him, which indeed would not be much, as I feel myself getting old, and the vigour of youth fast forsaken me, so I fear I must hang on, and leave my remains, in the land that gave me birth,

I have lately removed to the House and Office, formerly occupied by Greenlaw & Weir, in Waring Street, and have for my neighbour and Landlord – little Bob Gamble, a snug close we body, and still friendly as ever,

Please present my best respects to Mrs.. Birnie and family, at least to that part of them, who recollects me, and, believe me to remain

Dear Birnie

Yours Sincerely

John Shaw

Your old friend Bob Knox still lives, I spent an evening with him last week, he appears in good health, but the hand of time is visible on him, Mr.. Napier and Family, I believe are all well, I can not say if he has wrote you by this convey ance, as the letters are so numerous, I must therefore conclude to make up the letter bag, adieu