was filled with Patriots from John O'Groats house to the Lands end – No such thing! It is the Love of Stomach, not the Love of Country that is operating – for give John Bull but enough of Roast Beef & strong Ale and Devil a straw he cares how or by whom he is governed.

All things considered, can you be surprised at my strong desire to remove from a country threatened by such a scarcity of almost unavoidable evils – ! a country in which under present circumstances a man cannot calculate on doing anything in the way of settling a family – ! a country from which the young are obliged to fly, to seek bread & employment elsewhere ! a country in fact, in which every thing is owing one and little or nothing left to enterprize, genius or industry !?

You may be assured that my anxiety is indeed very great – that time only serves to render this anxiety more intense – and, that according to present appearances there is but little probability of its being lessened – You are not however to rank me among the number of those visionaries who expect that dollars will fall from the Heavens without any exertion of their own, and relieve them from the necessity of using any efforts ~~of their own~~ to obtain or win them – No such thing – I would expect some nothing exertion & constant labour of body & mind – I would expect the use of to suffer much from the privation of many comforts to which I have been long accustomed – I would expect to be cut off for the remainder of my days from such Society as I have been in the habit of enjoying – much to my own gratification as well as to my

Belfast November 1st 1819

My Dear Friend

About a year & half since I wrote you one of the longest epistles I ever remember to have written – the receipt of which you have not yet acknowledged – Four months since I again wrote you a very short one by James Mansfield & now write you by Mr Hutton, son of Colonel Hutton, whom you cannot but remember – He is a promising Physician, possessed of no common share of talents & a most excellent education. From your description of a person likely to succeed in the medical profession I am inclined to think he will do well provided there happens to be an opening – Of his habits industrious mind – active body – patient of labour – persevering in the pursuit of any object he may have in view I do think there is scarcely a probability but that he will succeed – Notwithstanding – as every thing human is uncertain I used all the arguments I could think of to deter him – he is however determined – and I propose paying you a friendly visit. He will deliver you the Freeman – really the only free paper in Ireland – it is published & edited by the former editor of the Recorder it will serve to amuse your family & will I have no doubt be acceptable to you yourself – For Nos 1 – 2 & 10 you are indebted to Mr Napier – as I could not otherwise procure them – For the history of the Institution of this town I must refer you to Dr H. he will also be better able than I am to give you some idea of the state of this unhappy island – The Nobles are easily becoming to increase at the expence of the middling orders – while Poverty I assure you is gaining ground in a most alarming manner –

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