Dear Sir

Mrs Thomson has written to Sally requesting Adair may be sent home. There being now a good opportunity in Frederick to have him properly Educated and as in home no School at present in this Island fit for doing so. Mr Thom has sent his Son with him as far as your Island so that he may return with Grace — Mrs Scantlan still continues poorly, I intend making the best Bottled Beer this Summer so that I may be able to commence Brewing early in the Fall — what has my Friend Mr Stone been

27th March 1820
Jas. Scanlan

Mr. Thomson

Birnie Esqr
Bear Branch

Philadelphia 28th March 1820

Dear Sir,

I received a letter a few days ago from Doctor Houston informing me that he had seen you — and at the same time giving me your address. It gave me great pleasure to hear that you were well; and I would also have been glad to have heard of the welfare & health of your family, but with respect to them, the doctor did not give me any information: — I hope, however, that you will write me soon yourself, & that you will be particular in letting me know how all your family are. — I will always remember with much gratitude, the many friendly and hospitable civilities shewn me in Belfast by your family & by yourself. — When I left you at Belfast we had a pretty favourable passage to

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