about I trust he will be able
to rally again and take some
Winter from me in the Summer —
I intend taking a Ride into
your part of the Country shortly
when I shall do myself the honor
of paying you a visit with
love to all the Family — I remain
Dear Sir
Your Most Truly
Jas. Scanlan
" " " " "
Gettysburg 27th March
1820

Mr. Kerr has sent you some
Horlechoak Potatoes for Seed put
them about 3 Feet apart with some
Manure. you will find them very
productive and good for feeding
Hogs — I wish you could come
& see us I hope I shall be
able to remove out with

J. Scanlan

If you have any of the
Apple Potatoes or any
other good sort please save
a few for seed — & some Lisbon
seed

New York of just 42 days: — Off New York we were over hauled by a British Frigate, & I think, about 11. or 12. of the steerage passengers were impressed: I was the only Cabin passenger (except some small boys & a girl) and they allowed me to escape. — When I arrived at New-York, I met with no encouragement, and in three or four days the yellow feaver broke out which made things still worse, and I remained three or four months without finding any permanent employment: — Of course you may suppose I was badly enough off. — I did not write to you; the truth was, I felt so much discouraged, that I could not think of writing either to you or to my friends in Scotland, at that time; as I did not like to be making complaints. — I then came to Philadelphia where I have ever since continued. — For some time I was fortunate & made some money — afterwards met with losses which took it all from me; and I have never since been able to make any thing more than a living, times are grown so much worse than formerly. — Upon the whole, I cannot boast of having made a fortune in America. — I keep an office at present as an Accountant, which is my only employment, I do no business as a merchant; indeed, to tell you the truth I have no money before hand to invest in any mercantile undertaking

It would give me pleasure indeed to hear from you & I remain very
Sincerely, your friend
Wm Birnie

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