My dear Sir Gettysburg 27 Oct 1820

I am certain it will give you and Family pleasure to hear Mr Scanlan is still gaining ground. She now goes into the Kitchen and sees the dinner got ready. I have sent a small load of Potatoes yesterday to Collect my Bottles which are much scattered and we must be the Cause. I am nearly run dry. but intend landing next week to Baltimore for a Hogshead — which I think will last as much as I shall want this Season.

After that I intend to pay you a

Annapolis 31 July 1820.

Dear Sir

On examination I find it wants much more repairs than I believed, in fact you have scarcely a plank left in the floor at the top of the house leaks very much so that the water runs to the second story by which not only the plastering and wood work is very materially injured if not ruined. There are no fire places to the chimnies, so they are useless, by which the house is very cold. The fence round the garden being almost down, and the chimnies of the office, kitchen, all the windows are broken & the main shutters very much under the frost door so that at times it rains the entry as fast as they go the one way so that it is impossible to keep a carpet above one week whole. The roof of the back house is broken through large enough to admit a man to fall thro'. The chairs & furniture of one room are cracked. There are no locks to gardens, stables & yards gates.

I wish to know if on my dispensing with the painting one of the rooms I may have the above repairs made. Indeed I do believe it absolutely necessary that you should immediately make the above repairs, your house is daily injuring for want of repairs, paint &c. While I say you shall be hence