God & man & adventure beautifully on the reason
& ability of his situation Sir how great depends
our happiness hereafter depends on his ability
to enlighten our minds for which ability he
requested our aid in supplication
Miss Marcella had an examination at which
both she & all her scholars acquitted themselves
with great eclat very much to the satisfaction
of Mr Kemp & all who were present
The form of delivering the flag was as follows
the Town guards (Capt Houston) formed them selves
before Mrs Potts door in form of three sides of a
square with the Artillery company in their rear
Music & officers in the centre Houston when
the ladies made their appearance advanced &
saluted them when they delivered the colours
to Houston Mr R Potts then read the ladies address
& Houston answered both of which were very
well & if I can obtain a copy I will send them
the ensign on receiving them marched to the centre
to Washington March when the company falling
back in a line fired three rounds Mr & Mrs were
very much frightened & were all colours but which
they appeared very interesting both dressed alike
& in white on Saturday week there was
to be another delivery to the Artillerists by whom
I do not know. Colonization meeting on the 10th
& as soon after as possible we will all be home
Tell my Father Dr Houston is in town & says
Watty is doing pretty well & please to ask
him to let me have $15 to bring me home with
& to clear me of some small debts here
We had a very pleasant party at the high Mnt
25 in all Mrs Potts at our head & to be the truth
I have not money to pay my club at the rifling
Mrs & Mr I go to Arcadia immediately the Miss Js
do not go Sam Shaaff is at Mrs Potts
I have obtained my Father's certificate of
Naturalization for which I cannot pay if con-
venient ask him to let me have the money by
Sunday I am so badly off for money I am actually
afraid to associate with my associates
Give my love to my mother & all the family
& believe me your affectionate brother
C Bi

On Sunday after school one of the boys hung him
self by the arm on a meat hook in the market
house but was soon relieved

The addresses on the presentation of the flag are too
are too long for an insertion in this

Ripsewick 11 Mo 1. Mo 1830
John Scott

To Birnie Esquire
Bear Branch