and I have bought the Blackgreen and Farm from Mr. Birnie, and also from the creditors of Alex. Brown, who had leased it to my Uncle, so that my Brother and I have the lease of the Blackgreen and 26 Acres of land in perpetuity, and the remainder of the Farm 80 Acres, determined by 2 lives in being which has the appearance of settling me for life in this part of the world. Our trade increases every day, and as you well advised me to pay strict attention, I have pleasure in relating your advice was not lost, which has been one cause of our being fortunate so far.

This part of Ireland is quite settled owing to our Linen manufacture, but in the South the poor are miserably situated, not having the same advantage of manufacture, and the produce of land so much depreciated, together with taxes and the worst of all evils Fythe has hardened them to commit the most horrid deeds, for which some of them have suffered as you would probably see by our public papers.—

If those who take upon them to govern, cared, or would change themselves properly their feelings must be dreadful.—

I wish I could spend some time with your Family now, altho' some of the younger part of it would make me appear rather old as I used to keep those in order who could now point out my errors. My love to be remembered to Mrs. Birnie, Sharpe, Hester, Worthy Rose, and Upton, the others almost so much acquainted have an equal claim against me in every thing that is or will be in my power to serve them. I hope you will look over my negligence, and let me have the advantage of your correspondence as I have always considered you my early friend and Guardian.

Yours

David Cunningham