I am through Italy and Switzerland there is two other young Men here who understand the Language who is very anxious to go with me. you will think it a little strange that I have so great a propensity for traveling at my time of life I have been allways fond of it and now I have got I may say my Family all comfortably settled and myself a little Independant that is to say I have got out of debt once a regular good Business well established and a Son who can carry it on no matter whether I am present or not therefore I intend to enjoy myself in any way that I find most pleasing to myself and conducive to my Health which traveling allways is so. my youngest Son is gone out to Demerary to Mess.rs Murray Sons & Co. Mr Murrays House, my Sonnelaw if he lives he will make a fortune as he will be taken as a partner in the next year so you recollect the smart Chap who was my shop boy in Castle Street young Edward Murray he went out then when I came here and is now worth from 25 to 30 thousand Pounds he is a full Partner in the House

My Dear Mr Birnie Liverpool 10th March 1834

I have your very kind Letter of the 6th July which I recd on the 22nd Novr last it came here as a Ship Letter where or how detained I cannot say I am sorry that the Quicks I sent you came so late and that the price I see was so much higher than you were lookg to expect. I can only say that Mr Murray Rose out to the Olde Swan London Road to one of the most reputable Nursaryes in this part of England to order them we were shown different years growth which would have come much lower but we thought those would answer best. as to the price we were no Judges of this is all I need say restricting them further than I called and let them see your Letter they said and I believe it was their regular price as they never ask a second

you ask if I know any thing of James Whittle and B H Shaw Whittle keeps a Flower Mill near Killala and I am told doing Pretty well B H Shaw is all gone to the bad he left here three years since and commenced something in the Cannie Business he came over here afterwards and got Letters from several Houses here to their Correspondants in the different towns here recommending him as an Honest and an enterprising Man, he got one from me to a Nail Manufactory one of the first in England. I had a Letter no lys than last week from them wishing to know if I had any knowledge where he was as they had wrote him several times for goods he had got from them on my recommendation to the amt of £60. the last letter they say was returned through the general Post Office saying not to be found

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