Dear Sir — Annapolis Jan^y 14th 1825 —

Your old Tenant called on me yesterday to say that he was disposed to rent again the Store he lately occupied of you — provided you would lower the rent and let him have it for three years — he said it wanted some repairs to make it more convenient to him as a Store — Mr Canfield requested that I would write to you on this subject — as he wished to be informed as soon as convenient, what would be your terms — I urged Mr Canfield to say what rent he would be willing to give — after some time, he said that he would take it for three years from the first of May next — and pay one hundred Dollars p^r year, and make all the repairs he wanted at his own expense — As I have never had any application before to rent this Store — and knowing that there are several vacant Houses in this place to rent — I believe it might turn out to your advantage to accept this offer — I do not see any prospect of our Town being likely to improve — our Inhabitants are not increasing

Annapolis Jan^y 18th 1825
Tuesday Morning

C. Birnie Esquire
near
Taney Town — Md

Dr Sir — Tuesday morning 1st February 1825 —

Although the event which we have been expecting for some time past has not yet taken place we continue constantly to look out for it — learning this moment of Mr Gourley's going towards Taney Town gives me a chance of ~~writing~~ sending you a letter & therefore write this in hopes you may receive it — it is to inform you that am very sorry to doubt that it will not be in our power to send you word up one purpose — but have ventured to arrange & fix it in the following way — if provided it is convenient we shall look for you and any other of the family that can come over — It is — that you will be at our House at Pipe Creek at 11 O'clock the forenoon of thursday — to accompany her corpse to the family burying ground there — in this way I have ventured to make one other arrangement with our friends at the Sulphur Springs — because I find I cannot otherwise arrange it with more certainty — with affectionate Compliments to all the family I am sincerely

turn over

John Scott

Annapolis Jan^y 18th 1825

C. Birnie Esq^r
Bear Branch

Mr Gourley