her in a day or two if he will permit us to delay until Spring all will be well but if on the contrary he insists on an immediate proceeding on our part we must answer in expectation of the latter I wish you by next Fridays Mail (closes on Thursday evening in Lang Town) to write me particularly the substance which ought to be put in the answer with a view if nothing better can be done, to answer this suit at all events. But should I obtain time I can then talk to you on the subject but not expecting any favour from the plaintiff I hope you will immediately comply with the above

If any letters for me in P. Office please have them forwarded here

Yr affectate Son
C Birnie Jr

Limitation I have not heard – nor have I heard whether any steps have been taken to ascertain the situation and value of the large body of Land claimed by the Bank – in the State of Kentucky – I am informed that any Stockholder, on going to the Bank – can be informed as to the State of it –

I wish you would take a ride down about the 20th of March & then take a view how matters stand – I have not had any communication with Genl. Mason for several years – nor have I been in G. Town – indeed placed as I am – I feel a delicacy in going to G. Town &c &c

Our old and worthy friend Mrs. Lloyd after a tedious illness, departed this life yesterday – her Children were all with her at the time of her Death – Mr. F. Key is expected from G. Town to Day – and the Body I hear – is to be carried to the Family Burial Ground at Weye tomorrow – I have seen Mr. Comfield since your Letter – and notwithstanding his being not all he aught to be – I have rented him the Store again from the 1st of May next. at $100 = p. Year – for 3 years – provided the House should not be sold during that time – and the Rent to be paid quarterly – Rents are falling here Land taken not improving – I have acted as I would have done for myself – I have it not in my power at this time to give you the balance due you by Mr. Johnson – but I am sure you can [illegible] out from the Opinion you have –

I expect to see you when I make my visit [illegible] Liberty Town early in April when I will shew you a Statement of our Acct. &c – I hope from the very mild Weather we have had this Winter that you will raise more Lambs than usual – your Beef Cattle will also keep well – I wish I could undertake a bet with you as to a small field of Corn – but as you would have the advantage of me, by superintending your own business – I must decline the challenge for this year – but next year perhaps I shall be at you –

We are all well & join in best respects to Mrs. Birnie yourself & Family – Yrs. Truly – H. Maynadier