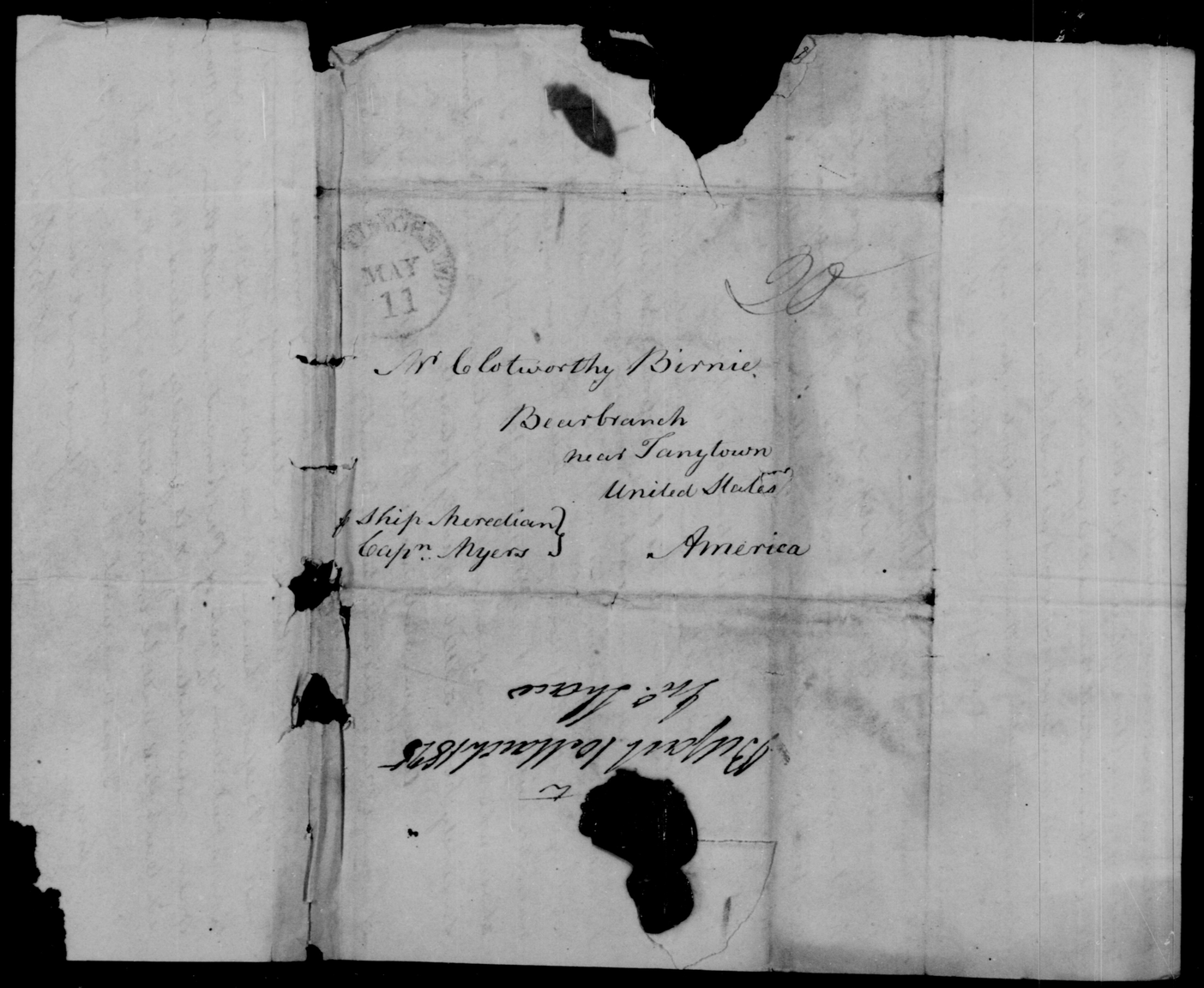
that situation however, is not so trifling as you suppose it to be. every Shipment of Goods now made to the United States, the invoice must be accompanied with the Consular Seal, for which he charges 9/9, over and above all former emoluments, besides the respitable-ity, attached to it, is of considerable consequence, I seriously think it would be worth Johns while to visit the States on that account, unless indeed the present Consul should be disqualified or removed to a better world. for my own part, I would not consent or approve of such a measure so long as Sam Luke holds the situation, even suppose John had a chance of obtaining it, which he has not, without better interest than his own.

Belfast continues to advance in prosperity in a most wonderful manner, improvements going on rapidly in every quarter of the town and suburb, and the population will now count 40.000 fully, house rent has fully advance 25 p Cent since I last wrote to you, and Houses not to be had, notwithstanding the number built in the past year and what will be erected in the present. in addition to the buildings going on, we will have an extensive spining concern for Linen Yarn commenced forthwith, with a Capital of £30.000, and more if required, this will be chiefly taken by the Linen trade at £250 p Share, and before the present week ends, the shares will be at a high premium in advance, the Junction between Lough Neagh and Lough Erin is now determined on, and a bill is now in progress in the House of Commons to that effect and will be carried, as government has promised to advance what money will be required, on proper security been given, this measure will advance the Mercantile interest of Belfast more than any thing that has happened for a century past, by opening to the trade a rich and fertile district of Country, heretofore cut off for want of a cheap conveyance for weighty articles, we will also have that old disgraceful building removed (the Long Bridge) and the new site will front Chichester Street and the College, by doing so, the Coal quay will be greatly extended and the River deepened to admit Vessels to the intended new bridge, this is certainly much wanted, as we have not half accommodation for the Vessels resorting to this port from the increased consumption of Coal, in a word, Belfast is rapidly im-proving, many young Houses with Capital sufficient, rises almost daily and our old Merchants turning Bankers or going to their long home,

Irish Politics are very interesting just now, for an account of which I must refer you to our News Papers, a good supply of all our publications ~~which~~ will I presume go by this conveyance, indeed, I would have sent you some, had my Son not been before hand with me, and sent all he could collect to New York this week — I now find this sheet will not contain near as much as I wish to communicate at present, neither have I time ~~at present~~ now, as this is the begining of my harvest, which necessity obliges me to attend do-sely, however, if I am spared, you shall shortly hear from me again,

I must not however, close this letter without mentioning the death of our old friend G Salmon, he died worth between 30 & £40.000, he wrote his own will and signed it, but strange to tell, he had no witnesses to it, of course, it was null and void, some of his friends say he was ashamed to acknowledge the property he was worth, it is an old saying, that it is ill wind blowes no body good, an old woman, a relation of his in poor circumstances at Newry, comes in for £4.000,

I know you will feel for the death of our old acquaintance Andrew McClean, in my mind, the best and most respectable of that family, poor fellow, I believe he died of a broken heart, he lost his wife some two or three years ago, and in the last seven months, three of his sons, one in America, one in the West Indies and the last on his passage out to New Orleans, in the Brig Marquis Willington, with thirty others, on the Wicklow banks, none of whom, I presume, you would have ~~any~~ knowledge of, it was an unfortunate business, I & Co were Brokers for the Vessel.

Jack Junkin has been with me, in him, I have found more honor, truth and virtue, than I have ever experienced in any man, situated as he is, would to God, I could say half as much for the bulk of mankind, I pressed him very closely, how he was circumstanced, his reply was, I have very good health, and could make out his bit, by his own industry, that he was rather lonely, having buried his sister last month, I then told him, I had a letter from you lately, and before I could add more he asked, how his Master and all the family ~~were~~, with a most ardent affection, I then mentioned to him that Mr Napier had your instructions to pray him to lay Jack's Legs to 15 annuity, which he (Jack) had refused to accept, his