My Br. John but what have the people done, nothing satisfactory & I know all I could say, would give pain & publicity, his wife being communicative & both standing very friendly, and when I have nothing of importance satisfactory to relate I have letter be silent for a little. our small farm looks well, crops abundant, indeed everything we have planted seems to thrive well, except some of the best grape vines which have failed. Could there be any possibility of getting some of the grape seed, I so advertized to the store in Baltimore or some what currant seed, & cuttings thereof with a few good Raspberrys would be a great thing here. We have never yet written from Shawnee & having added to my name. I know he would be greatly displeased. I observe what you say respecting this. It is now hard never being too long established here, I wish it had not so hardened, but as we are (I fear) forever poor exiles, it will be of little consequence what we are called, while on this Earth. in short I expect my time with my helpless family will be very limited and from appearances, wretched enough but thank God my expectation & hope in His mercy is unshaken. let me entreat of you, write me on receipt of this more than once. 10 times. but if you have heard of our Friends in Ireland, tell me the news I did hope to receive my Son John, but dont know how to get my letter conveyed. I have no correspondence in Cincinnati, Granville & self being unable to travel makes it worse in this respect. however as I must immediately get a new Rolling Cloth & Mule from home. I yesterday of able Gosdown at 60 miles

Mrs S. desires her affectionate regards to your family also joins me in sincere good wishes for our friends in Ireland & to whom remember us. would to God we were all there or you with us - every thing that we use in the eating & drinking line, such as tea, is very low, wheat 25 to 37, oats 13, Corn 12, Cotton 8 Cents pr bushel whiskey 13 a 15 pr Gallon & abundant crops coming forward. the season very fine, but unusually warm - will there be any war in Europe or America? I get no news. have you seen Col Hamilton & Vattemare & did he get my letter please say where G. L. S. Everard is. I see J. Mule has declared the Independence of S. A. I fear some of them will settle & cease the trade of production. - I have made some Cordial Brandy, which is much liked it stands me about 37¢ & I can get 200 Cents pr Gallon for it, the consumption is yet limited however the reputation [illegible] a bundle if there was any trade for [illegible] mushroom out well enough, prevented from [illegible] is the [illegible] & my health restored - remember me to Dr Kelly tell him he must share me in your behalf. I look with anxiety hope for a letter - has Mr Steel been in - do you expect him? I think he will come to the Rocky Mountains. I would be thankful when you write to him to ask him what he has heard of my affairs at present I cannot move as the mule with [illegible] I can scramble up to Dick he is got [illegible] with the additional pair of stones we purchased for him but when finished mule so gets business -

I beg my affectionate good wishes to all your family in the hope of hearing from you very soon

believe me truly & sincerely Yours R. J.