for £37,000 none but one who will be
ever able to go on, this now makes it
a very good Business for those now in
it, the Houses who have failed manufd.
about Seventy Tons of Soap weekly
there is Twelve yet in it of course we
have now this quantity amongst us
hitherto an usual Consumption we Dine
every Tuesday together and keep up the
pile very well my sonnlaw Mr Black
and I stand at the head for Manufactg.
Most we know to be Bended by the
Duty each pay I have much pleasure
in saying to my old Friend Birnie
that my Soap Manufactory have been
since the first of June worth at least
£100, p week to me clear of all expenses and I
have no doubt it will continue
to ~~continue~~ it then passes off for
three or four Months, this will of course
put things pretty straight again, as I
wish to give yourself the good as well as the
bad news I now beg to say that there was
a most respectable young Gentleman
who was much attached to my Fammaly
a Merchant here and a partner with
a first rate West India House and who
had a House in the West Indies, he proposed
Marriage to my Youngest ~~Daughter~~ but one
~~the~~ one that was educated in Paris, she
was much attached to him and I and all

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Dear Birnie Liverpool 7th August 1826

I rcd. your ever welcome
Letter of the 23 July in due course which
give me and Mrs I much pleasure to
hear that you and your Fammaly were
well, you say that Mr Scanlan had not
arrived and that you thought I might
have wrote you two lines by him this
I confess I should have done, however
I understand he made it up in Loves &
Compliments, I have made every enquiry
about the young Bull & Heifer of the
Teeswater Breed, I am informed by
some of the largest Cowkeepers about
Liverpool that there is very few of that
breed here I think the Durham and
the Hereford Breed is the kind they have
and a pair of hers the former are
very large and most beautiful the
latter not so much so but equally
good milkers, I cannot get the type
that you describe I think upon £40
as there is but very few respectable Sails
between here and Baltimore it might
be difficult to get Freight for them the
Capt. of the Ship who carries this I mention

and bestowed them to one of my Daughters
two years since Cost 200 Guns this ~~is~~ in the
Shamrock Capt. Montgomery she Cleared in
20 Months up to the first Instant more than
£8,000 She is now Joined with the Dublin
Company from the first Instant she
Cost only £11,000 you would be astonished to
see the number of Elegant Steam Ships
that is out and in this Harbour you
will scarce believe that a Letter put into
Belfast post office say on Monday evening
at 8 o'clock comes by Dublin and
is in Liverpool on Wednesday Morning
at 7 o'clock, Steam Packets make their Passage
from here to Belfast in general about 20
hours the first 18 Months the Shamrock ran
she left here for Belfast on Wednesday
arrived ~~disloaded~~ Loaded left there on
Sunday came here Monday Morning
disloaded Loaded & Sailed on Wednesday
this she did as regular as the Mail Coach
pull out & in with goods and Passengers
She had over £93 - from Belfast of Passage
money. the regularity of Sailing Steam
Packets here even Coast ways say Holywell

2nd

her Friends here were most happy to give our
Concent as likewise his Friends, but it was
necessary for him to go out there for two years
where he had been before for some
time to settle some Partnership
account with the House there it was
therefore agreed by themselves not to
marry untill his return they of course
Corresponded frequently and the last
Letter she had from him in July last
he said he fully intended to leave
there for Liverpool in one of their
own Ships which there was on her
Passage out and hoped to be in Liverpool
in all June but it pleased the Almighty
to take him off on the 23rd March
last after only Nine days Illness
the News there in Barbadoes wrote his
Friends here and sending them a Copy
of his will where in we find he has
left his intended wife £6,000 and
likewise my elder Daughter Mrs
Black and my youngest Daughter
£800 Each, this is no doubt a handsome
Sum for my Fammaly yet had it pleased
God to have spared him to come Home in
good Health I would have much preferred
it. my youngest son Matthew has been now