about my Horses I will first say that I have one of the very finest Cart Horses in all Liverpool for Beauty & Strength he brought me 15 Barrels Pot ashes weighing 75 cwt 3 qrs 4 lbs from James Jordans Warehouse a full ~~three~~ Quarter of a Mile into my yard which is a considerable uphill about a Month Since and without any Double Horses the Cart is £4 and better, I think I once wrote you of a fine Gray Horse I got over bred by John M.Cann I rode him for three years I have often run him with some of the first Bloods here on our Shore for a Dinner & Wine for half a dozen I always rode him my Self however I never was once Called on to pay, my son who is not so fine a Horseman as his Father had him out one evening and let him come down and broke both his Knees very much I never liked to ride him after I sold him about 12 Months Since for £70- to a Gentleman who Bought him on purpose to match him against another Horse who had never been beat he made the Match for 100 Gns a side to run on Magil Course 30th Augt last weight 10½ Stone rode by the owners two Miles Heats the run together the first mile and my Horse Distanced him the last. I win 5 Gns on him the Gentleman has been riding him and training him all winter however he put him in training in May to run for the Hunters Stakes at Newton 16 Miles from Liverpool 17th July five entered 20 Gns each Rode by Gentlemen 12 Stone 3 Miles there was 15 to 10 against my Horse Beffore before the day which I took. I had some Conversation before starting with the owner he said he would keep a Head of them if he could the first 2 Miles it is one mile round. and if he found he could beat them he would fall back passing the Winning Post the second time and for me to be on the Grand Stand opposite if he did so I might bet on him what I pleased he did so a Gentleman from Liverpool says Mr Steele I will bet you £50 to 20 your Horse never heads them I at once said done he came up

you two nice Spring such as you want a Heffer in Calf and a two year old Bull that the price would be £30. Each and I find that Freight out me providing Hay only would be £10. Each this is all I can at present inform you there is one thing that if you had them out safe I have no doubt they would please you the expense excepted. this Gentleman has this Moment Sixty Cows young and Old all for Milk which he sends to Liverpool he keeps his Carriage and live in the first Stile I was truly surprised to see his Establishment I have been often past his place but never was in his House or Seen his Cattle before they are all the Durham Breed Short Horned in general he told me he was at an Auction of Cattle at Durham or Vine Lees belonging to one Gentleman all Bred by him Self that the sales of his young Heffers & Bulls amounted to Ten Thousand Pounds none Sold under £100 and up to £500- Each, one Bull Sold for £1000

the same Season has a sale of this Magnitude every year what do you think of this Mr Yankey

John Wilson Mrs W & Miss Wilson was here in July returning from London where they have been for eight Months and when they inclined to return and reside in the neighbourhood of London although Mr Wilsons Health is so much better there than in Belfast. John was asking me if I ever heard from you I went into my office and handed him your Letter. he read it and laughed and Cracked his Fingers portinately when you say that you expected to have my Pretty Face before this he seem quite surprised to see your Letter said poor Paty I told him you Rich Patty, he said rich or poor an Honest Man I did not contradict him I think I have made up for my not writing you two lines by Mr Scanlan to whom give my warmest respects I hope he has now a thriving vine yard and I hope still to have the pleasure of taking a Bottle of its Juice with you. I remain my dear Sir with best wishes to Mrs Bivin & Fanny yours always most truly Matthew Steele