Ballygowan May 22nd 1826

Dear Sir,

I take the freedom of enclosing a letter for William Dunlop who has been in your service for some time past & who has given us to understand that you have behaved to him in the manner of a father, he wrote to us in the Month of January that he intended to remove to the Ohio this season and as there was not a vessel sailing to Baltimore to the present time we wrote to him but being doubtful that he was gone and we not knowing the direction to send it after him we made free in this Inclosing a letter to him hoping that you will be so kind as to back it and send it after him if he is gone or if not gone you will deliver it him, it is a presumption we allow but we took a freedom under the honourable name that you bore of him when he wrote to us since he first went to America

Dear Sir, I hope that you will not be offended when you understand that William was bred up with us from his Infancy & that his Aunt as well as I thought of him as one of our own children he to be sure has his father Mother Brothers and sisters living but the correspondance was still carried on with us I will say no more but as a second father I expect that you will either give him the letter or back it that it may follow him wherever he may be, I am with respect your very humble Servt.

James Lubody

Mr. Clotworthy Birnie
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Belfast 12th May 1826

My very Dear Friend

I received your welcome letter of the 22d February - but was greatly disapointed to find by it that three letters which I wrote you subsequent to the Datelis one as well as three several parcels of News papers - (Northern Whigs) which accompanied them, and were addressed to you under cover to Dr. White, had not reached you I wish you could put me on some safe plan of forwarding a few Papers to you occationally - I know full well from my Residence in New providence what a treat - nay what a comfort the sight of a newspaper is when it comes from the land of our birth - when on its pages we can trace the names of places or men and of circumstances which memory has endeared to us in a thousand various ways and in as many various manners. As I am not much in the habit of letter writing - and as I am but very indifferent at it you must excuse me when I accuse you of a very serious misdemeanor - i.e. Depriving me, by your prophetic spirit, of the only theme on which I could

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Belfast 12 May 1826
Samuel Porter