Templepatrick April 28th 1829

Dear Sir

At this distance of time you will scarcely expect to hear from this Quarter of the World and must long since have concluded that you and your Family have been forgotten by the people of this place. Be assured it is not so. There are many among us, who still speak of you with affection, and regret for your removal from Ireland, among whom I may mention more particularly myself and the remains of the Family of Corngranny with which I had the happiness of being connected.

Remains indeed I may well call them, for of that family three survives but one to wit, my Sister-in-law Miss Margaret. She resides in Templepatrick with her Aunt Miss Sophy Birnie who is still in tolerable health, and is an absolute dependant on her Niece for subsistence. My Mother-in-law sold off the few acres of the original farm of Corngranny which Mr. Geo. Burleigh the Agent of Lady Longford thought proper to lease to her at the expiration of the old Tenure, and came down to the Village. She is long dead as is also my Wife her Daughter, who died in the Summer of 1814 leaving to my charge a family of 4 Boys and one Girl. The eldest of my Sons is a mere farmer, the youngest seems inclined to follow his example. My second son is a Preacher in the presbyterian Church, but not yet settled in any Congregation, and my third is learning to be a Doctor. The preacher intends if not fortunate enough to get a Settlement in this Country to visit America one Day or other where he hopes to succeed either in his profession or as a Teacher of Youth, and my third when he gets his degree may very probably incline also to the other side of the Atlantic.

By the Death of David Biggar our mutual friend and the subsequent failure of his sons in Trade, my Sister-in-law Miss Marg.t McNaly lost two hundred pounds which reduced her small stock considerably, so that she has scarcely sufficient to support herself decently, and her Aunt is to her a heavy charge. But the poor woman must not

your Mr Canning voted for it. How his election may affect it in future is a matter of uncertainty, but in my apprehension we are very nearly in the same critical situation that we were in the year 1797 only that the Catholics are left to themselves, the presbyterians not having made common cause with them.

Templepatrick
23 April 1829
Geo. Rob.t Campbell

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You surely must be a happy people where no religious Feuds nor contentious divide you, where no Tythes are paid, no Church Tyranny known, no Sect excluded, on account of Religion from civil and political privileges. And I am not at all surprised at the very great emigration that is now taking place. And if the youth and strength of possessed when settled here at first, I should not long hesitate about visiting your side of the water, but my Lot is fixed and I shall probably never remove from Church hill till I be taken down to the silent retreat in the Rear of the Cottage buildings. Give my best wishes to Mr Birnie and all your Family in which Miss McNaly and Miss Sophy join. Remember me to John Scott if you ever see him. His sister are well, and to Alex.r Leggatt where Brother John is in this Country. If you write direct to Rev. Rob.t Campbell Templepatrick Antrim, but the Bearer of this, William Jameson from Lyle Hill will very chearfully carry your Answer to me.

I ever am your sincere and affectionate Well wisher
Rob.t Campbell

Dr Sir

Upon your have our Note at 6 mos for the amt. of your wool, the four fleeces here weighing 17lb. Have taken it at your weight, I believe it to correspond pretty nearly with sample.

We are Respectfully yrs
Stanley & Co.

Rathmines Nov.r 1829
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Mr. C. Birnie