

he suffered to want. Poor Mrs Bigger met a melancholy end at the French where she came to reside after the Boys failure. She was burned in such a shocking manner by falling against the parlour Grate late at Night when all the Family had retired to Rest, and she alone sat up, reading that in a few Days she expired. One of her Sons Samuel died at Natchez a second was lost going out to his Brother, a third resides there. Two others have begun a Grocery in Belfast and are doing well, and the remainder are at School. Her Daughter Jane is married to a Mr Robt Ewing, son to Mr Ewing of Cotton Mount near the French where her Father, Mr McNulty lived of the Firm of Gurnmill and Ewing. He is in the Muslin Trade, and proves a good Husband.

The Summings Family were well when I last heard from them. Miss Betty Birnie resides mostly with her Sisters Mrs Jones and Mrs Davison, who have built a good House near Ballymena and are very comfortable, and Sam John David and William Cunningham are all well and doing well. Your old Servant Solomon Reid and his Wife are still alive, and live at the Bridge above the Mill. Solomon is greatly worn and in low circumstances. His Wife is still the decent thrifty managing Housewife as when you knew her.

Many changes have occurred here since you left us. Almost all the people of your acquaintance are gone. Harry and David Douglass, the Carstairs the Burrows, and others, and an entirely new race come up in their room. These changes are expected and comparatively speaking are but of inferior moment and do not much affect us. But there are others that we feel more sensibly. The Leases on this estate expired at Nov 1821. and Lord Templemore true to the System pursued before him as I have been told, who continues an Absentee has not granted new ones. The Tenantry are of course poor and dispirited, and the Man

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depends on them as I have to do must be poor also. Mr Henry Adair of Loughanmore who was but young when you were here is now his Agent, and proves an admirable servant to his employer. The rents are wrong from the Tenants who not a shilling he left. A Mr Francis Whittle who in early days served an apprenticeship to Patterson and Whittle and who made money in Jamaica resides in Castlethorpe. He carries on Farming extensively and is owner now of Muchamore Flour Mills, and deeply engaged in Trade. Mr McAlmerty and Mrs McAlmerty died some years ago within one week of each other. One of their grand Daughters is married to Alex McAlmerty son to James McAlmerty who succeeded Mr David Birnie at Clady the other Sisters

came to reside with her and what is remarkable, the wealth their Grandfather was spared narrowly together will in part be spent on the estate and in the neighbourhood where it was gathered. Old William Bell called by you young William is living in T. Patrick in very narrow circumstances from the losses sustained there his son John Harry Whittle's Apprentice. He is the only Man in this place you knew in your early days save those I have mentioned, now remaining.

We have lately got a Church erected in the Village. A few weeks ago, it was consecrated by the Bishop of Down and Connor. A Curate is appointed to perform divine service in it under Mr Withers Macartney Vicar of Belfast who is the Rector of our parish. We had little occasion for it there being but one family to wit Mr Whittles in the Bond. Vestries are held. Assessments made and levied in addition to the Tythes, and the imports seem daily to increase.

An unexpected change has a week ago taken place in the Ministry of Great Britain. Lord Liverpool the Premier of Great Britain became incapacitated for business Mr Canning was appointed to his Office and a change has been the consequence in nearly the whole Cabinet. The Bill relating to Catholic Emancipation was thrown out some time ago by a majority of