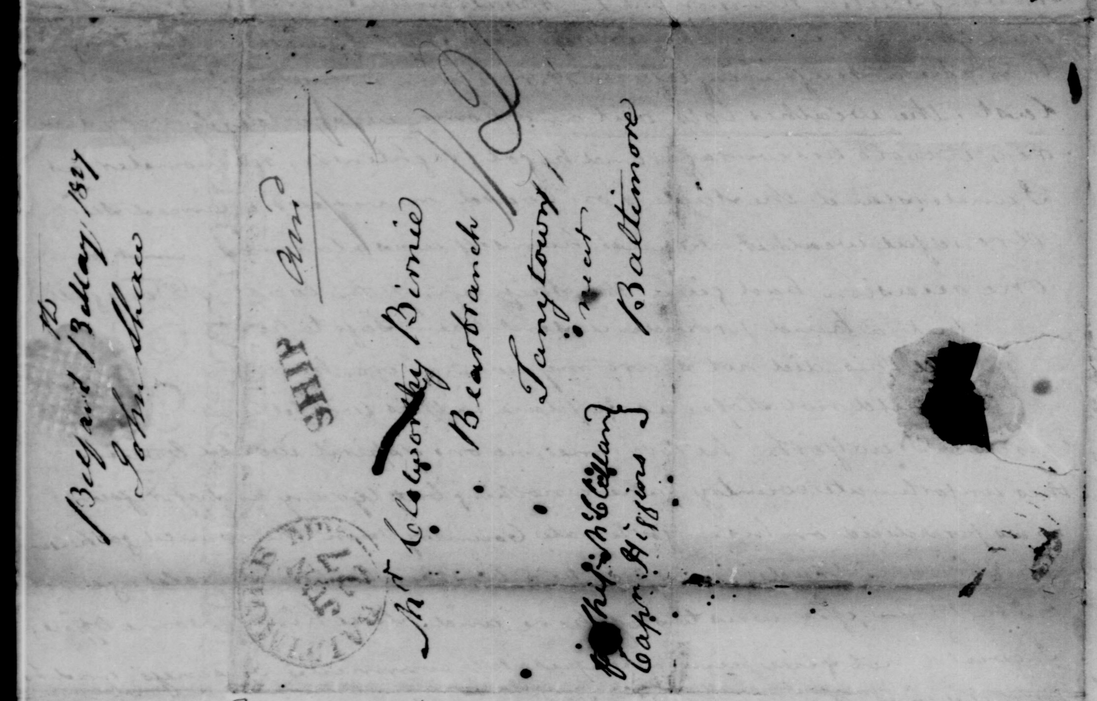
Belfast 13th May 1827

My dear Clotworthy

As a proof my anxiety now, and always has been to hear from you, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (via Liverpool) of the 17th January last, received not ten minuts since, you must not however expect a long epistle, being greatly hurried at the present, despatching the Ship M'Clellan to sail tomorrow for Baltimore,

I had indeed given up all idea of writing to you, and to all appearance, it will be the last time I shall have this pleasure, my health has been miserably bad for the last two years, nor have I been able to quit my room and house for six months past, save within the last fortnight, and that only as far as the head of the Town dock, for I now live on Chichester Quay, in the House formerly occupied by John Lyle, being more convenient to my business than where I lived formerly, notwithstanding my great suffering I submit with patience, as it is my duty, to the will of God, who only knows what is best for us all, my great object now is, if I can by my best endeavours, atone for the manyfold sins I have been guilty of, during an ill spent life,

I have never heard directly from Richard, since he went to America, he has a Daughter in England, sister to Grenville I believe, who wrote to me, to give her a passage, either to Baltimore or New Orleans, as her Father was very anxious to have her with him. I wrote to her in reply, if she came to Belfast, I would send her out in the M'Clellan to Baltimore, in a letter I had from her since, she has declined going, until Richard makes the necessary arrangements for conveying her from her place of landing to his residence, and that she would immediately write him to



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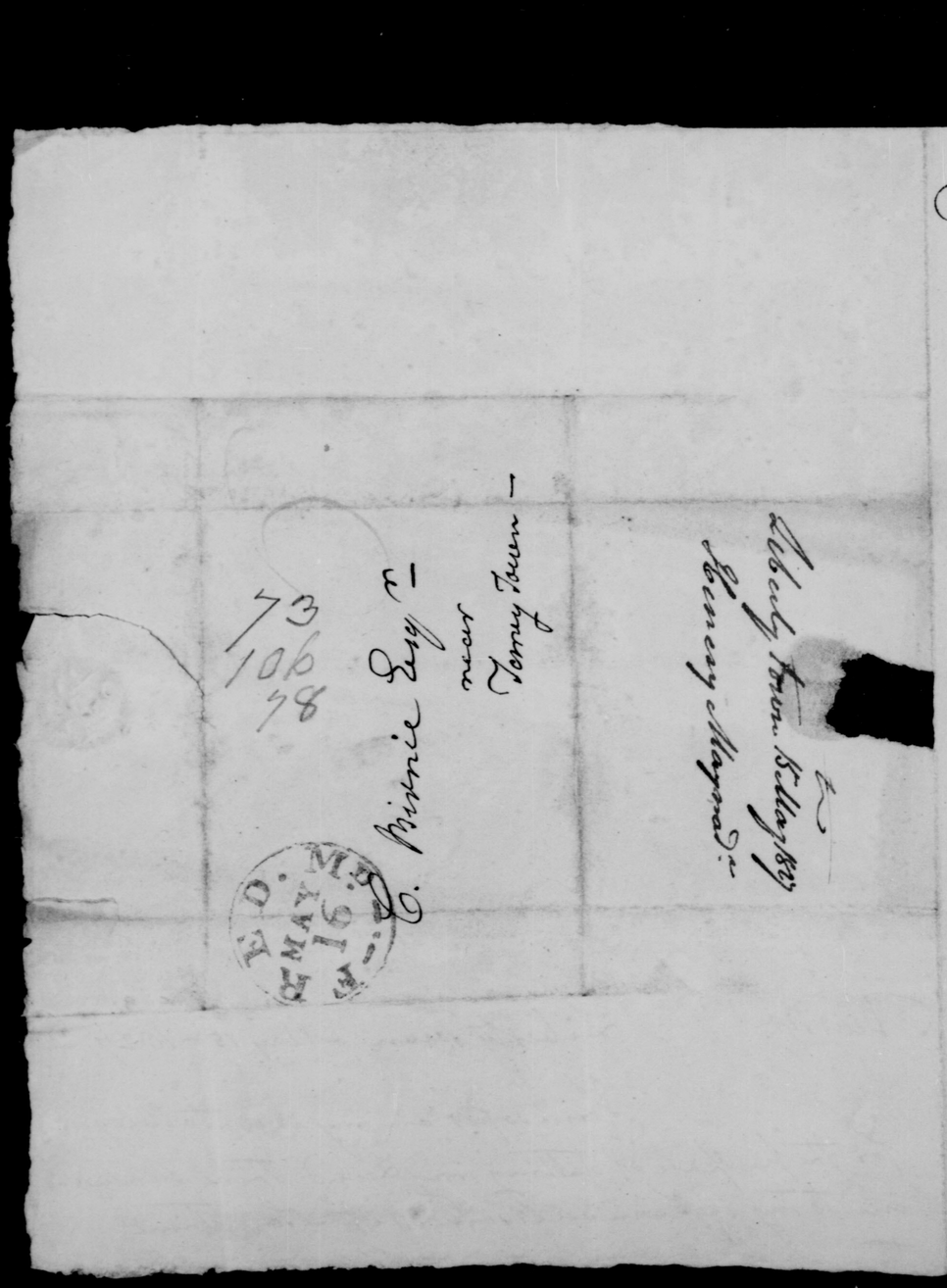
John Shaw

Dear Sir

Liberty Town May 15th - 1827 -

I am so far on my way to Alleg-any for the purpose of getting my Land there surveyed and to try if I can sell some of it - Sometime towards the last of April, the Tenant Mr. Eli Bennett, who lived in your House, informed me that he had become much embarrassed in his circumstances and was compelled to leave the House and Annapolis in the course of 8 or 10 Days - that he was unable to pay up the Rent he owed - which was 2 quarters to the 10th of this Month, and requested me to send the proper Officer and distrain on the effects then in his House which he believed would be sufficient to pay the Rent -

I immediately sent the Officer - who levied the distress - and on selling all that was to be found - sold only for about $37 =00 - instead of $65 =00 - which was the Amount of the rent due to the 10th of May — Mr. Bennett I learn has gone to live in Baltimore & on my return - I will write to him - to know if he can pay up the