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Dear Father

Coming through Liberty yesterday I heard your sheep is at Major Thos Happington's 2 miles from there (Liberty) on the Balt road he shot it & preserved the fleece which if you require you can have he kept it separate from his own fleece — I forgot P Torrey's book which if you do not wish to read please send it the first favorable opportunity, the girls will do it — If you see Mr Kephart please tell him Lentz p^a me

Yours affectly
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Dear Sir

I hope this will find you & Family in every happiness & good health in your most Independant Country which I think will be regularly on the Improvement; we have had unhappy times here, these twelve months past Owing to a very bad harvest & a great Depreciation in Trade; I cannot say respectable Houses having failed & the Cotton & Linen Trade is become very flat & dull, the farmers within this last month or Six weeks, have been many fortunate as were those in the previous hands; but Government have come to Resolution to admit foreign Grains to be Imported paying a certain duty wt I can say you will be acq^td. of on this. And as there is now the prospect of a very fine abundant crop the prices have declined fully 33 p^r cent, expected to be lower, so that the Labouring poor in this Country may expect some relief thereby, but the price of labour is so very low to the work people they are in a much miserable Situation; nor has the New Government done any thing (being the Session which is now prorogued) to ameliorate their Condition — such is the state of things here. —

I have now the melancholy task of Informing you of my own & family Situation, having at the time of the fears a large Stock of Linens on hand, I sustained a very heavy loss on them; which I endeavoured to persevere in order to recover it, but unfortunately for me I found of my friends failed & has ruined both I & family & have been unhappy these Some years past, that has eat up more than I am worth, and hasnot wherewith to support myself & family. therefore from an early acq^tce in both political & Mercantile affairs I beg leave to call on your good old friend for some assistance. I hope its unnecessary for me to put you in mind of the Bills I took from you on Bosgrave & Mullin of Dublin for one hundred pounds; at the time of your over misfortune in Business at wh period I was then in a Independent situation, but alas its now the reverse.