however this ~~with~~ A number of other Debts he expecte to receive placed him in Such A State that he could not pay us but one hundred and twenty Dollars yet, but Stett thinks in A few Days he will be able to pay, So we could not comply with your Request to pay the Money to Mr Harris of Pittsburg merely for the want of the money, We have the hundred & twenty Dollars in Good Paper and we wish you to write to us whether we must pay it to ~~us~~ Mr Harris or wait to we get all the money and then pay him, (that is if we Dont get it before you write) We was also placed in A Difficulty about the Rent the father of the Son that bot the property was not worth five Dollars, this two year we have been trying to get A Settlement with the old man when we Sold to the Son we had not Settled the Repairs & Rent but when we got the money, we could then go to work with the old man (before we was afraid of over Setting the bargin or Sale) We had all the Repairs Valued by Workman and then made it appear that the two Sons had Said they had to pay the Rent So we had A full Settlement with the Rent and the Repairs, we Got the two Sons Note for twenty Seven Dollars and twenty two Cents, We think we will Get the Money Soon, We would have Sent the bills the Masons & Carpenters made out but concluded that the postage would be to pay and they of not Much Satisfaction to you if you want to se them write for them our not Writing to you sooner was we expected to pay the money before this time to Mr Harris, if we have Done any thing Wrong you must forgive us for we have realy been trying to do the best our Kowledge would admit of. the Deeds we Still hold in our hands to the purchase money in full is paid, things working so bad caused us to have more trouble then we aught to have been at but So it is, we have all things Seemingly in A fair way so that nothing will be Lost

yours Respectfully W D Mullin

Mr C Birnie

Jas. McCrory

NB we will Send our bill of trouble when we have all Settled and paid

I suppose it will be unnecessary to write as soon as I wrote lately in a similar case the directions in the former letter of saying to Wm Harris. They appear very desirous to please — CB

of the petition would place you exactly as you were before it was filed. The dividend among all the Creditors would be a trifle to any of them, so that without you sought them they would from the smallness of the dividend not seek you & the money would be accumulating on yr hands If it were practicable to get Dl Gist & Cockey Esrs to annul the entire proceedings & allow the funds to revert to the Company as formerly, unless some thing could be done for its benefit it would be better. as in yr present situation matters are not likely to be benefitted & you are lying under a responsibility However, do as you wish I could advise with any other person better as I do feel no pleasure in being ~~the~~ Counsel ~~on~~ when I feel an interest except it would be in cases capable of a speedy settlement Love to all yrs Sincerely

C Birnie