Dear Sir — Annapolis Sept. 3d — 1827 —

For several Weeks past I have been in treaty with a Person in this Town for the sale of your House at $2200 = 00 cash — but unfortunately the House adjoining where Mr. Ridgely — Merch.t — lately lived — being offered for sale at the reduced price of $2000 = 00 — my expected purchaser seems to have declined taking your House — at least for the present — therefore I am at a loss how to proceed — whether to advertise it at public sale, and see what that course might produce — or wait ~~to try~~ what can be done at private sale — Another Person a few Days past told me if I would give him a bargain in your House — that he would purchase — I desired him to make me an offer in cash — ~~He then~~ said as Mr. Ridgely's House, which was every way as good as yours — could be had for the Sum I have mentioned — that he would give me $1800 = 00 cash down — I said that I thought this was too great a sacrifice for you to make in the sale of so good a House — I have thought it best to inform you — how the value of Houses — seems to be estimated here at present, before I undertake to offer yours for sale — either at private or public sale — I really am unable to judge whether property here — will encrease — or lower in value

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Dear Father —

Mr Thomson's estate is finally settled & pays 12½ cents in the dollar Annexed I send a receipt for you to sign & return to me the sum which you are entitled to is $178.37 out of which is to be deducted yr note of 62 $ & whatever int may be due thereon. The amt in the receipt I leave blank until ~~etc~~ I see Kunkle again. Concerning the int on yr note as also an item in the acct which I want to be explained I have Roses watch if you know any one coming down ask them to call for it How is Rose — I saw you when here I heard from home last The receipt being in the form desired by Kunkle to save postage copy into yr letter having date amt &c blank & I will fill them up

Yrs sincerely
C Birnie

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Fancy Town