as to do any thing, save tending the mill & keeping things
in repair. The latter is fully worthy my time & the former
as Grenville, my old servant (as all the people in
this Country terms their slaves), young and old, young
enough to be your, deserves his affectionate regard & your
family. He is like myself almost worn out through
down right slavery, any one leaving a family in this Country
leave them well, but never compensated, a miss at 18
a fop at 21, thinks no more of their Parents, all independence
of prevails; away with such ingratitude say I. It is
a work to try on the American Character. There has been
some attempts, to raise Grenville principals among
the slaves there; [illegible] better principles amo[illegible]
Capera - notwithstanding, nature is bounti[illegible]
gives to this land, prodigie in extremes
to you by any chance send me a few
the Currant Cuttings gooseberry & a
Grapes so as to have them in the thre[illegible]
estate, I gave up the road to Cincinnati,
weak & feeble. Providence may be pleased to
health, I spare me a little longer even my fa[illegible]
make known that Grenville is apparently [illegible]
at Atkinson Wayne Co. Ohio. (2 miles for the mill) [illegible]
Comes free. [illegible] here, the Mail from the eastward a[illegible]
weekly. [illegible] Newspaper you send here will cost
it be gratefully [illegible] - I am just got strong enough
to get to Lebanon again, the children round me to make an effort
to gather. Elder Berries to make wine. I can get none here but
sweet malaga (Common Fruit) at 1/2 .75 the Gallon. I believe
1 Bottle of good Madeira would make me years younger
we have 2 Londoner, just commencing a Brewery at Richmond
8 miles from us. as I like it well tried. They offer 45 cents pr bush
for Barley. as much I sowing some this fall. My family unit[illegible]
affectionate regards & believe me to remain most
sincerely Yours [illegible] - direct to Jeremiah Hastings
Post Master Atkinson Wayne Co. Ohio.

so that it can be had for 10 cents pr Bushel & wheat for 37½
I believe I told you of my speculation in Whiskey I
hope I will not lose much it now sells unusually
for 21½ cents per Gallon, Flour $3 & $3.50 so that all our produce
brings nothing in the end. The Mill does good business
I think we have ground upwards of 1200 Bushels of new
wheat since harvest came in. I expect we will have
300 & 600 Gal. of whiskey when we get the remainder
last season's Corn Ground, we contracted to get 1
pr Bushel from a Distiller our next neighbors
were we able to get up a distillery, we could get 2½ to
3 Gallons pr Bushel throughout the year, the
slops in feeding Hogs will pay the expense, but no
having the means to defray the expense, I would not
I would not get indebted there for double the gain could
be made by it. I trouble you with the enclosed
to Gen. Johnson. it contains a matter of importance to
me, relative to some Claims I think he will attend
to it as I am persuaded if this reaches you safe. I have
made a long month, please have the enclosed handed
at Baltimore to insure its going direct. I know how
precious your time is, but do my dear Patty share one
time to see if you know what Pleasure it would give
all ab. you. you could write without ceremony if an answer
to your letters, I hear no news from Europe consequently
know nothing of our friends there, can I venture to ask you
to get John, to write me, to your care, I know I am too
grasping towards already, but still I must be known
as I do your sincere Friend & Brother - when I wrote you
I intended doing great things on our farm, I have left
this, but alas, our health has not been such as to enable