altogether on speculation having purchased cattle & Hogs
20 in number, Geese, ducks, & fowls innumerable, all to
be at the Mill door. both of the grounds, wheat, corn
& rye, just as he pleased, on enquiring I was told
he sold his share, Ground rye, & the residue was
intended for Greenville; which by the way; was little
or nothing after two months constant grinding
I asked him where was my parts, his reply was his
dog had to be fed, — the Mill dam being now gone, & he was
by article bound to assist in rebuilding it. was
no time for interrogation particularly in my very bad
state of health, my natural disposition was always
to be industrious; I summoned all the energy I could
to work, in despair I took a scythe to cut the dam
down, this exertion, & fatigue brought me up completely.
& I had like to have my life by it; however a week
recruited me, & I again commenced & held on through
all hardships, until I got the dam completely
finished many neighbours were all kind to assist me
knowing my case, & the Lord gave me strength, this
lazy, indolent miller, did as would be best little, one
morning I told him, I believe he had not assisted as
he ought, & he was bound to do so. his reply was
you are a liar, Sir, that he hit me in my
face, saying repeatedly, I would see you & your
Mill in Hell Sir, before I would assist more
, this was on the Bench, I took him by the collar,
, weak as I was, but then strong, & whirled him
like a Fish, to the bottom of the stairs & out of mill
, so ended his career as miller, & Greenville
completely under his thumb & imposed on his
credulity & weakness, so much so, that they took his
part on all occasions, and totally declined doing
any more in the Mill, I have almost ever since been
obliged to attend to it myself not having yet got
a miller altogether has been trying on me in my
debilitated state of health, the pains across my back

and loins prevents my lifting any weight, and
I keep a man whom I contract & superintend the
business myself — I have not been fortunate in my
bank speculations the season has been so unusually
bad I fear I shall lose a great deal of it, our
markets in Grain & provisions have fallen rapidly
superfine flour at Georgetown $3 ℔ Bl. whiskey 16 a
17 c ℔ Gal. wheat from 37½ a 40 ℔ Bushel Corn 12½ Rye
18 a 20. so there is little to be made by producers, either
for farmer or miller. so that I am loth to a
resolution of selling the Mill &c. if I can get a
fair price & market going into the business
business which is by far the best in this country
there is no risk, my dam cost upwards of $7 or 8. to rebuild
it exclusive of what my neighbours done. the flood
has swept away considerable of the Bank adjoining
it. & will eventually ruin the bottom & best part of the
farm I purchased, adjoining my own. the next
Mill, but one, to me was destroyed first by
water & latterly by fire, entirely consumed
under all circumstances I think it will be better
for my helpless Family to have something less liable
to the casualties attending water & Fire, for should any
thing happen to the Mill, it would be ruinous to
them. I observe your remarks respecting the
deed being made out C Browne & Co & mention
nothing worthy on the subject. I hope he is doing
well do well in Baltimore. please remember me
to him. My Family thank God are in good
health, the small pox was very prevalent here
but we all escaped. I had them vaccinated pretty early in
the outbreak of the disease — perhaps you may hear
of some one wishing to purchase Mills or Farms
the best seat in Westwater Capable of driving almost
any extent of Machinery also a constant stream
whether above my dam for by strange would
assure will for another Mill, but at reaches
the river also a noble Site seat was I 15 years
gone, I would not hart it easy if