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Respected Friend

Your kind letter of the 15 Oct was received and aught ere this to have been answerd, But since the death of poor Wm I have been much engaged, the books were behindhand, and much writing on hand, I made out every account on the books and closed them by Note where the money could not be had, The death of Wm left a vacency not easely filled he was respected by all that new him and died as he had lived a Christian, his death came to me with a piercing sting, we had lived together and reposed together in perfect unison, he gave me council and advice worthey to be followed. One happy consolation I have is that he reposed all confidence in me and I well know that I never abused it I always had his interist at heart, and strived to do my duty, But I find some difference in haveing the whole responsibi of business at a moment put upon you, it causes you to reflect and think yes and act not with rashness but soberness, Shortly after Wm death Mr Gunton came up and showed a disposition to be friendly towards me, just then I thought of you knowing that Wm had received advice from you which proved much to his advantage for advice comeing from you he received as comeing from a father but I soon perceived around me friends willing to sustain me, and whose advice would be wholesome and good Mr Gunton I think would have been willing to had business go on as it had formerly he seemd to have full confidence in me, but some one must administer on the Estate I have administerd and given Security to the Court for the payment of all debts, Mr John Robertson went my Security he is a friend a friend indeed, he has the heart of an Irishman for his friendship will I ever fell gratefull and his advice highly prize, As yet I am alone but will shortly get a boy I do not wish to be in too great haste for I would like to get one that would answer and on as reasonable terms as papible, I intend to devote my whole

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in these Countys have generally failed this season, not producing 1/4th of an average crop, many places, not the seed, owing to the unprecedented drought, we have for 25 & 30 miles round us been highly favored with natural rains, but generally speaking, an unusual dry season. Corn now sells for 15 & 16 Cents p B.l with us, but in the neighbouring States, 25 & much higher in the Carolinas, &c, &c., I have got 500 Bushels rent Corn of my farms, about 20 good Hogs, with a young stock which seem Appearances will hay wole this season, a thing not as Corn will be dear. - however whiskey must rise, as the Countrys that supplied Cincinnati market, Can now make but very little, I purpose getting a quantity distilled & have brought 4 & 500 Bushels in that aut. & the prospects to the millers this year is better than for many years past, but, alas, my dear Jatty, what are all these things to me, when my health & Strength are so far gone. - I endeavour to hold out day after day, as matter wore down, cannot desist from exerting all my powers, in these worldly concerns, indeed I have undertaken too much, between the mills & improvements, & still not doing half what my neighbours are, in improvements - I am sorry to hear of your vines failing, you are not alone in the circumstance, at Irvina, & every place I can hear of this has been a fatal year - dont give up the ship. I am persuaded the things will ultimately pray. should I remain here I purpose to finishing my, last vines, next spring, on a small scale - I think in Cattle & Sheep very few will exceed you, I wish you luck in them ale, & would be glad of one of the English breed - I have been unfortunate in my Cows, not through any fault, but by getting a bad kind for Milk, notwithstanding I used every exertion to get a good kind. - my sheep all ran away twice, & I now despair of getting the little stock improved, how the greater part are when I purchased them - I agree with you, respecting going into a new business, Tanning, I believe it to be the safest & best in the western Country, I am told of men entering into business 10 P Cent & would willingly 12, if they could get money to their business, money is not to be had - all manufacturers are poor, that is, they have not Capital. & the numbers excid description, settling from hence westward - dont you imagine flour must advance, notwithstanding the abundant crops of wheat, Corn is & will be higher, than in this Country for many years. & from the accts from Europe, I think Breadstuff will be wanting although Plenty now, but I believe tranquility cannot be restored without tears & blood shed - they must all have a war standing Army, & compelled them to, for self defence. - so bless me a Father now & again -

almost immediatly after I rec. your last I wrote to Mr Patterson, with a few lines to John, I spoke of taking the American Corner. but however had the pleasure of a reply. I can get partners in the hopes - - we have had a sick fall of sickness in my family, since I wrote you, Mary my 3d Girl, I fear will hardly recover, wasting & approaching (or threatening Consumption, with general debility, Poor happy, happy, would she be to be removed from this vale of sorrow & trouble - Wm S. has been ill for a considerable time & my Eldest daughter also, both worn down with fatigue having so many Hands & mill wrights, to Cook & provide for - indeed, so trifling is the females that we get to live that their Room is worth their services, good for nothing, as well as the male Hands - Carolinians are some thing like the Lazy Spaniards. and as proud as Lucifer - a kind of half independant Indians, some how we were badly calculated to mix among these people generally - Your letter tells me of the dissolution of many Friends & old acquaintances amongst whom I was Mr Napier, whom I got acquainted with chiefly after my settling in Liverpool, & visiting Ireland on business, having seen considerably in all the Northern Countys in Bleaches Smalts - my dear Jatty, when I reflect on all the changing scenes of life, that has been my fate, and see the amazing goodness & mercy of God exercised towards me, in every scene. I almost sink beneath the burden, but that blessed hope buoyants my sinking spirits, because I feel I am not yet forsaken. one thing, I wish for to hear some opportunity of hearing the Gospel preached I believe it would be of the greatest advantage to most of my Family - therefore I wish to be where I can be under the sound of it, & have some society of wide diffused people. Circumstanced as we now are there is little Chance for us. - when I remember being a Constant hearer of Dr. McDonald (Mary & Abby) & many others in my late days, all of which I seemed not to understand, because I heard not now could I only have these opportunities I believe they would benefit me much - poor John, I rejoice that he has delight in reading the scriptures. dont you remember the animosity that prevailed in Belfast, amongst, & about the preachers - poor man, he was warm on that occasion, but alas, his leaving fastens him he had no further opportunity of the gospel sound -