attention to business and if God spares my health I hope it will be in my power to pay off Mr Gunton claim in one Year a thing that will be desirable for Interest eats up profit, Then I will be able to do business to better advantage, for your kind advice receive my sincere thanks, Please tell Miss McAregist that I was happy to hear from her and am thankful for her advice, please remember me to the rest of your family in haste,

Yours Respectfully
Victor Thomson

Mr C Binnie

in this Country have generally failed this season, not producing 1/4th of an average crop, many fields, not the seed, owing to the unprecedented drought, we have for 25 & 30 miles round us been highly favoured with natural rains, but generally speaking, an unusual dry season. Corn now sells for 15 & 16 Cents p B[u] with us, but in the neighbouring State, 25, & much higher in the Carolinas, &c, &c, I have got 500 Bushels rent Corn of my farms, about 24 good Hogs, with a young stock which from appearances will pay well this season, & strong not as Corn will be scarce - however whiskey must rise, as the Country, that supplied Cincinnati market, can now make but very little, I prospect getting a quantity distilled & have bought 4 & 500 Bushels on that acct - & the prospects for millers this year is better than for many years past, but, alas, my dear Sally, what are all these things to me, when my health & strength are so far gone - I endeavour to hold out day after day, & while worn down, cannot desist from exerting all my powers, in these worldly concerns, indeed I have undertaken too much, between the mill & improvements, & still not doing half what my neighbours are, in improvements - I am sorry to hear of your times failing, you are not alone in the circumstance, ab initio, & every place I can hear of this has been a fatal year - don't give up the ship. I am persuaded the things will ultimately pay. should I remain here I purpose rather enriching, my, last owner, 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 highest 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, know the greater part are worse 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 embarking in it, paying 10 P Cent & would willingly pay 12, if they could get money to carry on their business - money is not to be had - all engagements are poor, that is, they have not Capital - & the numbers exile discrimination settling from hence westward - don't 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 war & blood shed - they must all have a war standing Army, & compel them to, for self defence - do write me a letter now & again -

almost immediately after I rec[d] your last I went down to Baltimore with a few lines to Colm, I spoke of taking the American Farmer, but however had the pleasure of a reply, I can get partners in the paper - we have had a good deal of sickness in my family, since I wrote you, Mary my 3rd Girl, I fear will hardly recover, Consume & approaching (in threatening Consumption, with general debility threaten her happy, lovely, young life to be removed from this vale of sorrow & trouble - Mrs S. has been ill for a considerable time & my Eldest Daughter also, both worn, & worn with fatigue having so many Hands & mill work to Cook & provide for - indeed, so trifling is the females that we get to hire that their Room is worth their services, good for nothing, as vile 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 st these people generally - Your letter tells me of the dispersion of many Friends & old acquaintances amongst whom was Mr Nabien, whom I got acquainted with chiefly after my settling in Liverpool, & visiting Ireland on business - having seen Incidentally in all the Northern Counties in Bleaching Smalts - my Sally, 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 strengthens my sinking spirits, because I feel I am not yet forsaken - one thing, I wish for to have come, 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 well disposed people. Circumstanced as we now are there is little chance for us - when I remember being a Constant hearer of Dr M'Donald (Mary's Abbey) & many others in my late days, all of which I seemed not to understand, because I heard not now could I only have those opportunities I believe they would benefit me much - poor Lohr, I rejoice that he has delight in reading the scriptures. don't you remember the animosity that prevailed in Belfast, amongst, & about the preachers - how man, he was worn on that occasion, but alas, his hearing, fastening him he had no further opportunity of the gospel sound -