having ~~been~~ ~~so~~ delayed so long my hopes of a speedy settlement were raised by my brother having stated that he had received a letter from you urging him to meet our wishes in this, and from his then declaring his intention to follow your good advice – but I am truly sorry to tell you that after the mediation of many kind friends here our offers of amicable settlement are still spurned, and a seemingly endless litigation in which he has involved the property is again commenced by him

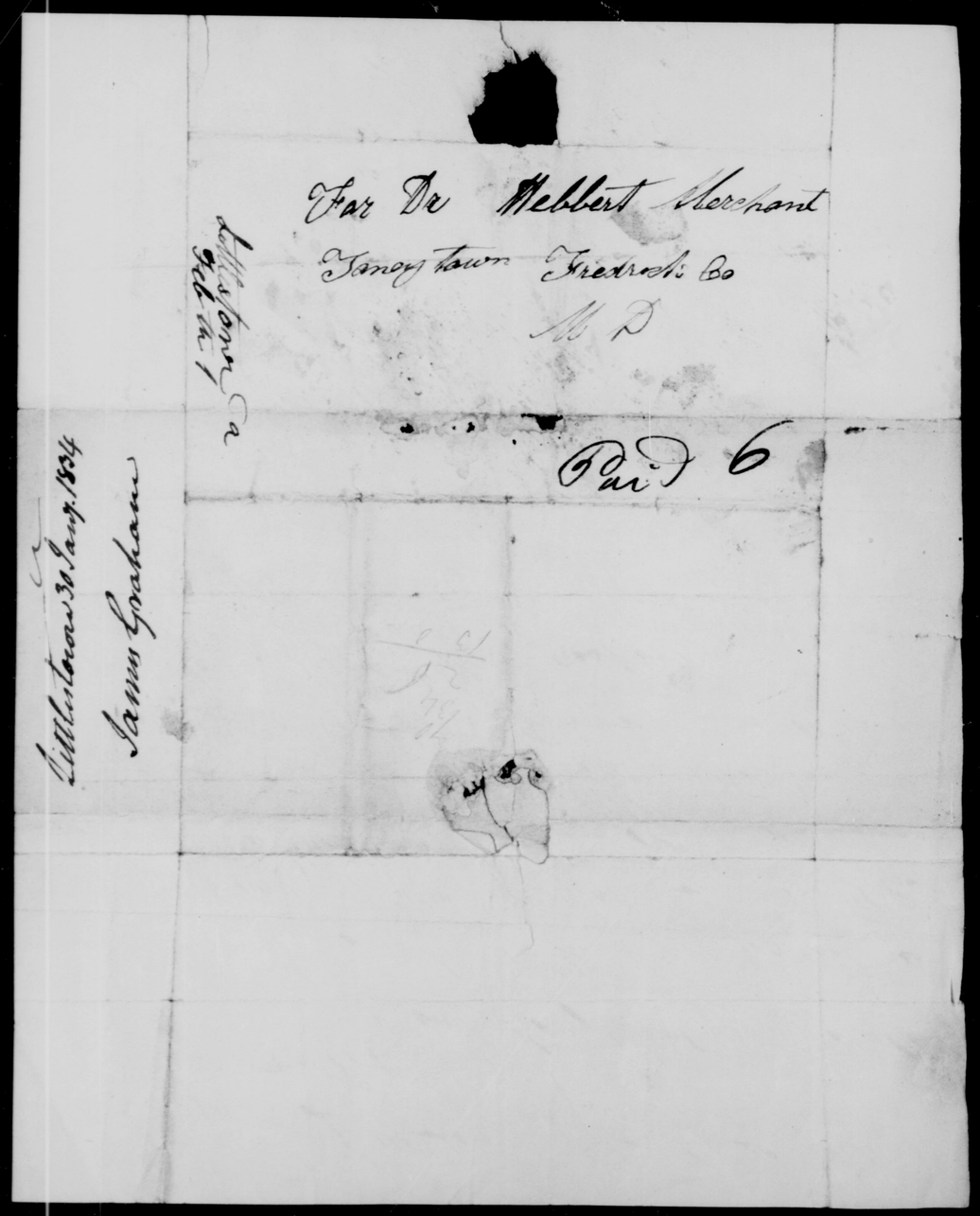
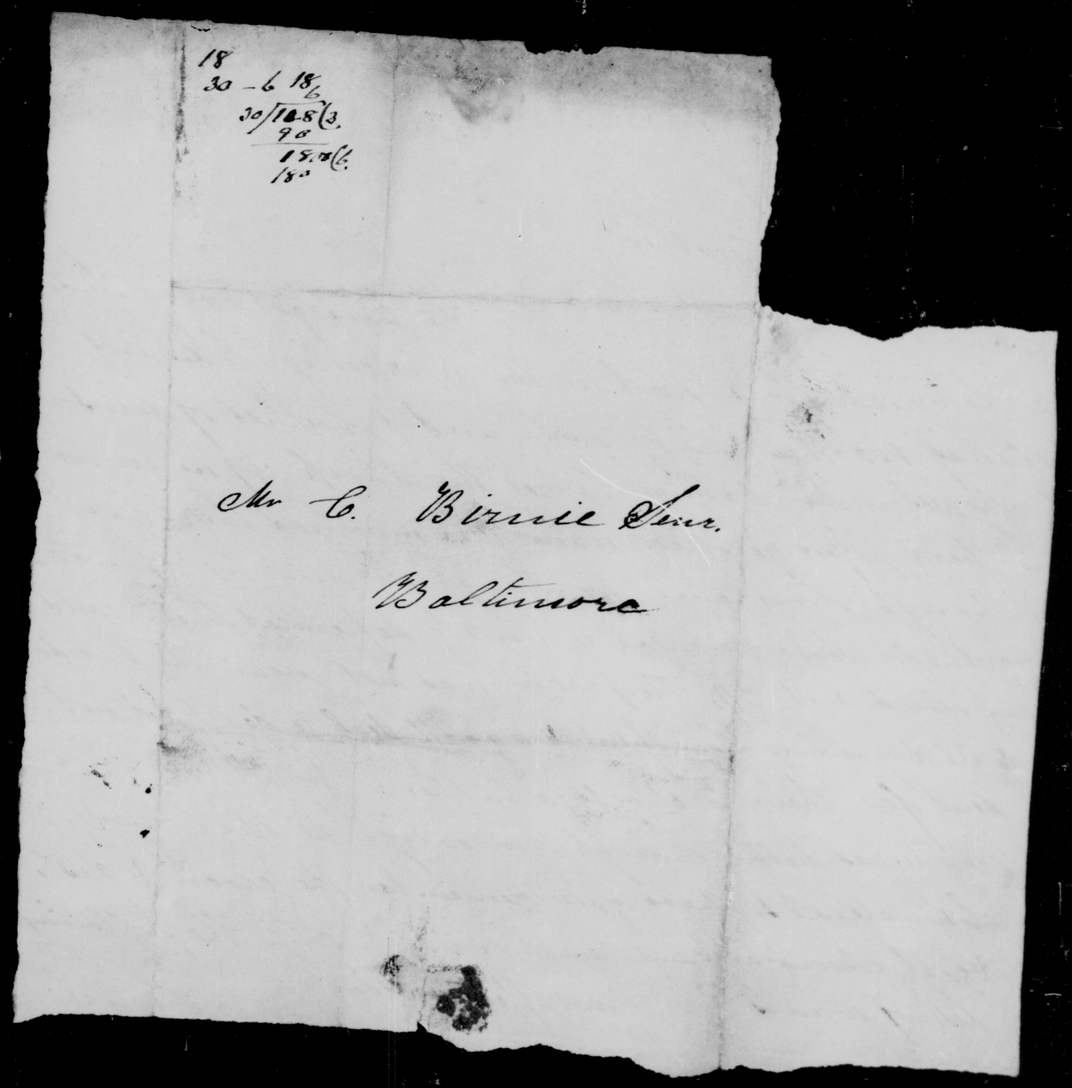
Unfortunately for us he was made an Executor, and as he obstinately refuses to join in any sale or settlement to which of course he is a necessary party no arrangement can be come to – A property was sold with his concurrence more than two years ago to pay yours, among other family claims, and the deeds still remain unexecuted in consequence of his obstinacy. He has made me a Defendant in a Chancery suit with Mr. Dunville and Mr. Annesley, ~~and~~ joined with me, and he has another against me singly – The principal part of what my father bequeathed to me was a joint share in the residue with my brother Joseph, who sold his share to William, and the consequence has been ruinous – From the seeming impossibility of settling the affairs I have now come to the determination of abandoning the whole – I have a small matter unconnected with it which I intend disposing of and leaving the Country where I had hoped by my fathers industry, and good care, and by his having made me independent, to have lived and died – but the good name he bequeathed us has been sadly tarnished and I would now gladly see myself out of it for ever –

For myself I can only say I have nothing to blame myself with, nor would I act otherwise had I to go over it all again – I give you no justification of my conduct for of that I would rather you had it from any other source, but when I see you which may be ere long, I will not fear the strictest inquiry into the correctness of it – But my Dear Uncle I am deeply sensible of the loss of station and respectability which the name of a family disagreeing among themselves must bring on them, and this I am suffering in common with all the members of ours, at the same time with the one exception we are all on the most united and affectionate footing –

It is my present intention to leave this for America in spring or early in Summer, but my plans are not yet such as that I can fix with certainty – America has long been the country of my admiration, and when I had little idea of becoming a dweller in it, I had ardently wished to visit it – I must to be able to take some Capital out with me, and as I understand Brewing, Distilling Rectifying and Vinegar and Wine making practically [illegible] Thus [illegible] able to turn myself to good account.

In the mean time my Dear Uncle I need not say how much pleasure it would give me to hear from you your advice for my guidance in this matter, your long experience and residence in the Country will give any opinion of yours great value –

My mother enjoys good health, and were it not for Williams strange course we should all be very happy – She and my sisters however are fortunately totally independent of any control of his as to their money matters, so that my leaving this can be no source of inconvenience to them in that respect – Perhaps were I gone William would see the utter absurdity of the course he has taken, and meet the trustees in their wishes for the settlement so long delayed – This I look for in my intention of which every member of the family have been made acquainted by me. –

With my most affectionate love to my Aunt and all my relations believe me – Most truly Yours

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