Henry is too young to undertake the Concerns, and my great Object is to put my 4 younger Children to School & get into a more retired place in life, where I may think of the times to Come — I have not made up my mind into what business I shall enter — many of my Neighbours have gone up to Michigan Territory, & some to Illinois, all have done well, & are going every day" I shall do nothing until I hear from you = I have had two Letters from Europe not so satisfactory as I could wish but, expect in the Change of Ministry to succeed. Through my Friends in obtaining the Rent of Land in B.N. America had I went there first I should have done well — I had a Letter from Tom Shaw, saying I have lately lost 3 Relations John Brown, of Warings Town & 2 Brothers Lewis when I believe you Knew, William Has retired from Business wants to know what provision I am making for the Journey, after my Friends — it is high time to Commence

You last Form said July would bring you out your 20th year, if I live to March next, I shall have the same story — but being marvellously spared & preserved through life, I should be doubly delighted in repentance being surely spared a monument of God's mercy through an evil life — This Country has not been so productive, we have a great scarcity of wheat Corn & Rye — the present Crops of Corn now look well

Should any Letter Come to your Care, I wish you will forward them as early as possible, my Son Tom promised to send some things, he knows your address, likely they may Come to your Care — I have in the two they all expences attending this business shall be thankfully repaid it is giving him & you a great deale of trouble — Could you interest thy self to be kind to write me, in recent fancy a line.

Letter as I am very anxious to get my Business finally settled — when I shall be able to make some arrangements respecting my affairs, leaving this world of care — I am now the oldest of all my male relations & to die in a strange Land unknown to all around me but hope to be prepared for a Better Habitation — my wife and Family are all well and desires to unite with me in affectionate regards to your Family — and believe me my dear Bivine

Yours most truly

Ralph Shaw, mbow.

Arlington 27th July 1835

will Shaw forgets my name sometimes and directs to Richard Shaumbourne Esq. &c.