question has come into his possession. he have written no notice of the letter addressed to Mr Barnett, nor has any similar been since addressed to us, but I thought it my duty, without having any communication, with Mr McCann to endeavour to ascertain as far as possible the facts respecting this deed; more particularly as Mr McCann's family are members of Dr Hanna's congregation in Belfast, of which I happen to be elder. For this purpose I applied to a person called John Hunt, formerly a Shoemaker in Skipt Street, also a member of the Congregation to obtain information ~~of~~ on the title by which Mrs Mr McCann holds the cottage in which she lives. He had a conversation with the old woman on the subject, from which it appears, that her father David Weir was the original lessee of the premises. that he died about ~~thirty~~ years ago, leaving his widow & two children, herself, & a son called Thomas, surviving. his widow died about ~~twelve~~ years ago. but sometime previous to her death, her son Thomas who is said to have been a mute or idiot or fond a dipsal of which you were aware, prevailed on his mother to entrust him with the custody of the lease, & if my information be correct assigned it to you in discharge of a debt which he owed you. Thomas Weir is not now living, but his sister was married to a person called McCann & had two children, a daughter now deceased & a son from whom Mr B. received the notice. Of the facts above stated with which you are said to have been connected, you have of course from your recollection the best means of judging of the correctness. but as the property is leasehold & Thomas Weir, was neither administrator, nor legatee of his father, who I am informed died intestate, he could transfer his mother & sister being equally entitled with himself as legal ~~title~~ to you. As it thus appears to me that your title is defective I have further the liberty altho' a stranger to you, to state these facts, of the correctness of which, as I have already stated you are the best judge, & to enclose the proper

		Amt brot over				
1831		By Amt brot over	198	43½		
July	14	By Cash by letter monday 11th ult			201	15¾
	15	By " order to pay to Marg't			60	—
	16	To Cash pd Hagger (Compos)	10			50
	19	To " " Finly & Swenson Hamp	60			
"	"	To Watch crystal				
Aug		By Cash on acct		25		
Sep	31	To Main Spring of Watch (Minnell)	1	75		
1832						
Feb		To loan to Rogers	4			
Mar	5	By Cash			5	—
	24	To price 11¾ bush Rye .62½	7	34½		
Ap	5	By Cash for same			7	34½
May	17	To amt remitted Rogers	120			
	19	By Savd Bk Crt $500 4mo 4 pr ct			506	66⅔
	25	To Cash pr Chk on Bk of Mca	386	66		
	"	By " Stev Nelson (beef a cct			6	30
June	15	To Check on Bk of Mca	150	—		
	30	By Cash pr Wm Colville			150	
Sep	1	To carriage iron plates & screws		50	—	
	27	To Mending Rogers Watch	3	—		
Nov	28	By Check on Bk in Frdk			1000	—
1833						
Jan	3	To Cash deposited Bk Mca 5 pr ct	1000	—		
	5	To 344 lbs buckwheat $2	6	88		
	"	By Cash for same				
	"	By Cash			6	88
	17	To " Coal Coats &c			110	
	18	To Chk on Bk of Mca		28		
	"	To Cash to B & Beale	70			
Apl	2	To " to J Stall	30			
Mar	9	To 2 pairs Carpet binding	1	50		
		£	2058	60	2058	84

Balto 21 Aug 1834

Enclosed my dear father is an acct current between us as kept by me. The Errors in entering the early date arose from my not obtg the information of Crs ~~the year~~ in time — I did not succeed in finding no loans or discounts now due Mr I believe to Mrs Mr he would endorse with you for $500 for me but altho he & I had several conversations or I rather talked to him he never told me so. The Saw stone you will get as soon as he can get one to suit. he cut 2 for it but both proved defective He will not forget you

Dr Dorsey of Frdk is the agent for a thrashing machine $100 — that big McLane gave him in my presence a cut of having thrashed from 4 to 7 O'clock = 3 hours & 250 sheaves after that 101½ bushels reaped wheat, cradle grain will turn out from 130 to 150 in a day I hope it will be cheaper next year — Dorsey gets 20, or 23 ¢ Comn — it is portable

I rec'd the papers this morning by mail.

No alteration in Wool from last quotations

The above machine leaves the straw the length of timothy

J Brannan has a daughter — Tell M I saw her letter she wrote for tracts distinctly not papers but to send them onto the Agent — I do not know what about money I wish if you hear of any thing there you would write me

With love to all yrs as ever

N Birnie Jr

PS Rec'd a letter from F A Schley more anon