Balto 10th July 1836

Inclosed my dear father this should have gone by Mr Van Bibber but I find he has gone. He wrote and said however I wish you would show him my letter enclosing the blank note of $100 & converse with him. My postscript will show you I meant desired you to be a mortgagee. The fact is that owing to the slap I got in the Md & the delays of the law for the last year working on one without anything to the for & in addition to that the first of January brings in numerous bills I cannot see how I can do without about $1000 From the state of law business here just now I dont expect to receive any fees worth speaking of until spring — in fact no man can do any thing here if he has not friends for a lift or some

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Mr C. Birnie
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Washington City
23. Feb.y 1836

Dear Sir,

I received your favour of the 10th inst. in due course of mail. In consequence of the former communication to which it refers I made various attempts to see Mr Green without effect and my brother called at his office several times with no better success. Soon after my return from Fredericktown I went to the Collector who was then about to advertise your lots among many others for sale for the taxes due, a proceeding which would have been attended by considerable expense, and which I prevented by undertaking to pay the taxes for you. The bill presented is for the years 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833 & 1834 amounting to $6.59 and this sum was paid by me on the 14th ult.o — Since the receipt of the letter to which I am replying my brother has twice seen Mr Green who represented that he had no funds and had been unable to find any papers but would search again. — If you will let me know at what time you placed money in his hands and the amount I may be able to refresh his memory and obtain whatever sum may remain unapplied

Your's very respectfully
W. Gunton

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