Sweet Grove March 27th 1837

C. Birnie Sent. Esqr.

My dear Sir

Wishing you in primis a pleasant Easter Holiday, secundo, on the first of April (if he dont make an April fool of him) my neighbour Eby is to pay into the hands of my neighbour Gieman a certain sum of money (I know not how much) which neighbour Eby is tired of paying interest upon. Tertio, I argue thus, if neighbour Gieman has not disposed of the money, as he loans all his spare cash on interest, he might possibly be induced to loan it to you for the use of yr. son predicated either upon personal responsibility or a lien upon the land. Quarto, I am well acquainted with neighbour Gieman & if you choose & will call at Avondale to morrow morning early, I will go with you to his house. I hope Mrs Birnie & all the family with yourself are in the enjoyment of good health and I pray you to tender the affectionate reminiscences of my family & self.

Quinto farewell

Respectfully
yours &c
William Wilkes

P.S. I have not mentioned this occasion. Gieman lives North of Westminster. Enquire at Mr Zeckhaning

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Pay Chas Birnie

Mr. C. Birnie

Baltimore April 5. 1837

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. reached me last evening with 1st 2d & 3d of your Bills of Exc. on Mr Saml. Bruce Belfast at 30 days sight for £63, which I have this day sold to the Messrs. Brown at 10½ prem and annex my Check on the Mechanics Bank to your order for Three hundred & two 40/100 Dollars, being the amount of the same —

Yours very respectfully
yours &c
Henry Ostertag

Baltimore April 1837
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