Philadelphia 7th Oct. 1837
Wm. Marsenic

C. Birnie Esqr
Hum Oak
Tony Town
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Maryland

Dr. Sir

I want about 300 to 350 bushels of Seed Wheat please to say if you can supply me the kind & price

yours respectfully
C. Birnie

6 Oct. 1837

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Dear Sir

I received your esteemed favour of the 27th ult. containing a Enumeration of your Sons Farm of 253¾ acres which you wish to purchase of "@ 10 $ Acre & to borrow about 1000 Dollars on a Mortgage of the property. I consulted with John Wm in Newyork and with our Cashr. in the Schuylkill Bank & they both think there is no Chance of my being able to raise any Money for you on the Security you do not mention what rent & premium yearly. I enclose St. I Lun Cashr. Draft on the Marine Bank $300.00
I Macauley Esq on S L Fowler & Brothers do. 200.00
$500.00

= turn over =

My dear Sir — Annapolis Oct. 7th — 1837 —

I was very glad to receive a Letter from you once more, our correspondence seems to have ceased for a long time past, and I do not hear of you as often as I did, whilst your Son lived in Baltimore, as he now and then came to our City, and told me how you were all going on at Thorndale — I should have written sooner but was waiting to see some of our monied Men (and in truth they are very scarce) to find out if I could induce any of them to lend $500=00 — I said all I could on the subject, but was not able to succeed — This sad derangement of the currency of our Country, seems to have destroyed the confidence, which not long since existed among Men who had Money — now it appears that the few who can command Money at present, wish to hold it, untill they can purchase landed property for half its value, or vest it in some way, so as to make an exorbitant Interest — I do regret that you have to raise this sum in the present state of our Money affairs — I wish it was in my power to aid you on this occasion — but in truth I have no means — it would afford me pleasure if I had as much as would answer your purpose, but really my small income is lessening every year

C. Birnie Esquire
near Tony Town
Carroll County — Md

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