Ballo 19th Dec 1838

had my dear father razors last week, the man says they may be good but it will only wear them away without doing them any service. They are of the Rather (thin) kind & are made purposely not to require grinding — the hone is the only thing they pay because the lower part of the blade is so thin I have shaved with them without sharpening & finer or better razors I never had & if I had money to spare I would keep them & send you a new pair. The fault is not in the razors but in manner of holding them, you hold the blade at nearly right angles to the face & draw them edge wise but if you will hold them nearly flat & move them a little forward as if you were cutting or sawing, you will find them delightful I pointed that manner of shaving to you when here & you were pleased with mine, which I do not consider equal to yours I have one with which I have shaved every day for 3 yrs (of the same kind) & it never wants more than the strop. I will then for return them to you, the old one might require soon the hone but the other are in very fine order. I send the paper for you — Rogers has 2 Razors I would like to give him three for I very good one too. Mrs W. wants very much to adopt Rob — Mrs W. gave the three children her clothes enough for the winter besides a handsome present to Y

Yrs &c
C Birnie, Jr

Cresville Mills Decr 20th 1838

Mr C Birne

Dr Sir I Received your note Relative to Bran, I have but very little Bran on hand and it would be impossible for me to say when you could get a full load of Bran, but I have no doubt but you could get a load of the different Kinds, say Bran Shorts & Brown Stuff allmost any day next week or after if the weather should not get too cold so as to stop the mills. or many waggons come from your direction

Bran 12½ cts
Shorts 17 "
B Stuff 22 "

Respectfully Yrs
C Skinner

Dear Father

Found up the rope — hope it will be in time for Hatshew or some of his companions they told me they would send it immediately. Sam Shoemaker says Ellicott will not pay but he has 2 purchasers for the Cow one of whom promised to send for her — he does not want it he wishes it not improbable Alex will keep her himself I think, but his mother has been very ill & his grandmother not expected to recover so that he is kept so busy he really has not had time to see fully about her

Marshall wrote me about my farm & wishes me to let him sell it to you for the mortg & says you concede to the point, but I think he must have misunderstood you as I presume you have enough already & certainly I do not desire to increase the quantity — perhaps there is a letter from you in town on that subject. I postponed answering his until as I thought you would write me by to days waggon No letter left at dinner time

6 PM No letter The rope will go it is sent up
If you have any thing to say about Marshalls letter please write me. He seems to think an immediate

Mr C Birnie
Care
Jacob Jones

C Birnie Jun.
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