C Birnie Esq

Dear Sir

I have this day received your favor of 16 July. If I could have effected a Sale of your premises I would have written to you, but it is most difficult to find a purchaser for such a property, that is subject to such a disproportionate Chiefry, & has only 17 years to come. In fact it is worth scarcely any thing. The profit rent is only £14. 0.0 out of which agency & all charges are to come; & the head rent of £92. 6.2 must be paid immediately or proceedings are threatened. In fact I am obliged to pay it on the days it falls due, as Wallace the Ally will brook no delay. No one will buy so small a profit rent under such circumstances. I annex your account current, which leaves only £12. 5. 5 at your Credit, which I will pay in any manner you wish.

Mr Napier's affairs are all in Chancery. I understand that the costs of the proceedings will be about £5000. I have very often applied for your money but cannot get either it or Money that is due to myself. You may rely upon my remitting or advising

Fred. Oct. 1st 1839

My dear friend,

The letter & box of Books came duly & safely to hand. I thank you for your prompt attention to my wishes in the matter. I hope the enclosed Check will answer your convenience. It seems safer, than to send a note. — I am very glad to hear of your recovery, & of the health of the family. Please give them all my kindest regards. There is nothing of any interest either of a religious or temporal nature, to communicate. —

Very truly yours
Joseph Smith

C. Birnie Esqr.

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