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Carlisle June 26<sup>th</sup> 1826

My Dear Alexander

I was glad to learn by your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> that you have at last seen Mr. Tumar and that your Uncle has made some arrangement with him respecting the Kentucky property but I had no thoughts that the paper was to be given him you told me that the Map would be sufficient you will recollect how much unearned it has given me having parted with the Patents this also was your Uncle's doing but I know he has done it for the best and hope it will turn eventually to be so I hope too he has taken a receipt for the Paper and that you have preserved Mr. Ogden's receipt for the Patents as this will be all now I have to show my title to that property which is likely to be all we can now lay claim to for Mr. Penrose gives me but little hopes of ever recovering any thing of Mr. Wallace and Weep having obtained a title to his from the Marshal Mr. P. thinks he can keep it this is truly a hard case for it is evident to every one that these men have fraudulently kept possession of your Father's property and they have secured it in such a manner that I can have no redress but I do not tell you this to discourage you but rather hope it will

stimulate you to greater exertion to make your own fortune and  
provide for your Mother. The receipt for taxes you mention will  
no doubt be of service to William if you have not given it  
to him. Do send it and let me know in your next William says  
I have learned by a letter from Charles who had seen  
Mr. Ranney that William did not pass that way. so what I heard  
a few days ago from Miss Peal must be correct she told me she  
traveled in the Stage from Fredric to Hagerstown with a young  
gentleman which she was sure must <sup>be</sup> my Son from his likeness to  
Anna he sat with the driver and took no notice of any one and  
in the tavern he took a new paper and appeared very dejected  
no doubt poor fellow he has set out this time with a heavy  
heart but I hope he may soon be promoted and accomplish his  
wishes. Call Gibson was here some time after I came but I did  
not see him but on going away he left a message for me with  
Mrs Gibson he bid her tell me that altho he had not gone to see me  
yet he had a great regard for me and he was going home and  
would attend to the interest of my Love so I am in hopes he has  
it in his power to forward William's promotion

poor Charles has suffered much uneasiness from repeated  
disappointments and he is still without a birth as you call it  
which makes me very uneasy but I hope it will not be long and  
he is so good and so dutiful in his conduct to me that he has

reason to expect the blessing of God on his endeavours and I trust he will prosper  
altho it may not be in they way he expects

Monday morning

in writing the above I have learned by a letter from Caroline that you had  
gone to Philad<sup>la</sup> but would only be absent a few days, so expect you will be  
in P<sup>a</sup>. again as soon as this. I am glad you have got this jaunt &  
will be of service to your health and afford you much pleasure to meet  
with your brother Charles your Sister, family and other friends in all  
that gives you pleasure. I share but more deeply in what troubles or  
disappoints you. doe write as soon as you receive this and tell me all you  
know of Charles how he has spent his time and what he has in view

I trust the time is not far distant when he will relinquish a sea-faring  
life with honour and with profit. Caroline says Susan and Alison  
are in the country I suppose at your Uncle. but she does not  
mention their family doe let me know if they have moved to the  
country and if there house in Town is shut up. soon after I came here  
I wrote to your Uncle and inclosed a letter of Pecc. Smith. doe put  
him in mind of this and let me know if any thinge has been done  
did not I leave the papers with you that relate to this business

a great deal of rain has fell here for ten days past but to day  
is clear and beautiful and is hoped will continue as the harvest is at hand  
Mr Mason is still here he is ~~truly~~ a promising young man and greatly endeavoured  
to be useful and an ornament to his Profession

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to be with them some time so probably he better acquainted with him he appears  
a fine spirited Soldier it is a pity his country should lose the services of such  
a man but he has been hardly used so he has offer. his services to the  
Mexican government but this I have not learned from his Sister.

I am glad to hear of ~~the~~ Bodin, intention as it will be a great relief to ~~the~~ Mary  
Alison. health seems to require country air which makes me still regret  
she was not suffered to come with me your Aunt cannot speak of it with any  
compassion and blames me for leaving her behind me tell me particularly of all  
and if Anna has got herself her duty in the school room let me know if you  
have heard from Mr. Barr and remember me in the kindest manner to Mrs. B  
and believe me always, your affectionate Mother M Turnbull

Mr. Alexander J. Turnbull  
North Charles Street  
Baltimore

New Chamberburgh

Do the paper is so bad you will have some trouble to decipher this  
but you must endeavor to make it out in content sufficient instructions  
for you and I will cover you the handle of thinking but you must not expect  
yourself to my question but in large or your hand's action for you know that all  
that concern my Son formerly will be in thinking to me

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Your affectionate Mother  
Ms. Turnbull