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Carlisle June 26th 1826

My Dear Alexander

I was glad to learn by your letter of the 17th 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 receiving any thing of Mr. Wallace and Wep 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 Frederic to Hagerstown with a young
gentleman which she was sure must ^{be} 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 or 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^{la} but would only be absent a few days, so expect you will be
in P^a. 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 their 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 hail 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

Ball Charles. is with his Sister. I have seen him but once but he is
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 operation for you know that all
that concern my Son formerly will be in thinking to me

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No doubt poor fellow he has set out this time with a heavy heart but I hope he may soon be promoted and accomplished to 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 although 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 son so I am in hopes he has it in his power to so forward William's promotion.

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Your affectionate Mother
Ms. Turnbull