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Baltimore 25th, Decem^r 1776

Dear Brother

Accidently hearing of our Brother Billys death in October last, occasiond my sailing for Philadelphia to look into some little connections between us, where I arrived the 12th of Nov^r and expected to have found some one of the family in charge of his Affairs, but was much disapointed therein, and found a certain Mr Collins had on behalf of Mess¹⁵ Amorys and Taylor of Boston administered to his Estate, and had received orders from those Gentlemen to keep in his possesion all the goods which remaind on Hand, tho at that [crossed out] time they would have sold to a very great Proffit and turnd out much to the advantage of the Estate, whereas they are in a very fair way now of being lost, which most certainly will be the Case should the English take possesion of Philadelphia, which at present there is two much reason to fear will be the Case soon, as they are now reported to be very near the City. I had no desire to be made a Prisoner, and as the season was far advanced and all Communica= =tion between the Northern Provinces Cut of, I was obliged to retreat to this Place I wrote our Brother Joe twice since I arrived at Philadelphia, and desired he would send me a Power from the family Jointly to take the Administration into my hands

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I have now to request you would use your influence with the family and send me a Joint Power with all Possible dispatch, that I may try and save an Estate from Ruin which would have turnd out to a very prety advantage to the family had it been timely looked into and managed properly, however something still may be saved ———

I hope you and your family enjoy every Hapyness and Blessing this life can afford, pray my sincere love to your Wife and Children and believe me to be with strict truth. Dear Brother Yours Most affectionally Theo Barrell I recd a letter a few days ago from my Maria she desires her most Affectionate love to you, your spouse & family ——



To Mr Nathaniel Barrell

Old York