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Dear Sir

It will account for my delay in writing when I inform you that just as I opened your letter a Lad came and inform'd me that James and William two of my Boys had got on a float of Ice on the river which was then very big I instantly <sup>sent</sup> the Maxwell town side they being sailing in that direction he swam with a rope to bring them out and leaping over a garden wall I have hurt my right hand in such a manner that I will not be able to work for some time to come they were got out by the exertions of the inhabitants who would not let me go into the water. I sent you Peggy Gardners account which if I do not mistake was £8 you owe the Hospital £2-2 and the Courier office £-15<sup>th</sup> the Informary I paid last year both for you and M<sup>rs</sup> Gardine this year only is due your Business with M<sup>rs</sup> Throppe is not in so bad a State as you imagine I will write you more fully anon that in a short time my hands so bad that I am afraid you will hardly be able to make sense of what I have already wrote

I remain Dear Sir yours

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