

Mountfield 17th of April 1837

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I take the present opportunity of writing these few lines to by John Walsh grandson of Andrew Loftis of Carrereagh for whom you will do any service in your power that without any injury or loss to yourself as I consider it necessary to be guarded against some of your countrymen, As soon as we heard of Mister Prendergast's arrival your mother and I paid him a visit us but your Mother and I begged of him to pay us a visit at (X,X,X?). I (X) and that we had (reared?) quite in a different manner he spent a Week with us in as good (X?) as I possibly could afford if you call good Mutton Beef carrots the best sugar tea and bread that our country could supply us with all this was lost as an ungrateful man A reason I consider him full of ingratitude is this your Mother some five days after called to see him & believe that he headed here with a good deal of (X,X?) Mr. Glyn your Brother in law on learning of Mr Prendergast's visit at my house & John Mark's before he should leave the Country he gave him an invitation to his own house but Mr Prendergast not considering his invitation not regularly given because he was not invited some time before his return from John Mark is coming by Ballin.....he gave a call at John Burke's & began to explain to John Burke the manner of Mr Glynn's invitation which he considered to be (X?) in a most (X?) manner & I leave you to conjecture whether Mr. Glynn was capable of treating any body in so mean a manner as Prendergast has represented him & if it was not in respect of the family he would have been dragged from limb to limb. Now my dearest Michl your Mother & I are in the last stage of our lives we have guarded (X) ourselves to X,X,X) of all encumbrances (attained?) on ourselves & our place your Mother never past her labour I have no persons (inside doors?) to consider my affairs but your Niece Mary Burke's Mother who is the only person that preserves any existence also your Mother's. I had been so

PS

It has not been from any bad conduct that John Mark's daughter is to leave this country but with an unblemished character.

This was written in a hurry.