

one another once more, but I am afraid we never shall. I wish I had gone with you when you went. I let our cousin Grimstone* know as soon as I heard of you. Agreeable to your desire, I took the first opportunity to write these few lines to convey them to your son to be transmitted to you with his own. In the meantime, I remain, with my best wishes for your health and prosperity, your loving and affectionate brother,

JOSH LOCK.

[On the fly-leaf of the above letter appears the following fragmentary draft of a reply in the handwriting of Grace Scripps:]

* * * has given him a heart so to do; but, as you observe, he has a family coming on very fast, and it is not in his power as it has been. I wish as well as you we could see each other once more, but that cannot be, without y'd. come here, for if my family was here I should not wish myself back. Dear Br., the passage from Ireland to A. is not above 5*l.* or 6*l.* per head, and find provision for you.

If you have any furniture or property sufficient to pay y'r passage, sell it and come over, as we can't help you at that distance. If not, have patience, as its improbable such high prices can continue long, and perhaps peace may set things to rights. Thank God we enjoy a tolerable good state of health, except rheumatick pains, failure of sight, &c. Benj'n is gone to the Spanish territory† upwards of a year ago. Since that we have received but one letter from him, which was just after his arrival. Jn. helps his Fr. to plough. Anne can spin and weave very pretty. George can chop, hoe, &c. They beg their uncle to accept their love, to which we join ours. Most affectionately in love and best wishes.

WM. G. S.

[Memorandum for a letter to W. A. Scripps, penned on the back of another letter, in the handwriting of Grace Scripps. Of date, probably the latter part of 1801.]

Y'r Fr thanks you for y'r kind offer you have made him to come to

* From this expression Grimstone might appear to be a relation of the Lockes.

† Up to February 2, 1802, all the territory west of the Mississippi river, with the whole of the present States of Louisiana and Florida, belonged to Spain. On that date, all the present State of Louisiana and all west of the Mississippi north of the Arkansas river was ceded to France, and two years later (April 30, 1803), the same extent of territory was sold by France to the United States for \$15,000,000.