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Dear Sir, agreeably to the promise which I made you when I took my p— final valedictory of you, I now take up my pen to give you some account of the State of this ~~Letter~~ colony with its concomitant affairs. In doing which, I must emphatically say in the first place that this country is the only Asylum for men whose epidermis Nature has pencilled with a dark hue. Here the ~~of~~ man of ~~hue~~ sable ~~hue~~ can Rejoice with joy ~~unspeakable~~ inexpressible arising from the enjoyment of all those rights which are guaranteed unto ~~him~~ in common with ~~all~~ men of other complexion! Here he can walk abroad in ~~his~~ his own ~~on~~ Original native soil and while he contemplates on ~~those~~ mighty exploits of virtue and valor ~~which~~ which were once performed by his ~~own~~ ancient ~~fore~~ Fore Fathers and notwithstanding he has to regret on ~~the~~ account of these long lost virtues yet the memory of them is ~~dear~~ to his heart and seems to force him to put a more than common worth upon his native soil! But here I must ~~from~~ ~~on~~ necessity cramp my pen least musing upon the kindled ~~fire~~ fires which are now kindled in my Breast I forgot to do what I promised in the commencement of my letter. On my ~~arrival~~ arrival to this country, I found things not so flourishing as they had been in times that had past. ~~But~~ but upon a mature consideration, I found that these changes

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A. Letter Books

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