Mr John Latrobe Esqr

Monrovia 19th March 1830

Sir I avail myself of the opportunity of informing you of the present prosperity of our Colony our colony is in a prosperous way but not as prosperous as I would wish in consequence of the great scarcity of tobacco which prevents many from carrying on their Agriculture improvement and I hope as you as our agencies do remind the board that our farmers cannot goon without such means as tobacco sir I have written several letters since I have been out here relative to the affairs of the colony but I have never received no answer the reason is what I have not been acquainted I suppose your correspondent with some of the other settlers perhaps can give you better information it might be superior to mine but I only say that I have travelled much in the interior of Africa which enables me to become acquainted with the arts and science of the different tribes it is a country worth the attention of every free respectable coloured person in the united States you may that I John Hanson says that they foundation stone of a nation is now laid to which the aiders in the laying it thereof is to be the fathers you may assert it in the papers that we donot crave any of their emigrations except it is them that is mentioned

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II. Correspondence Received
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