1833 February 2nd Caldwell. Liberia

Dear friend I take the first opportunity to inform you that I am very well at present & hope these few lines may find you in good health. we all arrived here safe after the voyage of 38 days except 1 Child that died from the hooping cough and the Fever with it I think I like the place very well for a new settlement but the people here are very unfriendly to new comers I am heartily thankful to you my friend for what you have done for me, for if you had (not) let me come to this place Empty as I was I dont know what I should have done. my business is of great value here, if I could get money for my work and Leather to work with. The money of this place is Camwood & Ivory but Shoes of quality call here But there is no leather to be had and that which is here sells very high, $4.00 for 1 Calf Skin, 50 cents per pound for Sole-leather, in which case I shall be under the necessity of intruding on your good nature if you may think so but I hope not, I want you to please send me out some more Leather by some carefull hand that can choose, and as soon as possible and after I make improvement I'll try & repay you for all. allthat is wanting is a good start to enable me to send for it Please to send me some Tacnells they are of great value here It is very bad for any to come here without friends with them and as you are my friend I yet look to you as a child to a Father

No more but remain unworthy of all

A James Reed

here, Camwood and Ivory passes for money, and we are Obliged to take cloth and Tobacco in payment, I wrote you more Letters than you got, the Vessels I put them in went some other way, my wife has been sick with the Chills & fevers, I want my Brother to send my little Brother if she can spare him, he will get Education here.

I am about building a house, it is a small frame house, I have bought a lot for Fifty dollars, I am trying to make money things here are very dear, I work very hard, I live as you told me, I try to do as well as I can, I go to Sunday School, Susan goes to school every day half the day, I hope you will send me the News-papers to hear the news. I have the name of being the best workman in Monrovia, I am called the edge tool maker, the more people that come here the better, the Baltimore Emigrants by the Lafayette, are the best that have come since I came here, the more Emigrants that come to this Country the better it becomes

Substance of a Letter from Henry Heynson dated
Caldwell 2 February 183
I did not get your Letter by Ship La-Fayette until
week after she arrived, I am sorry you have put
self to so much trouble about me since I have been
I think very much about you. and to think I ha
Money to send you, you sent me so many things
come to a great deal of money, money is hard to

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A. Letter Books

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