Copy of a letter from
Joshua Stewart to
Charlotte Stewart,
dated Africa, Cape Palmas
May 5th 1834

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Cape Palmas May 5th 1834.

Dear Mother,

I write to you with regret, it is true. I wrote to you of my passage, how I enjoyed it, so, I did spend a very agreeable time, (and) also on my first arrival, but now I am distressed (and) all, and Mr Cassell's family, also we are here doing nothing, we are all sick and have been very sick with this fatal disease, but we have all got something better. We have got nothing, not a piece of cloth worth wearing, and as for my family, they have not got a rag to put on, they have got one frock a piece, (and) my poor little son Joseph he has not a change to put on, - (and) we have been badly treated by the Governor of this place that Dr. Hall, who is the Agent of the place. We have received no nourishment in our sickness, and have got nothing to eat worth while speaking of, some times without any thing. but Oh! and I sorry, yes sorry that I ever come to this Country. - It is true mother that if I had taken your advice, I would never have come here. I have suffered, and all my family, and Mr Cassell's family too, and we still continue to suffer. I expect you will see Mr Cassell & family home in Baltimore before me, he has got some gentlemen to send him the money, and you will hear from him how it is that we have suffered, not a cent of money has any of us got. -

Now mother, if you can get any person or Gentlemen to advance

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