& he was not satisfied with the certificate compelling him to purchase & cultivate the whole 5 acres

Mr Martin stated that if the people live as they have been living they would never be slaves & their children after them — — — —

Mr Johnson stated that the agent prohibited the colonists from purchasing any thing for their support from the natives or foreigners. Now I will ask the question, how are we to live. —

He also stated the general treatment of the Agent towards the colonists. — —

~~He also stated~~ — On his motion it was resolved That the Agent explain to the people, whether or not that money, he furnished them to build their houses with, was a donation or not & we would also wish him to explain to us how he supports us as he says he does when he makes from one to two hundreds per cent. gain to the salt that comes out of the brine for which we have to pay one dollar & twenty five cents per bushel — — — — —

Mr Duncan stated that a Capt sent a barr of bacon ashore for vegetables, the Agent took the barr & kept it. & sent a small piece of pork about town to buy vegetables

[illegible] he was not willing for him (the Agent) to stop his money to pay another man's debts & leave his family to suffer —

Mr Howard stated that after arriving here & the Cape being small, he (the Agent) promised to give us a half town lot here & the other half in the next Township.

Mr Minor stated that he had laboured for the Agency seven or eight months & he has lived very economically & still he was indebted to the Agent & he cannot see how that is —

He further stated that the agent makes his boasts to the natives that he pays the colonists such money as he pleases & even the natives pronounce us the Agent's slaves — — — —

Mr Hance stated that he should like to have the Agent prove to us as a body that we are not slaves according to our treatment.

Now Sir we wish you to remedy these grievances or we must apply to the Board —

We are humble servants —

The citizens of Harper —

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

2. 1834--1835

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