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Dr Lothar Martin
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Dr Martin

Dear Sir I wrote to you when I was living at Cal
well, but not since I have come to this place. I take
pleasure in writing to you in as much as I know you
feel an interest in my own & the welfare of my family.
Some months since I had to perform the melancho
ly task of committing to the grave the remains of
my dear wife. I can find consolation in this bereav
ment only, in the belief that she is at rest among
the happy spirits of heaven. additional care & res
ponsibility have devolved upon me in the exclusive
charge of a large family of children; & I trust that
God will give me an increased share of grace
for this arduous work. You wish to know how
I am doing in outward circumstances. I cannot
say that I have that abundance & plenty which
I enjoyed in the United States. Moving from Mep
made to this place & ill health together have
thrown me behind hand a good deal - still I
have enough to make me grateful to the author of all
blessings, & you know I looked forward to some
thing higher & better than mere eating when I left
America - the enjoyment of liberty, freedom of con
science, the privilege of educating my children,
& the hope of doing something for the ignorant
natives of this land, were motives of far more
importance with me. And although I have
forfeited many of the comforts of life, as most of

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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