Bladensburg Dec 7th 1835

Sir

Having received two letters from Harper lape Palmas, one from Shedrick Smith, and the other from his wife, one dated September and the latter August 8, I feel anxious to know from whence they came. I have seen no arrival or any vessel from that port which makes me little doubt of them. Putting every confidence in yourself, I must appeal to your kindness for the truth. I will be much obliged to you sir, if you will inform me what vessel has arrived, and when you expect one to sail to that place, as Mary Ann has written for several articles wh I wish to send her by the first vessel that sails, and I shall take the liberty sir, to direct them to your care, and if you will be kind enough to send them to her, I shall be very much obliged to you. They seem to be very much pleased with Capt Pascal, his attention to them while on board, and they are also pleased with the country. Should you see the Captain, thank him for his kindness coming from me, to Mary Ann, and tell him I hope he will be rewarded for it in another world. I shall be obliged to pack the things in a box, in order that they may go safe. Tell you this in case I should be obliged to send them round by the Steam Boat. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible. Respectfully Eleanor Th Lowndes

Cape Dec 10th 1835

To Mr W B Lawrence Esq
Co Sec of M.S.C.S. 3

Dear Sir I have introduced by this vessel (the Sister Elizabeth of N.Y.) to have furnished you ample details of the present state of the Colony such as the progress of the planting operations, roads, buildings, health &c. but her unexpected arrival, three weeks earlier than I had anticipated, & a severe illness have effectually prevented me. & I am scarcely able to assure you that our continued prosperity & I believe I may truly say that every month of our existence increases an increase of energy, industry & contentment among the free inhabitants of our little settlement —

I am in readiness for the next expedition should it sail & could we hundreds and fifty. They ought to come here on this, that they might have their lands selected by the 1st of March. Because of this I have said enough but of our affairs. I trust there are reasons sufficient to warrant the course pursued — They heard & heeded both surprise further effort at this time, & that, we at present seriously unwell, but confused & nervous —

Yours very respectfully
Jehudi Ashmun

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