Harper Cape Palmas May 30th 1836

Dear Sir

This will inform you that I am still in the land of living - that myself and children were well I recd a letter from you last August which I answered & hope ere this you have received. I am still trying to look forward to my Heavenly home thro many trials & difficulties but the Lord is my stay and support & I hope when I am done with this world I shall spend a Eternity of happiness with Jesus where I hope to meet you and many of dear friends from whom I am parted perhaps to meet no more in this world I think of & pray for you every day & tho the Atlantic rolls between it will sever my body but not my affections from my dear friends in America. I will now give you some account of my temporal affairs I have ten acres of land six of which I have underway grubbing but if I could get a team it would help me on much & I have no doubt but what I could make a comfortable living for myself and children I want you to get up a subscription for me for that purpose among white & colrd a yoke of oxen will cost here about thirty dollars here which would be about fifteen dollars in American money if it is sent in Cloth tobacco or any kind of trade goods I am dividing my land & making my pasture ready by the time I can get my team I ~~will~~ have pitched my crop my corn is ankle high but I can not get along so well for the want of team I want some Black eyed peas & Irish potatoes for seed & any kind of seed that you can send me. I have heard that accounts has gone to America that we raise sugar & coffee here it is false the sugar cane do not grow well & as to coffee I have never seen any & if you feel disposed to send me any thing of the kind it will be thankfully received coffee sugar or molasses

My Dear Sir I have not come here to sit down and calculate on my friends for support I have worked harder here than I ever did in American & still feel willing to persevere

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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