from Africa for it once or twice. No fence but a living one will stand them for any time. Thorn can be so easily cultivated as the thorn. If you are at pains to procure it when you are looking up seeds — cuts. we shall be sure of it. but if its deferred until the last moment we shall be sure to go without it.

I will be obliged to you to direct Mr Burnett to send any letters that may arrive at the Colonization Office for me, before the 30th prox. to the "Hot Springs. Va" —

Perhaps it would be policy to send me a dozen or so of the last No of the Journal as I am obliged to talk up that matter pretty frequently — People always ask if the niggers are capable of acting like folks, & sundry other sensible, pertinent questions of that sort —

I will trouble you no more at present

Yours very respectfully

Elmer Ball —

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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