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Dear Sir

I embrace the opportunity of writing these few lines to inform that I am well at present hoping that these may find you well and we have met with a great misfortune so as to loose all of our cloth that was sent for as all of our cloth got lost at monrovia and we never enjoy the Pleasure of none of them all the family is well at present Sir you will please to send me a Drum and some cloth such as Pantaloon Shirts Hats &c if you please long that we did not get any of them cloth that was sent for us we are distitute at this time only there is some clothing in ~~stock~~ store here the Cloth is so uncomfortable dear that we have not been able to work any for the colonial Agent as yet We have finished our house the people that came in the expedition is coming on Remarkably on their farms to exept of two and you will Please to let Mr ~~Castle~~ Isaac ~~Hester~~ Hester also know the misfortune we met with and ask him to Please to send me some thing which we will stand in stead of now the Colony is left off supporting us and we will be very much in need of any article now tell also Samuel Harrison we all are safe here ~~from~~ we had as well be contented for we cannot get away and I will inform you that nine of us has Starved since we have been here I wish him to send me something to make up the great Loss of coming to Africa and lost a great Deal by coming to tell Charles Hendrickson that I like this country very well and expect to end my Days here though when a Person first comes Here she is for getting Back but after living a while it soon wares off and I do him to send me some thing seeing we lost all of our articles most except what we brought down with us and oblige yours Tell all the colored People that can come, come, come to a free country I am here and would not go a way for Bro.

to Benjamin Griffin I wish you to come and bring every thing you have for it will be of service for you if you cannot come this time try to come the first opportunity tell Richard Fowly I expect him out in the next Expedition and tell him we all are well and arrived safe to Cape Palmas and all well now Nothing more But I Remain your Humble Servant

Arthur Wilson

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