God palaver & yiserday so much man tell
plenty hab for stand out side de house.
Soon Bello go for Merica first time
& me go long way bush & tell all man say
he must make fine road & bring plenty
trade for Cape palmas. Me heart tink
say he gwin do him soon.

Me hear say you
hab plenty slave in you country. Me hab
one word for peak dem. You must come
me country den you be freeman for
true. Dis country be big & plenty room
lib here. Pos you come, I peak true, me
heart be glad plenty for look you..

Pos' any gentleman want ~~to~~ come
me want him for come too - me heart
be glad for see dem too much.

Me words
be done now - I tank you very much for
you dash & you law. I go ~~lab~~ for tell
me deads. Me send you one country
chair for you look at. Me go but pick
ening country words for you see.

"Hah knah nowany an book, an no
any an dih". a goods child loves his
father, he loves his mother.

King Freeman
alias
Ba Nimmah

The above, Gentlemen, are the words of King Freeman & as nearly litterals as it is possible for me to write them. The visit of Simleh Bello to America, I believe, will result in reals & lasting goods to his countrymen. And I must return you my sincere thanks for the favourable manner in which you have presented myself & other missionaries to their confidence & regard. It does us reals goods thus to be noticed by distant friends. It will be well for you to repeat these tokens of kindness to King Freeman & his people. Especially by sending letters of friendship & instruction to them. "Distance", I would not say "lends enchantment to the view", but gives force & weight to your letters. Those of us who live among them are known to be "mere men", but you who live in "big Merica" are supposed to be a little superhuman.

To the members of the
Board of Managers
of the Col.n Board.

Yours truly & resp.t
Leighton Wilson

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