Norfolk Va. Sabbath Morn.
Feb. 26

Franklin Ancrum Esq.

Dear Sir

(Very contrary to expectation) I have for today and perhaps tomorrow. We had proceeded about fifteen or twenty miles beyond the Light House at Cape Henry, and was progressing very pleasantly, when the main shaft of the vessel gave way, and we were compelled to return to this place and wait until the arrival of the other boat from Charleston. She is expected in also today and so soon as practicable, I shall be again on my journey.

I have called at the Post Office, and ascertained that no mail will leave for Charleston before tuesday, it will therefore be useless for me to write, as I had purposed doing, to the agents of the Balto & Charleston Packetts, assigning the reason for my ~~detention~~ delay, and requesting their attention to the servants of Mrs Pulman, should they arrive before I do; perhaps it would be well yourself or Mr Patrick to ~~do so~~ write, as there is now no certainty at what time I may arrive.

I have full confidence solicitude, in reference to the colored people, who propose going to Cape Palmas this spring, from Sadler & Rogers; particularly ~~this~~ of Rollings. I know he will be sadly disappointed if he does not get off. and am satisfied that our friends will be disappointed, as well as the cause of colonization injured, should he be prevented from going. The Board will of course pursue such measures as they judge most proper, and I shall be perfectly satisfied. I am yet however, willing that Bro Easton should get up a statement, calculation, if you design to detain the Board in reference to a subject of so much importance.

The amount necessary to meet the demands against this family, is, say 40 or 65 Dollars. In the tools of his shop he is willing to pay, as soon as he can make as much money; and the articles of clothing for his family are such as we have furnished other families, and ought to furnish all those who place themselves under our care, when their circumstances require it.

Before leaving Charleston I shall write again.

And am
Dear Sir
Respectfully
Your obt Servt
John H. Kennard

You perceive, that in my haste, I commenced writing on the wrong side of the sheet. Not time, to transcribe

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A. Letter Books

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