Sir

Leon Forest April 29th 1837

This note will be handed to you by Stephen Smith a free man of Colour who is an applicant to go out in the Expedition to Liberia. His moral worth is beyond what is commonly met with in men of his Colour education - He reads & believes with a Christian - He is a good blacksmith by trade & merits the confidence of all

He will I doubt not be an valuable member of the Country & Society to which & among whom he now proposes to make his future home. Upon my heart I wish him & his new Country prosperity.

He desires to place himself immediately under your Care.

I have the honour to be
Yr Obt Servt.
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Rec'd April 28th

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