averaging 40 yards in each piece — I have got them but one pair of shoes a piece and some of the men want hats, both these articles were too high here — tools and all other articles you may deem necessary, be pleased to have supplied and send the bills to me as you proposed — I thank you for your suggestion of retaining the money not necessary for their imediate comfort, and placing it in such form as to constitute a fund for their future wants — it is an arrangement that will enable me to be more just — 6 of the number who were to have shared this fund now decline going to Africa, but circumstances may so change the situation of their families here, that they may desire to join their friends at a future period in Liberia, this arrangement will place it in my power to send them when ever they desire to go and an expedition is fitting out — you mention the Mary — and six per cent stock as a safe security, and one to be relied on — the legal interest of Georgia is eight per cent, if I can make a safer investment here it will be more profitable but if there is a doubt about it, I shall place it as you advise — of this you shall hear from me as soon as I ascertain what can be done — be pleased to say when, or write what the six per cent stock can be bought at — there are three Men and a Woman liberated and sent on with my people from their having a Husband and Wives among them — the Woman name Lydia, by Mr Robert Campbell of this city, who has placed one Hundred dollars in my hands, and wishes the Agent in Baltimore to deduct her expences to Africa and lay out the residue in an outfit for her and her Husbands benefit and send the bill with

mine — the Men Ceasar, Dembo and Macquillo by the Revd Mr Tammed Davis — there was but one of these men (Ceasar) whose emigration I encouraged — Dembo is old and blind and I feared would have been a heavy burthen on his Wife in a new Country, but Mr Davis says to day that he will send on regularly an annual support for him — he writes to you on this subject and will no doubt mention the necessary particulars and make the arrangement satisfactory to you — I was much averse to Maquillo going along with my people, though he had six Children with them, from my impression of his bad moral character — I would advise you to insure the goods of my people against the dangers of the sea, for the benifit of those left behind in case of an accident —

I sincerely hope the South may not be disappointed in my people, which they will not be if they will only do as well for themselves, as they have for me — Mr Worsser (who brought them to town) remarked to day, that he had made twelve crops with these Negroes (this is his twelfth year) and he had never known one embroiled in a difficulty, or arraigned for theft or misconduct, and with the exception of two or three who are Africans, that he did not believe there was such a set of Negroes left in the State — that they may justify this character through life is my most sincere Prayer —

Yours Respectfully —

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