Harper, Cape Palmas, 28 May 1837

Dear Sir—

I have the pleasure of informing you that I received your kind letter, & the things you sent me, for which you please to accept of our thanks. We have got settled down our house in a very good condition to live in and we trust it is so far restored, that we are enabled to work with little inconvenience, things by, like elsewhere we occasionally suffer some, but this is little comparatively speaking to what was encountered since our arrival. But sir, some things remain yet unsent, such as a Bed stead, a small chest, an iron ~~Lock~~ ~~Iron~~ Brace & 6 bits one jack Plane & 5 Chisels & 2 Gallon jugs & Gallon Pitcher 1 Narrow Axe, 1 Gridiron Shovel & Tongs, a large Washing Tub, 1 Spike Gimblet, 2 Hammers a riveting, & Shoe Hammer, a small Demijon, a Sack for Shoes, & all our Crockery ware, These things sir to persons in America may seem to be unimportant & of small value, but in this scarce Country all such Utensils & Furniture are very valuable, because they are hard to be obtained if they are to be had, it is at an exorbitant price. We are sorry sir to say anything more to you about such trifles, in view of all the kindness you have shown us, but we under the necessity of mentioning them again & again. At the best, we have hard times to get along, & every such thing is a facility to our comfort & convenience. I hope you will pardon the earnestness with which we urge our request be assured sir, we would not do it, but for our want of them.

Yours very respectfully Davies Wilson

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