Fair Hope Cape Palmas July 6th 1837

My dear friends.

Your kind favor has been received & I heartily thank you for your present. But the melancholly task devolves upon me to inform you that one of those noble "worthies" died on the passage & was committed to a "watery grave". Your & my hopes therefore of a numerous progeny are disappointed. The survivor is a youth of more than ordinary promise & commended himself so much to the favor & esteem of his fellow passengers that one of them had the audacity to offer me $10 for him. But I spurn silver & gold (scarce as it is) in comparison with such a companion & associate. As we are in the habit of changing the names of our pupils, we shall for the future call the survivor Baltimore in compliment of that proud city which gave him birth. He has taken his stand upon Fair Hope & I hope he will look terror & dismay in the eyes of every thief who shall dare to encroach upon the precincts of his domains. You may expect to be informed of all his deeds of valor & renown.

Your requests in relation to Missionaries employing your colonists at present as teachers to the natives shall in future be duly regarded by me.

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