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Cape Palmas Africa
John H. B. Latrobe
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Dear Sir Setbrob ~~Dear~~ and ~~aprecimed brobe~~, July 8th 1837
I am favored with this opertunity to rite you a few lines
acorden to your request when I left you. we arived
here after the passeg of about fifty days that we stped
in the way our passeg was plesend and veary good we had
a fine captan & mate we injoyed our selfs very
well and i do not think that eny person need to dread
the crosing of the sea to get to africa. ~~I have my~~
but the experince about this colany to it is not as forward
as I expected to find it as respect the cultavation
of the land. but I am pelesed with this country well
as yet. the land looks veary fertile but the old settlers
tell me that it doth not produce acorden to it looks.
but I think as it grows older it will grow better
and my reason is for saying soe is this that there is ~~one~~
alarg grove on the land this is abel to make it I can not
say much about it at present. the I wush to return
in your vesel on it next arival to the United States
you will geu so kind as to let me noe by the
vesel as I feal it all inportent for me to dewsoe
for the ease of my frends and fellow citizens whoe
are mill wookers of this place I am veary sorow
that I have not aplied $10 Dolars a year to the ade of this
place I belive that God will bless the efforts
~~my~~ he pour his blessings upon the people who labor
in the cos of colonization ~~let my pray~~ I noe of
nothing more to say but ~~I~~ but excuse the riting
I am badly inutice to doe it. I remain your's for
Stephen Smith

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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