Dear Sir Cape Palmas July 8th 1837

I take the liberty of writing you these few lines hoping that they may find you in good health and all of yours, as to myself & and my family we enjoy very good health I take this opportunity of returning my thanks for all the kindness that has been bestowed on us by our worthy patron it is true we some times find the time hard and things dearer but upon the whole we can say it is good to be here our children at end many such privileges which we could not get in America My wife begs that you would give her love and kind respects to Mrs M'Kenney and tell them that she would like to hear from them her respects to you (her name is mary ann) She would have wrote to Mrs M'Kenney but her delicate situation prevent many so she hopes that she will excuse her for this time — Dear sir you will oblige me much to send me a pair of Spectacles as I have none and am very much in want of one and any little thing you may think proper to send you know my circumstances this is a new country and every thing is dearer even so will be a help you from the Colony been down heavy on you but I pray that the Lord will reward you in heaven for all of charitable love to the black man

Your obt Sr. Shadrach Smith

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Harper, Cape Palmas
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Jno. H. B. Latrobe Esqr
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