Many as 150 wives. They are artful, shrewd & cunning: so much so, that you cannot cheat them in trade, and the only way to keep even with them, is to charge a high price for your own goods. I speak with allowance to those who wish to deal honestly with all men. I mean you cannot cheat them in what they understand. They are superstitious & idolatrous: you will hardly see one who has not a little bag of some kind stuff tied up which he calls his gree gree (Physician) upon this he places great dependance. Some has the Leopards tooth for his God. Some little shells, some one foolish thing & some another. It would take me a whole hour to enumerate them.

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Cambridge Oct. 22nd 1837.

Dear Sir. I have been for some time expecting an answer to my letter by Capt Foth. when I sent up the Emigrants for Africa. It would give me pleasure to hear from you. and to know how many Emigrants went out by the last April. the name of the Repr & Captain also whether all went safe up, & how they were pleased when they left whether willingly or no. also what time you expect to begin to prepare for the Spring Expedition

We have not received the Colonization papers according to Mr Kennard's promise when we organized our society. we should like to have them.

Very respectfully yours
O A C Thompson

Rev. Jas Ashton
F. C. A.

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A. Letter Books

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