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To J. H. B. Latrobe
Prest. Mar. S. C. S. & Board managers &c

Dear Sirs.

Knowing the deep interest you feel in the welfare of our little settlement, in its prosperity and its present advancement as well of its future prospects. I avail myself of the present opportunity by writing a few lines to your Honorable body. though I am well aware that my head & colleague have writing you on every particular though I know nothing of what he has wrote by this and what ever I may write shall be nothing but facts the Lord being my helper, I am well aware the many evils arising from false coloring or coloring too high.

As to the health of the settlers in general are good yes as good as any of the same number of people in any section in the United States the only prevailing disease here is colds from a sudden chance of weather about the 12th December, some few ulcers, we lost of the Big Baltimore expedition only one man in acclimating one with old age skid to be about one hundred years old, he had been here five months he never complained of being sick, two of Jones small children died of worms about the same time as the old man those of the Tubmans & Cummings Family assitated about four miles from the cape all in one block we have assisted them in clearing about twenty four acres land on than several lots Early all of which is planted down in Potatoes Cassada & Plantains they are preparing also for cotton as soon as the season will premit a number of them appears to be in high spirits and are driving a head like men while some only setdown & think & talk of the Ten Thousand dollars left them by than master, but in the whole I believe they will be a noble acquisition to the settlement from than experience in the growth of cotton,

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