Dec 27 1837
Harper C Palmas

O. Holmes jr Esq

Dear Sir, I have only time by this vessel in the midst of great hurry to acknowledge the safe receipt of your letter of Aug 27. I thank you for it. As my despatches go home by this opportunity, I need not enlarge on the business of the colony. From them you will see that I have encountered in a quarter you & myself little dreamed of, opposition from persons whose position has fallen from his station, & been discharged for the manner in his own confession wrong from him by the most sacred promises of secrecy. But I must refer you to my letter also sent from him for more details. I have never had my faith in man put to so hard a test in my life.

Word & letter have been frequently passed with you in the unhappy difference between us & the latter. Since you left has been to implane the minds of the colonists against me & by this conveyance, they send home a petition said openly to be written by Delaware against me because as one of the judges I decided that the evidence before the court was not enough to convict I — in point of law: whatever my opinions might be of the guilt of the man.

Mr Wilson desired me a letter of yesterday to permission being granted to the Portuguese Captain

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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