to anchor in our harbour for repairs, but as I then knew that it was none of his business, & that I was accountable to the Board alone for my conduct, I merely sent him a polite answer, without altering my views of the subject.

It is my firm belief, that if some check is not put to the entertaining of gentlemen who are in no way connected with the government, that the Agents hereafter, will have much more to encounter than in justice they ought. At present, they have to contend against the ignorance & prejudice of the Colonists & there are enough for any one individual. There are times when I am almost not to despair; but I call to mind that despair never yet accomplished any thing, and set to work with new vigor & determination.

You must be pleased to hear of the location of the Tubman people. I should have had them all in their houses or their farms could plank have been procured for love or money. But it is hard work to procure an article when there are others in the market who have better money to purchase. Only two saws have been running regularly this season — & the report is, that the new emigrants will have to get their own plank.

It is now so late, that I have not time to look over the inventory & get my dispatches ready. Hoping you will embrace every opportunity to let me hear from you & also to advise me of proceedings at home

I remain Dr Sir
Your Obdt Servt
J. B. Russwurm

P.S. Mrs R — & Messrs Perry & McGill beg to be remembered. Thompson will write you by this conveyance. I shall certainly overhaul the Inventory and send you the result. How are money matters at home. Could do not effect some good by visiting the U.S. I forgot to say that we are quite destitute of stores for the house, & have to entertain strangers every week.

Remember your promise about plank.

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A. Letter Books

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