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My dear friend

Your kind but very short letter came to hand by the Niobe. I infer from it that you have not see my last communications & as those were by some means or other smuggled out of the world, I send this but know not fate awaits it. Your affairs begin to look flourishing & it is probable that the difficulty of getting emigrants is now chiefly overcome." But take care you don't ruin yourselves by the publication of such documents as Mr Sheppard's letter to Mr Polk. Christian people will see discrepancy between your pretensions of philanthropy & the sentiments embraced in that letter - Mr S certainly fixes the value of natives education at a very low point, & would lead the world to think that the good of improvement of the natives of Africa was no part of your scheme.

I took up my pen once to reply to that article, but then I thought of your society, of Mr Sheppard as one of the best of my friends - & perhaps upon the whole the lip prominence it got of the letter. Now this is the frankness of a brother. But there is one more thing