To Mr. Wm. Hamilton
Washington City

Millsburgh
June 14th 1837

My Dear brother,

I might have written to you before this, but my health has been so very indifferent that I have been obliged to put it off. Writing or much study is very painfull to one who has not gone through the fever. My wife & myself, have both had the fever pretty smartly tho, not near as bad as some others that came out in the same expedition with us. One reason why I have not written, more to America than I have since I have been in Africa is, because I have not been able to see much of the country. But my dear brother, this is one of the most fruit full countys that is inhabited. Com grows here to as great perfection, as in any part of the U.S. Nothing is wanting here but Agricultural implements, and an Agricultural spirit among the colonists. Not long since, an Agricultural Society was formed in Monrovia; the main object of this Society is to enter into the cultivation of the Cane, & the manufacture of Sugar. This institution will be of incalculable interest to this colony, if it only proves successfull. There is a great want of public spirit in the colony. Any man who has money, may do well, but very few are disposed to let their money go to benefit the poor & the dependant. They care little about those rising, who have small capital. This, in my opion, is a bad spirit and if it continues, the colony will never be much. The weather at this time is most delightfull; you have more rain in U.S. Now we are almost sure to have rain in the evening; very frequently in the mornings & some times all day. One of the grand causes of disease at this season, is the want of warm clothes and comfortable dwellings. The people

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