The ready made clothes will be distributed as you request. No provision has been made for Mr Bayard's emigrants in the way of building their houses & as they will want some assistance in this way before I could hear from you, I have determined to purchase goods for this purpose from the first vessel that arrives & will give the Captain an order upon yourself for $200, which you will be pleased to pay out of the amount deposited in your hands for them. But should the money be invested in some other way before ~~you~~ the draft is presented you will be pleased to pay it notwithstanding & it will be promptly refunded by Mr Bayard as soon as he is notified of it. Of what remains you will please to purchase & send out by the first vessel - say 2 bbls of mackerel - 1 bbl of flour - 100 wt of sugar 40 wt of coffee, & 1 bbl of corn meal. Whatever remains you will be pleased to send me in specie. I can purchase goods from English vessels more advantageously than you can in Baltimore & this we think will be more serviceable to them than to have it invested in Jacks, jennys &c. Your Colony at this time is really in a serious straught. I really do not believe that there are ten families in the whole settlement who have a sufficiency of provisions either in their houses or on their farms to serve them one week. Almost the whole of them are dependent upon a few casada roots which they may buy day by day from the hands of the natives or some able bodied men go out four or five miles from the settlement & lye by the wayside all day with a few heads of tobacco under their arms to make sure of them. The presume is greater than it was even at this time last year. You will naturally desire to know the causes of these repeated & severe presumes. I will speak plain. You have a short-sighted & improvident set - in the second place, the aversion which the Colonists feel to working the soil the great demand for lumber & labour in building, have turned away all attention from farming & made the whole colony dependent upon such precarious supplies as the natives may raise. If the natives should demand two dollars this year for a carro of rice instead of one it will not surprise me - they may make it five unless the Colonists have rendered themselves independent by their own industry. The time was when rice could be shipped from the place, but the demand now exceeds the amount produced. Several poor families have been thrown entirely upon such charity as we have been enabled to render upon them. Alexander Hance was here

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