also in great want. was it not for a scanty supply of Cassada procured from the Bush people our situation would have been deplorable, and in the past week some palaver among them have stopped their Coming in, so under those Circumstances no Calculation can be made of the Amt. of what our sufferings may be before the arrival of another Expedition — The Colonists have done but little on their farms, with but very few exceptions — The Oldest are the most Indolent, They have stationed themselves on the sea of the Cape where they have little else to do but look at each other Instead of turning their attention to the cultivation of their farms, They Depend altogether on the natives whom I am afraid will take advantage of their situation when they Reap their rice in September next — Mr. Wilson says he will be compelled to shorten the allowance of those under his care so as to be able to assist the last Emigrants they having come short of provisions and the Agent nothing to supply them with — Yet under all these difficulties I do not feel discouraged, knowing they have happened from want of Energy Forethought and other causes that could be prevented — and not from want of resources which the place abundantly furnishes — Relative to the school House nothing has been done since my arrival except Carting some stones and pieces of timber to the spot on which it is to be built. — I have the Honour to inform you, I have been appointed Clerk of the Court of Monthly Sessions. — The Colonists Are Generally peaceable and Respect the laws, no ca[illegible] of note having come before the Court since my Appointm[illegible]

Our Militia has quite a military appearance and are improving in decipline — My Dear Sir, In soliciting the favour of your obtaining from the Ladies society you will oblige me an amount to purchase the following Articles I Humbly trust, the liberty I take in troubling you. 1 Bl of Clear Pork, 1 do Flour, 1 do Corn Meal 1 do Mackerel 1 Box of soap 100 lbs Brown sugar of good Qual: 50 lbs of Coffee & Half dozen Corn Brooms. The Ladies will confer on me a great favour By advancing the above as I am aware I shall not have as much in their Hands as will pay for them — Dear Sir you will greatly oblige me by forwarding them By the Fall Expedition and your receipt in my Behalf will be a discharge for said Amt.

I now Conclude praying your useful life may long be spared and that you may be enabled to labour successfully in the Cause you are Engaged

Is the sincere wish of

Your Obt. Servt. &c

Benjamin Wayne.

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