Simas Lom. Md. August 28th 1839

To Mr Latrobe
Baltimore Md.

My dear Sir I hardly know whether it is my duty to apologize to you for not having written you before or for now writing you at all. The fact is, the subject upon which you required information, viz the present condition & probable results of the American Colonies on the Coast has in a very slight degree come under my observation. Consequently I have no opinion to give but could rather interest either you or them. But as you was pleased to express a deep interest in all matters respecting Africa, I doubt not but you will excuse a slight trespass upon your time which the bare mentioning of a subject not only deeply affecting the welfare of Africa and the Africans but the true honour of your Country will occasion. I will briefly state facts or fact, without comment, deeming the latter entirely superfluous; for although we differ from your worthy Society in our views respecting the Continuance & prosperity of Liberia. Yet I hope on all sides there is felt an abhorrence of the transatlantic Slave trade. You are doubtless aware of the treaties entered into by our government with Spain France & Portugal with a view to the entire extinction of this traffic. For a time these were so unsuccessfully pursued as to baffle the efforts of our cruisers in condemning but a small moiety of vessels so engaged. But great efforts & unremitting vigilance on part of the British Gov. have now so altered and amended as to render the fulfillment of the designs of the African Government almost certain —

P. Master. R. Hall
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To Mr. Latrobe

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