United States Ship Cyane
June 3rd 1841

My dear Sir:

It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, and I exceedingly regret it was not received until the 1st inst. I have been very much occupied since my arrival and have scarcely had time to attend to my private correspondence. I now seize the first opportunity and send you an extract from my official report to the Government on the subject of my late visit to our settlements on the Coast of Africa. It is a brief, but honest narrative of my visit there - not as concise as I anticipated you would expect, but will, I hope, convey to you a just idea of the situation of affairs on that Coast, and the interest I feel in the advancement of the Colony as the surest manner of providing for the coloured population of the United States and securing to them an abode where they will enjoy all the liberty and privilege of citizens, so fully secured to the white population of our Country -

In sending you the inclosed extract, I must beg you will not allow it to be published, as it is a part of my official report and could not with propriety, give my consent, unless with the approbation of the Department - but have no objection to its being read to the Convention; and if you think it worthy of publication, I must just advise with the Department or will ~~write~~ when at leisure, furnish you a statement more in detail, and should in the mean time be most happy to hear from you.

I am with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Latimer

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