Candidly state to you, that I have always entertained doubts as to the sincerity of Paul's professing, ~~[illegible]~~ his return to this Country. ~~I believe that~~ it is only a "ruse" to leave Africa, where I have been informed he has always been Christianized, & that he has now no idea of going back. If he thought, in this manner, plead upon hand that he could procure the confidence of his benefactors, & secure himself against slavery.

The early account which I have had of Paul Cuffee, of himself

Very respectfully

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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