Perhaps there has been some little disturbance between the ~~Colonists~~ Natives which ~~that~~ resides in the Colony and ~~the Colonists~~ in consequence of a resolution passed by the agent & Council but for what cause they should be I know not the Law passed I believe was for the benefit of the Colony and I do not believe that it was to injure or distroy any person who has any ~~do~~ desire to emigrate to the Cape of Good Hope. but be that as it may you will no doubt have a full history of it by you receiving this — I need not be so full or minute in entering in to all the particulars though I must say from my heart that I am sorry to see so much discord existing but then it is not for me alone to restore peace & unity between them then you hope every thing may work for the better. as there was a promise made to me that I was to receive a spinning wheel Mr Thos Jackson who was then in Baltimore observed that there were some out at Palmas that I could get as I found it to the Contrary I should like to receive one for my little Girl as we have had some Cotton of my owne raising

With my best wish to God for the prosperity of you and all other Colonizationists I remain your Humble Servt John Bodeley

Petemaxem Charles County
Sept 9 1841

Dear Sir

I have been meaning about the
parts of the country we reside in
with out effect except to the
my health. I have not been so well
one day but have found it
impossible to prepare a few lines
morning. I feel so feable I needs one
my health improves but feels so
state of this poor country that I
cannot entirely enter into it
lack in it. They say they never saw so
much sickness at this season of the year
so numerous that the doctors cannot attend
to all the sick. I have taken a quinter
for few weeks. other in public or private
with I have but little effect. all that
for them is they must be free.

I have a few subscribers to the Free Press & all the
money but that is a race cattle here
I shall continue to prosecute my business in
consequence of my health I fell fear I will
have encouragement enough to pay the expense

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