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Dear Sir,

I had the honor to address you about two months ago via Boston, and I embrace this opportunity to inform you of our welfare — knowing the deep interest felt by the Board for their distant colony.

Never has the state of affairs been more pleasant to you as the colonists are concerned — never has the honor of the society been so freely acknowledged by all who dwell within its bounds — and never has your agent felt so free to act in all matters where the interests of the colony are at stake. We pray God that he would continue this state — that he would enlighten all our hearts — and as we live in one land, that he would give us charitable feelings towards each other.

I grieve to inform you, of the decease of Mr Clergy, our late secretary on 14th ultimo after a lingering sickness of several months, he was, I have no doubt, a victim to every quality of liberation — individual to fill his place — It is now upwards of 21 years since he came to Africa in the first expedition — only 16 years old with an imperfect education, such as the Sabbath free schools for colored children afforded. He was one of the most unpretending men on the face of the earth; it to a common observer, the diamond that was within, would escape notice: but John Clergy was one of nature's noblemen, though sable his skin; and he leaves a whole community in tears at his untimely death.

On my last, the attention of the Board was invited to the movements of the French Government, who had sent a squadron of 3 vessels down to this coast for certain objects — that a purchase of Grand Bonpa point, Butaw Garraway