Washington
10 May — 42.

My Dear Sir.

I have just rec? your letter. I have not yet finished our memorial, having been much interrupted. —

I wish to present with it the views you gave us here in relation to our Colonies, the protection they require, the state & prospects of African Commerce, & it's importance to our country & the Colonies, & the state of the Slave trade. — The article you published touch all these topics: but I think it would have a better effect on Congress if presented as your answer to questions proposed by the Convention. Besides the article contains views & opinions favorable to the right of search, which had better be waived, as they would excite prejudices against the weight of your opinions on other matters. — It is besides unnecessary. For I am persuaded, if properly managed, we shall have measures adopted of a far more decisive character. [illegible]

[illegible] the Freedom of Africa? —

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