I have before called your attention to Harriet Lee, Mr Colvin's woman with 3 children whom I have been assisting considerably since her arrival in the colony — She stands in need of some help — behaves herself very discreetly & I hope you will bear her case in mind.

I have just learned that 7 or 800 dollars Wilson's bills in favor of Lawlin, are returned protested — strange news — cause unknown at present. I hope your next invoice will be as good as the last, with the addition of powder, for which I had to give in exchange 2 casks of Tobacco — leaving me only 7 casks — I cant tell you of the great demand there has been for Tobacco of a quality like the Missouri samples — It is too long & heavy to be profitable — The blue baft goes off finely to windward. Do send some Satin stripes if you can get any. I am almost out. As for crockery ware I have been sadly put to for it, not having been able to purchase any for palm oil or rice — Cheap tea setts, or cups & saucers would be a desirable article for the store. Northern vessels bring out & sell here blue twilled cotton for 16 a 17 cents and I would like a case for retail — Send something colored for laboring men's wear. The ~~family~~ farming tools in store such as hoes, axes hatchets, saws, files (whip & hand saw) are nearly all sold — bear this in mind if you please

The vessel will leave at 3 p. m this day.

Yours with respect
Jno. B. Russwurm

I hope you will contradict the statement, that a school has been in operation here for the colonists for the last year, by the Episcopal Missionaries. It is false, come from what quarter it will.

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A. Letter Books

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