Harper Cape Palmas March 15, 1845.

Rev. H. B. Goodwin.

Dear Sir,

Your kind and interesting favour of 17th Nov. last was duly recd. and would have been acknowledged at an earlier period but for the multiplicity of my engagements. Vessels sometimes touch here bound for the States, but their stay is so brief that it is a task to have letters prepared in time.

I am happy to inform you that Sarah Ann Young is alive and well, she experienced much suffering in consequence of the state mentioned in your letter, but was not at any period of her sickness considered dangerously ill. Her husband is also well, they own and reside in an excellent Frame House in a beautiful and salubrious situation. Eve Carpenter and family own the adjoining Farm, next to hers again resides Louisa Dade, coming from the same place they were thus situated at their own request. The daughter of Louisa was recently married to an industrious and respectable young man.

Jesse Hannegan and Peggy Simpson are now both well, the latter although an octogenarian was the last of the entire company affected by the change of climate whilst others young and vigorous were down as early as the eleventh day after landing. Not a single individual died out of the Emigrants sent out last fall to this place, but out of the twenty three landed at Grand Bassa three have died, thus showing that the mortality among Emigrants in this Colony is less than that of our sister settlements. It is to be hoped that the wife and children of Hannegan may yet find it to their interest to accept of their freedom and join him. It is to me a matter strange and inexplicable that there should be individuals in this world so strangely constituted as to prefer slavery to freedom. With me the blessed boon

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