I would have you to examine whether Kennard either entered or deposited that amount in the gross about that time Jan 1840 But be that as it may I would say it is a most abominable loose way of doing business & makes a person look very foolish asking for money that has been paid I have received up to this time $170 — but it is allowed to be a very scarce time for money — But the business lying nearest you mind I know is the darkies — I have talked with a number both in public & private but could not get one to come out & give their names I saw Driver on sunday last he professes to be willing to but he is still dreaming about going as a missionary Joe Thompson has wrote to his brother lately expressing his perfect satisfaction in the place & urging him to come out which if he consents there will come a posse of them; I have not seen him yet but shall in the course of next week. The wood cutting business is now very brisk & hands are in great demand so that it is a different task to get them unless on a sunday but one thing I can say I never have had harder labour in all my agency than since I left Baltimore last — I shall still strive to do all I can —

I remain Dr Sir
Yours Respectfully
J. M. Roberts

If you have any communications to make you can write to Cambridge

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II. Correspondence Received
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