Gov. Pinkney
Denton
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Harper January 24. 1824

J. H. B. Latrobe. Esqr

Hon.d Sir

I am at times apprehensive that the infre-
quency of my communications may lead to my being accused of indo-
lence or of the disinclination to make such communications as would
prove satisfactory to our patron in the U. States, rather than leave my-
self exposed to such unjust imputation, I must avail myself
of the privilege granted to address you privately, – this will
enable me to write with a freedom which it seems almost impossi-
ble for me to acquire when writing to you officially.

Report of the Colony ample and satisfactory have I presume
been forwarded by Gov Russwurm, so that I will be unnecessary
for me to enter into particulars. Could you be on the
spot and witness the gradual, yet continuous improvement of
the Colony ~~and~~ particularly within the last year, it would satisfy
you that with the same judicious management, the ultimate result
of Colonization would no longer remain a matter of doubt, for
even the most sceptical could not but admit that we are in
the way of realizing all that was ever promised by the origin-
ators of the scheme.

The advantages derived from our Revenue Laws are becoming
more apparent daily – arrangements are in progress for the erec-
tion of a Jail and Court House, and serious thoughts are en-
tertained of forming the junction of Shippards Lake with Cavalla
River by means of a Canal – it practicability is
unquestionable, the only doubt is can we furnish requisite

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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