from our Committee there. that I wish to return. but they expected that I would, and my arrangements were made to that effect. my house was left under rent by the Missionaries. and other things left in an unsettled state. I never have had the least desire to remain here. and my children are quite as anxious to return as I am.

Not long ago I received a letter from Mr Cresson, and was requested by him and three others, to accept of a situation at Bexley as Matron of the high school there, but I declined. you know that I am not very partial to the situation of Bexly. but had made up my mind, if I were disappointed by the Committee, to make application to you, (for you know that I have a peculiar attachment to Palmas.) and if without success, then, I would accept the offer at Bexly rather than stay in America.

I have felt under much obligations to the Missionaries especially on account of my children. Dr Savage has promised that through his influence and assistance to secure to James a College education. ~~and has~~

But since I received your letter, in answer to one written by the Rev George Burges Rector of Christ Church Hartford to Mr Irving enquiring of him whether he knew of any Depel going out to Africa this spring. he writes that the committee had decided not to send me out this spring as they expected. and that it was probable that I could get a situation as Teacher in the Colony if I applied to you, and that you expected to send out a Ship about the middle of April. that was only a renewal of my disappointment. but upon consideration I have become quite reconciled, and think perhaps it is merely ordered. and will gladly accept of 6
your offer knowing that my influence will be much greater in the Colony than it can possibly be here. and will hope at some future day, when ~~your~~ the Colony will be supplied with a more competent person than myself to resume my labors in the Mission.

Now respecting a Depel's going out the middle of April I will thank you to let me know as early as possible, whether you will expect me to go out in it. as I am placed, or shall soon be, in a very unpleasant situation, having taken a room in my brothers house, where I expected to remain untill I removed to Africa if I went at all this spring. but owing to different arrangements he has concluded to give up the house and remove to Pittsfield on the first of April. and having been upon my own resources this winter, I shall be left in rather an unpleasant situation, and shall be obliged to make some other arrangement soon.

I have been trying to excite an interest in the Coloured people here about Africa, and hope to be successful in two persons, a male and female who are willing to give up there time, and prepare for Teachers. we have been the cold weather much better than I expected, untill lately. my children have had an attack of the hooping cough, I am anxious to hear something from the Colony. any information on the Colonization Herald from you would be acceptable. Do. Intercepen a line, when do you expect him to return. I am very truly Yours &c Mr Thomas

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A. Letter Books

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