Harper Cape Palmas
June 16th 1848

Hon Mr Jno H. B. Latrobe Esq
Presdt Md St Col Socy

Respected Sir

Your last letter to me received I was very glad to hear from you the articles which you mentioned that you would send me ~~did~~ has not come to hand Fourteen years has elapsed since the Americans first come to this place to live we have lived here together ever since and as Governor Russwurm is going to America you will please send me by the next vessel the following Articles viz 1 Case Muskets 1 Crate wash Basins 5 Turned Hats 2 Brass Kettles 1 Box Brass Rods one over Coat 5-20 lb Keg Powder 5 pcs Satin Stripe 1 Box Cutlasses. You will please have me one framed house built in my town for me to live in I am tired of living in my native made huts you please dash my interpreter Bill Williams, Simbah Ballah, 1 Hat one Coat and one large - Pitcher.

I request these articles for this reason when Dr Hall purchased this place he said that I was to have a yearly dash and to dine with him every Saturday - I have had no dash this year nor applied for pay since he left I am sorry that Gov Russwurm is going to America but I hope he will be back soon.

I am your obdt servt
signed King Freeman alias Pah Simah

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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