thousands of dollars from Blanco & other slave-traders as the wages of their iniquity in aiding and abetting that traffic"; and that "without their aid [the traders] the colony would nearly have perished in 1838."

Now as I have committed myself to some statements bearing on the whole decidedly in favor of the colony, I should be very glad to have it in my power to deny explicitly, on authority, the truth of the above charges, at least so far as they affect the colony as a whole. Mr Gurley has told me something in general of Dr Bacon, but refers me to you as being better able probably than any man to meet them out of your own knowledge. And I shall feel very greatly indebted to you if you will favor me at the earliest opportunity, with either a direct avowal or denial of these charges on your own authority, or as full an account as may be of the actual circumstances, or finally, a reference to such authorities & documents as may settle the question of the good faith of the colonists beyond possibility of dispute.

Very respectfully
Your obed. Servant,
Joseph H. Allen.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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