

Dear Sir Annapolis Aug. 14 '48

By the packet I received letters from my old friend Blackstone who seems sadly in want of many necessaries, and withal very much depressed in spirit. By the Packet, on her return next month, I wish to send some articles to him, but before purchasing them must trouble you with a few enquiries - What kind of Tobacco is the best to send? What kind of Cotton, white or Coloured? What kind of Handkerchiefs? Is it admissible to send Powder in the boxes with other articles? If not, in what way may ^{it} be sent? He tells me that he left a looking glass in your office in the care of your Clerk, Mr. Watkins, who promised to send it to him - It has not however been received, and he was informed, I suppose by some one who went out in the last packet, that it was still hanging in your office - If you can learn anything in relation to it & will deliver it to my son, he will take charge of it - Any information ^{or advice} you can give him as to the most useful articles to be sent, ~~when~~ they may be obtained, &c, will be very acceptable - I will likewise thank you to inform him if it will be necessary for me to furnish an Invoice of the articles, and if the duty as well as the freight can be paid to you - What description of Flour best bears transportation to Africa? Yours with much respect
Jno. Ridout

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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