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Presdt. Md. S. C. Socy.

Honourd. Sir

It is with the greatest diffidence that presume to address you with this brief letter hoping it may find you in the enjoyment of good health. Permit me to inform you that my object in writing this is to rid <sup>myself</sup> in part of a difficulty which can only be obviated by you should it meet your approbation. The duties I perform in the Colony is arduous, to it I am unremitt-  
ing as can be said by every one who are acquaint-  
ed therewith; and for <sup>the last two years</sup> I have performed it <sup>as I ought to</sup> cheerfully, hoping that when I requested a small increase on my salary it would not be as presumption nor ingrati-  
tude on my part. That you have done a great deal for me is unquestionable and I would be glad that I could possibly avoid requesting a small increase on my salary. I have strenuously avoided every thing that would in any way conflict with the duties assigned me in that I am aware I have been better qualified to benefit those over whose care I am & have been placed also I not deviated from what I promised <sup>you</sup> ere leaving Baltimore having been assigned so important a trust by them in & through whom I was qualified I hope I may ever maintain it honourably and according to the wishes of those by whom I am employed  
wishing you the best health & prosperity I remain

Your most obedt  
& humble servant

Dempsey R. Fletcher

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A. Letter Books

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