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horse. But I gave him a dig before I left him. Just as I mounted he observed "I wish they were all in Liberia". I remarked "the prospect of getting them there is not very encouraging". I continued "it costs money to send them, and if the means are with- hold it cannot be done" beside. "said I, I do every thing I can to keep it before them, I travel early and late, in all weather in sunshine and storm, and frequently go without my dinner to meet my appointments". This was a sockdolager, his face turned red and without giving him time to recover from his dumfounded flight, so as to afford him an opportunity to proffer an invitation, which he discovered was about to do, but which was too late, I gave the mare a spur & sped off in a twinkling. Whether this want of courtesy which I so frequently encounter, arises from a native meanness or carelessness or ignorance, or all combined I know not, I know this however that I frequently ride a horse with an empty belly. And such poor! At all events I have been most heartily disgusted at the treatment I have received from some. And my poor horse, aye there's the rub! Some do the thing up brown, but them as don't do it up brown are the most numerous.

Hammonds mare is very lame, & complains much from the effects of her distemper. It is like pulling their eyelids to get money out of these fellows - the excuses are all stereotyped "Tobacco no sale, backward crops & cold spring". Jim told me that the principal questions asked ~~him~~ him by the blacks ~~was~~ at his private meeting were in relation to the Lander family.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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