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Mr. H. B. Latrobe

Cape Palmas
Oct 19th 1849

Dear Sir. I take the priviledge of writing you those few. to inform you, That the good Lord has spared me to live through to fever, and I am well with the exception of the chill & fever, which I have causanally, But I am able enough to work, when they are [illegible] I am perfectly satisfied with Liberia or this colony in ticulay so far, Will you be so kind as to send me a cheap Birding Gun, some powder & shot, And says to Miss E. Cooper, I shall be glad if she will be kind enough as to send me about a half bbl of salt fish or meat, and a few yards of Kentucky jaines, to make some warm clothes, for the Rains, which requires us to be clader warm to keep from haveing the chilly

The Governor Has been very kind to me, my land I can get at any time, But I have not takeing it up yet, Like Brown the agent do not Build houses for single men, If you get Mrs or Miss Harper, to send me money enough to buy one, I would be glad, you will please send me a hoe a rake on the Back of it to Garden with, & some garden seed various kinds, peas & tomattoes water melonsetc. I would send you some of the African fruit, But they will not keep to america, Send me some early corn, a lot. summer Wheat about 10 or 2 gallons, You will please let my friends know how I am getting along when you see them. I now make my home with John Sarther, a relative, tell my friends they must rite me, send me a few fish Hooks small sizes,

All of the Emegrants that came out with me, except one child got through the fever, safe, & are all gone to farming, I send Miss E. Harper some small shells & flowers, the shells came from the Beach, & the flowers out of Latrobe,

Yours Respectfully, William Howard

P.S. I send a Box with this Packet containing the articles I have mention

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