am bearing fruits without being cultivated. also many garden vegetables will grow here, and yield abundantly, they are to numerous, to name, and to valuable to loose;) and when I rise in the morning before the sun is up, and view the country east west north & south, for miles around the forest looks beautiful & green, in which the Deer, and wild hogs, and many other animals, are found by the hunters, and I do not see anything like starving here, in this country, And in regard to our freedom, we are all free men here, and have the privilege of making our laws, and our children will be free citizens let them go, where ever they may go; And I am glad to see, that the colour people in general, throughout the United states, are beginning to feel the weight of their yoke, and intend to shake it off, by emigrating to the free soil of africa; for the day is approaching, and is near at hand, when the coloured people in america, will flock to the shores of africa, where they can enjoy their freedom, and become an independent people; for I see that abolitionists, have done all they can do; And colonizationists are doing all that they can do, for the poor african race. But god is at the head of the helm;) yours Respectfully

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A. Letter Books

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