

Mr. John B. Latrobe.
Dear Sir,

Your kind addressed Letter to me, about the price of land, I am pleased to see that may appeal for a tract is not left off and hope that I may receive a favorable answer. I have long wish'd to enter into agricultural pursuits but having always a Barrier thrown in the way by a denial of what I wanted, - almost dis-ease, are which often happen to an enterprising man, I am left not to wonder at such events. But I trust matters now, will wear a different aspect, with me, and other generally, in the colony. I have done my utmost to appear a way in this colony among my fellow Brethren, but I have feared to go far, lest I should be drawing a way into Idleness, which I believed had taken it on its former course, for men's indolence by the Higher Authority. It is very true Sir that since I immigrated to this Country, from its first foundation, I have labored hard to get a long shew money, but have been my gift, for nothing, but have ever labored to obtain what I now desire, that is not a dollar in gold or silver but such as will satisfy the appetite & shelter the Body in the stormy Blast in the day and night this then makes me comfortable, with my little stock around me.

Then Sir, if I can do anything in those latter days by the divine assistance to the edification of my fellow Brethren, let me do it. Indulge me know it not, unless when I have conferred on myself, but not by other, who had it in their power, by a crock of Rice, a quart of Oil, a lb of Sugar or flour to soften down my ambition to take advantage of me, this way or some other, that I may become like unto a dog walking with his tail down.

I sincerely trust that our new Administration, when it do take place, great will be the Change, and that for the better, have government have we been, a rising from discouragement, ^{an} dissatisfactions. it is the general topic amongst our citizens, "I hope the Board who are appointed Dr. S. H. M^r will for their Agent and our Government, we don't want him as such, his Mel come have more out of this Office, and I probably have said too much here, for you, I have directed from the foregoing part of my Subject. My 2 acres former lot is now cut down & I will burne off this, in about 10 day from now. I have now ready to get out between me 607 00 of six ^{or} seven hundred Coffee plant, from 6 to 12 inches in height & all the plants about 3 Gallon of Seed Salt M^r, & those are ^{at} out of the ground & will be ready to set out next March 1852. But the ground is ^{at} Richard 142-B

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