

Be doing as well as we do now, and should they  
Receive us as a state we could not support it.  
So we <sup>would</sup> only be doing worst for ourselves any way.  
Had we attended to agriculture in the commencement  
of the colony as much as the most of the farmers  
has turned their attention to now, we might by  
this time have been able to support ourselves.

I hope you will consider my Brother's hints & give  
me answer by the next opportunity, and should I  
be blessed to come in and get a few poor ~~Slaves~~  
Slaves from under their task Masters I will then  
think I have done my part for the cause of freeing  
a part of my Race.

With these remarks I leave the subject to you feeling  
Satisfied you no what to do better than I can tell  
you, & therefore hope you will pardon all my mis-  
takes, and also my forwardness.

I Remain Dr Sir Your Humble Servt  
Jno S. Moutton

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