aristocracy has the most wisdom and Democracy the most virtue could this Government be formed which would unite in strength of monarchy without tyranny and the wisdom of aristocracy without it ~~[illegible]~~ ambition and the virtue of Democracy without ill ness and folly, that would be best & best for us, we are if I judge rightly without this same or branch, as we are though, I presumed Mister But not without some of these faults an aristocracy which I hope the short space of time will be nothing left than that of a Democratic Republic,

But whether we are fit for such a government now is a question that I, am not prepared here, to discuss But leave you to judge, custom teaches us, some of these Rudiment, We have been letting down here for this last 17 or 18 year annually Electing our own Officer of government, Except the Head, Men whos Implayment have been the Spade pit & plough, and other meanial Implayment, They have filled these office with Dignity their Rules & Regulation enacted by them have been balsam to us, we have obeyed them, & are still willing to obey & carry into effect such balsam Rules & Regulation that may be made by our here. We are not Intirely destitute of materials for government purposes as has been Represented to be, No Sir, ~~[illegible]~~ I would say, to you, that on the arrival of the Morgan Dixon here I found that



that same Badge of bearing the Representation of the Lone Star of the Republic of Liberia proper, Our people have ask the question, Who sent these Bags here they have not heard definetly who done it, but it is supose that Dr Wall, or the Board ordered them to be sent if so, ~~we~~ or Farrane, neither Dr Wall, or the Board, Intend or any other gentilmen to insult us they had better told us they intend it for that purpose, But we cant believe that the Board had any knowledge of them coming & if Doctor Wall done it frame his own print here, we do say & it is the voice of the most Influencial in this Colony that he has but little Respect for the feeling of his Cispolma Friend, Good Dear Sir, Bear with me, I am afraid I have Insulted you by my large Letters, But could I be befor you or any number of you more could I tell you, but I must close my Remark, with a hope that at your ~~left~~ leisure hour, you will peruse the Lines, & further Beg forgiveness of any intimation they may make on your mind

With My Best Wishes for your good Health — I Remain your Most Humble & obedient Servent

Joshua F Stewart

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General voice, No annexation as a County but a State not immediately.

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