

The first ~~place~~ to accommodate those whom  
I wished to benefit. As I before remarked, The Society  
needed ~~no~~ no ~~large~~ dollars, which sum I had to buy my  
out fit and pay all my expenses, I sold my plate of  
Business, on a credit, which was to be paid in small  
installments, which sum I left to support my family  
this being the case when I returned home I had \$250  
in my Pocket, and about \$100. 50, Dollars in debt  
It can be easily seen now, that my going to Liberia  
did subject me to a great loss, though it has fallen  
on me heavily, I should have not thought hard  
if I had even one friend, to accompany me  
to Liberia, I shall always regret of my folly in putting  
in as much confidence in my friends, as I did, if I had  
looked upon their <sup>to</sup> promises and promises as idle  
words, I should have gone to Liberia two years  
ago. I hope that this statement will be satisfactory  
to all ~~whom~~ <sup>who</sup> are interested. I feel gratified to think  
that I have done my duty. I gave my services, time,  
and talents, to do good as I conceived, if I have done  
evil it is an ~~error~~ <sup>error</sup> of the Head, and not of the Heart  
and so I shall leave the Country, with a confident  
of of opinion

Yours Truly  
James Fort

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