Shepherdstown Va.
Febr. 7th. 1854.

Dear Sir. Says

There is a colored man in this community who has a brother in Africa – has been there a number of years. He resides in Monrovia, and his name is Andrew Brown. Recently this brother received a letter from him in which he stated that a box had been forwarded to this place to his brother (James Monroe) this box has not been received, and I have been requested to make some inquiry of you in reference to recent arrivals of vessels from Africa. Will you be so kind as to make some inquiries relative to this box. It is directed James Monroe Shepherdstown Va James is very anxious about it, and as he is a worthy colored man I have consented to act in the matter. Any information that can be obtained and communicated will be thankfully received by him.

Although I am not personally acquainted with any member of your family but yourself; you will doubtless allow me to tender you my earnest sympathies in your recent bereavement. May the Great Head of the Church support you and yours under this dark dispensation of his providence.

Yours sincerely

John S. Beale.

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A. Letter Books

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