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Dear Sir

By the present Opportunity that is afforded to me. I make use of the Same, to pen you a few Lines Informing you of the present Condition of our little Colony We have now immerged out of our Condition to another from a Colonean Government to that of an Independant State Gov^t. least to my Expectation of ever Living to witness this But it has came to pass, I have many perils Seen & Experience I yet live, We are now an Independant Soverezan State to our Selves, With a view, that in the Course of time when there will be Several State Like unto that; of the United States, that we will be able to bring about a Confederation of States & Center ourselves into one General Government as one Federal Head With these Views taken, I feel Confident, that our little State if Well taken Care off Will Subsist untill that period Shall have Raled a Round. Soone or late, it an unalienable fact that we need means & men of the Right Sort to administer the government properly; & quicker we Can obtaine the Latter, better it will befor us; but as it is, we are very deficient in both nevertheless we have to put up. With many inconveniency, as heretofor have done Consequently, patian is Required of us at present which we must adhere to many are our wants, but we must not Expect them in a day, the foundation is Layed & cannot be Raised, therefor it must Remaine a few yr, We will Enjoy a portian of it Sweets, but the present Generation Will have it portian & the Next it full Sweets. Like unto that of the United States a present if we loose at the Right Side aught we to Grumble, I say no, we aught not.

& now Sir, if we Can Keep out of our government the poison ous Articles, Which have been So distructive to the Lives of Many & the Keeping up a good Government, I have not the least daught But we will Prosper & God Will Bless us the more abundant in Knowledge & our peoples and in all other

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