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Dr James Hall

Dear Sir

I have no doubt you were partially acquainted with the late Cornelius Thompson, as I understand it had been his intention to emigrate to Liberia the coming fall. Knowing him as well as I did, however, from daily communication with him for four years and a half, I could not permit the occasion to pass over without testifying in some appropriate quarter to the regard I had for him, and the regret I feel for his loss. If I am correctly informed as to what his future intentions had been, I must say that in Cornelius Thompson, the colony has lost one who would have been among its most valuable citizens. High-minded, honorable, industrious, benevolent without pretention, and firm without offensiveness to the duties confided to him, he presented the highest example of character which the scope of his race permitted in our community. Apt, cheerful, obliging, and

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