The School in the receptacle is advancing along much better than I anticipated and I think it would still be crowned with success if the parents would send their children regularly. Many of them exhibit a commendable desire to learn, and not a few have shown aptness and evinced a quickness of perception. Topsy did not know her letters when I opened School which was on the 16th of Feby but now she is reading in an Electric first reader. Mrs Powell's eldest daughter has also advanced remarkable well as well as a great many others. There are some very smart boys among my pupils and only want an opportunity to make them all that could be desired. It is to be regreted that these houses are so far from the receptacle which will prevent them, frequently, from attending School during the rainy season.

I have been assiduous in clearing off this place in front of the building and have planted cassadas, a few sweet potatos some little corn, plenty of turnips and have made a nursery of coffee sufficient to fill this whole lot if it should prove successful. I could not get any assistance from the immigrant, but the natives and myself have done what little we accomplished. I enjoy much better health than I did when I was here before and I attribute a great deal of it to the exercise which I take, working on the lot - cutting down the grass, digging up the stumps and making the place as respectable ~~and profitable~~ as the circumstances will permit. I am very desirous to have some vegetables by the arrival of the stevens, at least before they have spent much time in the receptacle. In this I feel confident that I shall be successful.

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