preserve the name of the Stevens, after the erasing hand of time had obliterated every other circumstance from memory. Thus far the number of death have amounted to - adults and children.

Dr. Roberts asserted that in consequence of the imperfect condition of their houses, that many of them would die during the rains; and in company with Mr Benedict the agent examined them - giving as the result of his observation, that they were too deficient for immigrants to pass through the fever with any degree of safety. They would not remain in the receptacle, affirming as a reason that they were starving, and believing that a sufficiency was given for them by the agent. They prefered to remove to their own houses and draw their rations. They then had a sufficient quantity and frequently shared with those who remained in the receptacle. This house has been the scene of continual quarreling and vociferous contentions between the immigrants and the steward, ever since I have been residing in it. The only merit which the steward of this receptacle present to be retained in his situation is, in my opinion, that his father was one of the most respectable men in Monrovia and some of the members of the family among the most influential in Liberia. However, let this matter pass for the present, until some of Mr Pinney's superior immigrants from the north will under the influence of hunger, and depressed by the effects of the fever, give to the world "and the rest of mankind" their "first impressions" of Liberia.

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A. Letter Books

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