of doing anything much in a long while the cultivation of the soil is so much neglected. And scores are now turning their attention to the healthy and profitable employment of cultivating the soil, and you will no doubt hear good news from Palmas before long.

I thank you very much for the news papers you kindly sent me by the Stevens. I observe that the laws of the States, or some of them are becoming more and more severe against the colored population. What keeps them from seeing the necessity of escaping for refuge to this land of their forefathers is a mystery to me. My Bro and family wish to be kindly remembered to you

Your Obdt Servant

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