

As well Sir^o this State of Things has been standing so far some time.
The Reason^{of it} is this, public prints can't tell^{it} for it would injure Liberia^{hear}
after boasting about her forming progress, Our Merchants^{hear} will not
tell it lest a Competition should be introduced that they would not
like to have to contend with, for while things is as it is then they
have every thing in their own hands, Sir am as willing for Liberia and
Liberians to have preference and honour as tho I had a large vessel
too, But as I have no such thing, I wish to see every body have a fair
Chance, for Africa is too large and too wild for any 3 or 4 or 12 men
in^{this} County for them to develop its resources without some other as-
istance. I have been solicited by several active good traders
hear in this County who has been awaked to our situation,
to make this known to some Capitalist, who I thought was able to
break down this Quinary Course, I know you are able to establish on
this part of our Coast a house that can Compet with any vessel
or Merchant with what^{ever} influence, and I have the assurance of
many, that such a house would be patronized in preference to any
vessel from the fact that they could purchase to suit themselves and
not to suit the seller.

Now Sir, I wish to ask you if you think
that it would interfere with your trading business on this
Coast to establish a^{house} hear in greenwell under my care with your
positive Orders and directions; and as soon as I become so
rich that your business is burdensome, I will let you know, it
and tender you my every thanks for making me Rich, or putting^{get}
me in a way to^{get} Rich, Nor do I wish to attend to Commission
business, for in so doing other business might prove more
lucrative than yours, Nor am I endeavouring to intercept
any one, for I don't feel Compitand to do that even, But I
find the time has come for me to look around too, and I think all that
you require is your payment, and I will assure you Sir, that all
that has ever attended your business was dependant on the patronage
of others, and that originated from the Confidence they had in his
honesty and the Justice of his dealings, and nothing else

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