Franklin Chambers died late in June: not from want, neglect or lack of effort to keep him alive, the man sunk into despondency on learning that the "Stevens" would not return: he saw no prospect of employment, and supposed had the most gloomy apprehensions with respect to his future in Liberia. The Agent Stevens has been kind and liberal to the family, and yet, considering their partial support, they have had our personal aid, and are yet receiving it. God help them, they must yet suffer. Her family are all well at present, the boy, mentioned in

the letters sent out for Mrs Russwurm, of which you have received an invoice in your last letter, are on their way up from Cape Palmas in the Bark "Edward".

Angie Russwurm, without knowledge of, and uninfluenced by my doubts and misgivings of the Randancie, decided for herself not to marry him — alleging that she did not love, could not love him, that she had for a long time tried to cultivate it in order to please and gratify her mother, but that it was all in vain. Before I left on my return home I had noticed an intimacy between Angie and Wolfred Burns, told Sister Sarah of it, reproved and cautioned Angie, and forbade Burns to visit her. Since that rejection Angie has declared her intention to give the hand to Burns. Sister protests that she will never consent to their marriage, Angie that she will marry him whether or no, and I, influenced by the inflexible determination of the young lady, have told Burns to go abroad, build or hire to put her in, and then marry her. Every relative and friend of Sister's consider this the best course under the circumstances. The young man is sober, steady, smart, intelligent, industrious and promises well, I cannot wish for a better or more promising match for my own daughter if married — yet sister is stubborn, inflexible, she hates the boy because Russwurm hated his sire, and gives no other or better reason for her opposition.

Only think, of all the lads on this town to select as a precious love, who should my only daughter fall upon, but the son of Stephen Allen Benson: the lad seems to have inherited the better qualities of the mother, is a steady and gentlemanly chap, whom I do not dislike at all.

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