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Our Legislature have appropriated $600 to cover expenses of Benson's trip to England next Month. $300 for the expenses of Commissioners to the U. States to influence the contrabands to come out here for us to rob them of such stipend as they may receive from the U. States government, and $600 toward travelling expenses of the Professors of Liberia College — The Salaries of all the officers of government have been increased, and we are making the Congo money fly — Alas! the recklessness and prodigality of Benson is sickening. Thank God, he is to leave us next month. Warner is honest any how, and I have hopes that he will do something to avert the financial ruin that threatens us.

Chester has gone to the U. States via England. I have had to decline, or cut off all communication with that fiend — he proved himself a treacherous and unreliable character. He offered his services to defend Hilary Johnson, in an action that J. W. Lemmis had to bring against the former for libel — Chester got Lemmis into the political row, then traitor like took part with his adversary —— but Johnson vacated, and the traitor gained nothing but contempt, for his meanness.

J. J. Roberts & lady visit England next month, and will likely go onward to the U. States.

I do not think it likely that your government will decide to send the blacks to Liberia in the event of a general Emancipation — nor will the blacks be willing to come.

If free'd they will work for wages, their labor is needed in the South, they are likely to be retained there, else they will be sent to some place less remote than Liberia, that will be attended with less expense.

My family are all well — My little wife, proves herself a real good one.

Respects to Miss Carrie, and to Mrs George —

Yours Most truly

Sam. D. McGill

"The Indenture Certificate is all ready, will be forwarded by first direct conveyance.

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