Harper. Cape Palmas
June 14 1862

My Dear Sir

I am not in receipt of a letter from you nor have I been for years but from the fact of your being where there is confusion war & bloodshed and having to participate in it to a considerable extent yourself. I for one can sympathize with you in your troubles and were it not inconsistent with your views I would gladly have you spend a part of your latter years with me in Siberia I am aware that the evils resulting from the present commotion in your country has had its tendency to hasten the exit of a number of your octogenarians from time into the spirit world. and a number who have not reached their eightieth year the hand of time have pressed on them heavily and to suppose that you were exempt from such feeling would be absurd yet. I hope your past doings in relieving suffering humanity and removing the yoke from the neck of the oppressed have been food upon which your mind has fed and an anticipation of a just reward from the high up Gods have brought your head above the stagnant water which will be a trouble to many who have not the power to revert to such pleasant reminiscence I have been informed that the place you purposed spending your latter days in comparative comfort & retirement are possessed by rabbles to the detriment of the rightful owner. how the matter may terminate God only knows but I hope you may out live such troubles & that your days may be many more. Hoping to hear from you ere long. I remain Your Obedt Svt.

Dempsey R Fletcher

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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