and have lately given several strong and pretty decided indications thereof — the principle person now engaged in decrying Benson are creatures of his own once, who now turn on him. Last night the Office of the Liberia Herald was entered by some persons and removed the lever from the press — I am yet ignorant of the name of the parties who perpetrated the act. The press is not damaged.

A few weeks since Benson deprived the people of the use of the Govt drums whilst they were being used in the celebration of Warners election — a most visitor His Excellency and behaved badly.

I hope matters will stop here but I fear not, as Benson is vindictive, and may continue his arbitrary and aggressive measures until he brings himself into direct collision with the people — I am a quiet looker on now, he will not remain long in power — there is no need to distract him, yet he should have the good sense not to provoke the indignation of the people by measures that they are determined no longer to tolerate.

I trust this may find yourself and family well. — Angie & Wilkes Burns have executed and were forwarded by the Greyhound the signed deed, and have arranged with persons in New York to receive and deposit the amount for which you have instructed them to draw: they declined as to take the amount but are preparing not as we see this way by which it could be made more serviceable to them than by their deposited.

Excuse this hasty scrawl, the family are all well

Yours most truly

Sam'l D. Ward

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A. Letter Books

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