the fruits. Vegetables & milk are my principal diet.

I am about in the open air more or less every day, as you advised, & find refreshing.

But leaving my own personal ailments, which it is not very gratifying to talk about, I would say that the leading object in writing you at this time, is to speak a passage (cabin) in the Mary Caroline Stevens, on her next voyage to Liberia, for a young lady that is to go out under my care, by order of our Board, as a teacher. I beg you will bear this in mind. Should any different arrangements be made between this time, & that of the ships departure, I will give early information. But I do not expect any change in our present plans.

I feel not only grateful on personal grounds, but I cannot help being thankful for the interest you take in our Free Liberian State. I trust the might be recovered from her debility & splenic affections, so as to be able to re-embark for a place in some Liberia School. She is a steady & a very successful teacher. It would be a pity to lose her services. Please remember me to her when you write to her.

Please inform me if you find it convenient to drop me a line, how this letter stands it.

Hoping that both yourself & family are well, & will continue so,

I remain, Yours &c

F. Barnes

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