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Dear Sir

Some years since I manumitted & sent to Liberia a number of my slaves I am now anxious to render them "material aid" in their new home. I informed them last Spring of my purpose and requested them to signify their preference (if they had any) as to the form in which the assistance should be rendered None of them express a desire for money but all prefer merchandise in kind as different as their tastes and vocations are varied. Wishing to accomodate and gratify them I propose to transmit by the "Mary Caroline Stephens" which is to sail in November the articles desired & having no personal acquaintance in Baltimore to whom I could apply to aid me the execution of my purpose I have concluded to address you requesting your assistance in the matter your long connection with and deep interest in the Colonization project serving to justify my application

Mr Park a Merchant of this place has at my request written to Mess Farew Studer & Co who will assist you in the selection and shipment of the articles

If you can attend to this matter please notify me and I will forward a list of the articles wanted with instructions to draw on me at sight for the money

For my sufficiency I would refer you to Dr Gurley or Washington or Mr McLean Agent Colonization Soc.y

Respectfully Yr friend

W E Wynne

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