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Mr. Hall.

I was in Lexington last week and accidently met one of the Clerks in the Express Office in Lexington, who informed me there was a package in a roll form for me in the Office, and that it had been there since Nov^r. I found the roll to be the chart you had sent to me. I thank you for it and now give my reason for not acknowledging its arrival before this time. If it had been directed to Frankfort, it would have been sent direct to me. All was safe. It is the delay from a wrong direction that has given you the impression that it was lost. or Mr. Cowan has forgotten to inform me of its reception. Many thanks to you for it. Colonization moves very slow in Ky. more so than formerly. ~~They~~ Community will not take offence nor affirm that the negro is equal to the white man in any comparison that is drawn between him and the white man. And there is still great doubt in the black man that the country is not as favorable for them as it has been represented to be. And the white man asks how can so much cotton and sugar ~~from~~ cane and coffee be raised, as Pres. Benson and other Liberians say they are raising, when we have no statements of the shipment of these articles as articles of commerce from Liberia. Much labor is needed among both whites and blacks in regard to Liberia as she actually is. A vigil among planters should cast the stale of prejudice and unbelief in the mind. My respects to your Father.

Yours with Great Respect
Alex. M. Cowan

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