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To Edwin Northam Esq

Dear Sir, I enclose a memorandum to your address, with a check, to the effect that the publication of which you are aware should not be treated with unnecessary postage. Allow me to inquire if it has been so treated by you. Upon the contrary of all books of moment with postage is the amount of postage paid by mail, postage prepaid. It seems necessary in the manner. I am not aware that the character of the institution of the manner in which it is supported, making any difference. It certainly seems hard with us in this office, as Agt. of the Col. Society, purely an eleemosynary institution.

I remarked in my note covering the bills that they belonged to a poor party, a Liberian coming here on a visit, without other funds, & one which the bills will oblige him - suffering the loss of his work. It is an unlucky to see the money in hand.

It is not our intention to trouble any person or operation with charges unnecessary or improper, or in anyway to justify them the inquiries, were entirely in your memorandum.

Respectfully Yours

Thomas Wells.

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