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I do hereby Certify that three of my Children, that is to say my Son the Rev.d William G. H. Jones, my Daughters Mary A. Jones. Eliza J. Jones and myself, have liberated thirteen Coloured People in Order that they may be transported to Liberia that they may enjoy that liberty which we ourselves would think hard to be deprived of. and trust we do it from pure Motives — and I should feel condemned not to give Spencer Jones and his Family the Character that they deserve. particularly Spencer and his Wife Lucy — I am Aged about 73 years. and have raised them from their Infancy. and can say nothing disgracefull to their Charge. they have been faithfull Servants. and I believe more so than I should have proved. had I have been placed in their situation — and I Humbly Pray Our Heavenly Father to reward them for their faithfull discharge of their duty while held in this Humble situation and that he may bless them with health. strength and prosperity all their days. and give them Grace to look up to him. and to him alone who is able. and will provide for all those who will put their trust in him — he has promised. and he will fulfil — and as I never Expect to see the face of one of you Again upon this Earth may it be his blessed will and pleasure to Humble us truly. and Enable us by his Special Grace. to lead the ballance of our days to his Honour and Glory. that when we depart this life we may Enjoy that Rest. where we may unite in praising him for Ever in that World that is without an End —

Now Spencer let me Once more Remind you to get some person to write for you to me. letting me know every thing that may encourage your Friends and Relations to embark for Liberia, if you can conscientiously encourage them — let your letter be directed to Rev.d William M.c Kenney Agent to the Colony. or to M.r Moses Shephard of Baltimore. to their Care, and they will have it forwarded to me — I am your all Well — William Jones Senior

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