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My Dear Sir,

I have been requested by Mr. Branagan (a name with which you are already acquainted, from his Essay on Slavery) to forward to you the enclosed. Mr. B. has seen several numbers of the Liberator, and read your "Thoughts on Colonization"; with both he is highly pleased, so much so indeed that he has determined writing to you on the subject in which you are as well as himself so deeply interested. He regrets much that he was not informed of your being in Philadelphia this summer. For although resident in the City, he has lived in such complete retirement, that ^{he} knew nothing of the establishment of your paper, of the Convention, or indeed of any thing connected with our cause. The great Apathy of the public minds on this subject, had made him quite despair. But although so long inactive, he is still interested, the perusal therefore of your papers seems to have again enkindled his hopes, and may lead him to fresh exertions in behalf of the poor slave. The "Thoughts on Colonization" has completely opened his eyes to the real views of the Society, and he now looks upon it with abhorrence, for you will not be surprised that he like many others had been misled by its specious pretences. He has desired me to mention, that he saw by the last number of the Liberator that he had adopted the signature of one of your correspondents, he was not aware of this until after he

had sent his communication to me. I however perceive that your O. S. M. is from a Vermont Paper, they cannot therefore be confounded. Mr B. supposed he was indebted to you for the books and papers, as you will perceive. See by his letter, in some of which they came from me. I merely state this by way of explanation, and at his request.

In your notice of the Florida Laws in the Liberator I presume the Slaveholder referred to, is Mr Kingley of Florida as he spoke of paying you a visit. if you ~~know~~ know whether he is still in Boston you will oblige me, by writing word immediately, for there is a gentleman just arrived here from Rio Nunez (Africa) who has come to this country on purpose to see Mr K. on business of importance, but as yet has not been able to ascertain where he is. the gentleman's name is Skelton.

I trust my Dear Sir, that this may find you in good health. My family have all enjoyed as good health as usual during the Summer, though I assure you we hail the approach of Autumn with much pleasure, for with it we look for the disappearance of the dreaded Cholera, which is in fact daily decreasing, and our Streets are beginning to resume their wonted aspect. —

Remember me very kindly to your partner Mr Knapp. My family join me in best wishes for your continued health and happiness.

And believe me, ever yours,