

Stockbridge, 8th Oct. 1776.

Much Honored Sir,
As a good opportunity presents I take leave to send you a pamphlet, which I find is dedicated to the most honorable Congress, not knowing that any of them have yet reached Philadelphia. I also enclose to you several copies of a piece relating to a proposed African Mission, desiring you to make the use of them you shall think best. I also take leave to ask your judgment and advice, whether it will be thought proper, and will answer any good purpose, or tend to promote this design. For Dr. Stiles and myself shall particularly apply to the Congress, for their patronage and encouragement ~~of~~ in any way which they shall think most proper.

And as no way now opens to send these proposed Missionaries to Guinea, it has been proposed by several gentlemen, if no way shall open for their going to Africa in the spring, to send them into the southern States, to teach the negroes there, many thousands of whom are almost, if not quite, as much in a heathen state, as the nations in Africa. It is thought that if they can be recommended by the Synod in those States, and obtain the approbation of the Congress, in making this attempt, there will be encouragement sufficient for them to undertake it. The approbation.

bakery of the Synod may doubtless be obtained: But there is a doubt whether the honorable members of the Congress would be inclined, or think proper to do any thing in such an affair, should they be applied to. I therefore presume to use the freedom to ask you to give me your judgment and advice on this head also, when you have consulted with any of the honorable members, and taken measures to learn their sentiments respecting it, as you shall think best.

I am now here on a visit to my family, and hope to return to Newport in a few weeks. If you will be so good as to write me an answer to the above, you will doubtless have opportunity to send to Newport by the same conveyance, by which Mr. Elkey sends to his family, if no other opportunity presents.

Wishing your precious life may be spared, and that you may be made every great blessing in your present, most honorable and important station! I am, most honorable Sir, with great respect and esteem,
your sincere friend,

and humble servant,

Samuel Hopkins.

The Honorable Roger Sherman Esq;

Philadelphia

Rev. Sam. May Jr's
Letter - answered

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