

7. As you will see that we had written for some time past, but since we had written Mr. Cullen, <sup>last</sup> for the City he came in our school enquiring about the boys, their names &c. and he told us that whatever we wanted in the school we must give him a list of, and he would send for them. & thus, permits will be useful.

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To be sent to Mr. Cullen

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9 Dear Sir

Serra Leone July 10th 1818

We have frequently had it in contemplation to write you but our nonacquaintance and want of your address have prevented. Your request has removed such restraint and given us the pleasure of proximity of unbosoming ourselves which we now embrace. Your affectionate letter of April 2nd came to hand on the 16th June and it afforded us no little pleasure as it informed us of a preacher about to come over and help us, and of the blessed increase of Christ's kingdom in Cornwall, and what brightens our joy is the belief that of the increase of kingdom and Government there shall be no end. Sure it was for the effecting of these gracious purposes that God moved our good countrymen to raise subscriptions for missionary support. May the Lord bless all who thus exert themselves with a present and eternal reward.

Permit us to tell you, dear Sir, that it was the want of support, or at least, as we imagined, the uncertainty of it, which has been a cause of much pain and uneasiness to our minds, and has many times made us wish we had never come to Sierra Leone. We knew indeed that the Doctor was obliged by a written agreement not only to support us so long as we remained here but also to see us well home if we lived and fulfilled the agreement on our part - yet we were receiving from the Missionary Committee which went to ~~the~~ <sup>him</sup> this agreement altogether, and we were apprehensive that the Doctor might at length come into their measures. They demanded our immediate return to our country and trades unless we could support ourselves independent of any of our friends in England and show the propriety of our conduct in the expenditure <sup>of the money</sup> already incurred; while at the same time we had taken from the Doctor to say that if we returned home he would neither pay our passage nor honour our bills, and putting us in mind of that agreement we had entered into, not with the Missionary Committee, but himself. However we should not have failed to return home according to their presumptuous command had it not been for such as the following reasons. It appeared to us that