

Esteemed friend

Westport 3^d mo 8th 1815

James Potter

Thine of the 27th ult came safe to hand. Contents I expect it will be untill the 10th mo before the voyage can be put into execution as I shall have to write to the African Institution in London and wait their direction to have suitable provisions made for all who may wish to go thither

It would be desirable for they who may wish to go to Africa be provided with certificates of their character and their names given in timely

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Westport 3^d mo 8th 1815 [115]

Wm Brown

Thine of ye 23^d ult of the African inquiry I have peace returned to the united States was greatly needed and ought to be gratefully received by every bond who wishes well to christianity - I have to write to the African Institution in London and to await their directions before I can proceed with prudence which will bring it untill the 10th month. I shall endeavour for all who may wish to become settlers in Africa that suitable provisions be made for them, both for their conveyance there, also for their reception when arrived

It will be necessary for all those who wish to go be provided with certificates of their character

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Westport 3rd mo. 13th 1815

William Allen

I have received no letter from thee, since my last to the 2nd mo 1814 but as the blessings of peace is once more restored to the two countries for which favour I hope all the inhabitation may feel deeply impressed with gratitude to Almighty God

But I hope our communication to become more frequent, my mind is impressed with the duty that I owe to my countrymen &c in endeavouring to establish some settlements in Africa for which purpose several have offered their services if they could meet with encouragement (viz) if they could be provided with passage there and obtain grants of lands when they become settlers in Africa and suitable provision made for receiving them when they arrive - I am only in possession the Brig Traveller the same vessel that I was out to Africa in before but she is too small to accommodate passengers - I ask the privilege, or in other words to be authorized by the London African Institution to procure a suitable vessel to accommodate such a removal, and to be ready to sail about the 1st of the 10th mo. should the above proposals not be complied with I then ask for the liberty for me to have the liberty to get along with so many as my little vessel and small funds may permit of, and for me to have the privilege to take a cargo in order to defray my expenses with the same privilege as though I was a ~~free~~ British subject, what makes me more particular in mentioning to thee so particular is from what I heard stated when I was in the Colony of Sierra Leone the Judge who then resided in the colony that he considered the laws of England had the same effect there as in Jamaica in the West Indies which prohibits soap candles salt provisions &c. many of which I conceive to be very beneficial to the inhabitation of that land, as soap candles pork beef cheese butter flour &c permitted to be received in the colony and spirituous liquors to be prohibited it would be greatly to the advantage of the people in that the colony

I shall be making arrangements to carry the African voyage into effect in the 10th mo. next I think a vessel of about 200 or 250 tons with two decks would be sufficient - I cannot as yet just the number that may wish to go but I shall have their names soon for I shall apply to the Institution at Philadelphia &c. who are convened for the purpose of receiving names and giving certificates of their Character, any instructions

given to me from thee will be attended to - and shall endeavour to keep thee advised from time to time as occasion may require. I hope these may meet thee and thine in health as they leave me and mine at this time

I am thy assured friend
Paul Cuffe

friend

Westport 3rd mo. 13th 1815
Augustus Thomas

Thine of the 26th ultimo came safe to hand Contents noted - my Vessel will not go to Africa until next fall but my Brig in the mean time will be employed in some coasting business and if thou wishest to be employed in the coasting business this summer at moderate wages thou canst be employed by bringing a letter of thy Character - it is likely the Brig will be ready to sail about the 1st of this month as I am unacquainted with thy life and occupation I can say no more than to recommend thy stayability in best things &c.

I am thy assured friend
Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Perry Locke

Westport 3rd mo. 13th 1815

Thine of the 2^d instant came safe to hand, and Contents noted I was glad to be informed of thy recovery to health may we all be thankful for our preservation and often call to our remembrance that the great wheel of time is on his way and it will soon be our turn I do not see that the African Voyage can be entered upon until next fall in the 10th month for I have to wait to go to London to the Institution there and to have their instruction and the rainy season is on now and it will be best to arrive there in the dry season so as to become some seasoned. I wish for thee to call on all who may wish to go and get their names with a Certificate of their Character that I may endeavour to make provisions accordingly - thou wilt furnish me with their names as soon as convenient I cannot come to Boston at present but shall endeavour to give timely notice

when and where you are to be received. I shall endeavour
to make ~~their to make their~~ passage & accommodation as fa-
-vourable as possible

and am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Wethport 3^d mo 13th 1815

Peter Williams Junor

May we be deeply impressed with gratitude to Al-
-mighty God that the sword is again stayed and peace
experienced in this quarter of the globe

I now more call on thee to arouse the minds
of your Citizens to that Zeal for the good of their
countrymen in Africa which I humbly trust has
long arrested my mind to become usefull both to
them and our selves - I have written to the African
Institution in London for their aid in accommodating
those who wish to remove ~~thither~~ and in establishing
them after arriving there - I wish to be furnished
with the names of all those who ^{now} wish to go to Africa

I do not see that the Voyage can be put into
execution untill 10th month next which will
give an opportunity for all to get ready please
speak to Richard dear, tell him to excuse me
for not writing to him as I have had no letter from
him and did know wheather he was in town or not
give my love to him and wife

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Wethport 3^d mo 13th 1815
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Daniel Cooker

May we unite in grateful acknowledgment to Al-
-mighty God that the sword is again stayed in this
quarter of the globe, and peace experienced

I now call thy attention to arouse the mind
of Citizens of Baltimore of the directors of Africa
-ns who have do or may feel their minds
zealously engaged for the good of their fellow
creators in Africa and have a mind to visit or
remove to that Country to give ⁱⁿ their names
as I have written to the Institution in London
for their aid in accommodating in their passage
and also in making suitable provisions for
receiving them when arriving in Africa. I do
not see that the voyage can be entered into
untill about the 10th mo. next which will
give proper time for all readyness to be made

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend Westport 2^d mo 13th 1815

James Forten

Three of the 15th ult come safe to hand
may we be truly thankful for the restoration
of peace the need of which was so sincerely felt
by every feeling citizen, I believe I may say
throughout the united states

I have written to the London African
Institution for their aid in accommodating their
passage there and to make provisions for receiving
them when they arrive there I want your
society to obtain the names of all those who may
wish to go to that Country and furnish me with
the same with certificates of their Character
I am in hopes to be able to get passengers enough
to take up a ship - I think the ~~present~~ voyage
cannot be put into execution until the 10th mo
which may give an opportunity for all to get in
readiness &c

should John James stand in need or please to
except of the present offered, thou art at full
liberty to give it up to him freely - I hope
I hope the Alpha may sell for a good price
so as to satisfy my her creditors &c

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Respected friend Westport 3^d mo 23th 1815 [121]

Samuel R. Foster

Three of the 8th instant is duly received which is the
first letter I have had from thee dated since the news
of peace - I thought thy being asked whether the ship
would be sold for \$8000 she would readily sell for
a good price on the return of peace if the ship will
not bring \$10,000 - she will hardly come up to my
expectation, however I do not mean to limit thee
but have no doubt, but thy Carefull Conduct will be
satisfactory to me - Should the ship be sold at a low
price and the other half could be bought, by those
who would make an African, transport of her I
should have no objections to holding my part -
if the society of the African could take hold of her
it would be agreeable to my mind - these are some
of my thoughts but shall as I have always said shall
the better management to thy whole care - I am
glad Joseph Rottch has supplied thee with \$600
and should any additional sum be wanted and
he he should the goodness to supply thee. I shall
endeavour to take particular care that the money
be particular refunded to the lender

by thy assured friend

take my Ideys I do not object
to the ship being sold at \$10,000

Paul Cuffe

I shall soon say
further to thee
Capt Davis slooth
farmer of Westport

Dear friend

Westport 3rd moth 27th 1815

James Forten

I hope these may meet thee and thine in health as they leave me and mine notwithstanding I wrote thee ye 13 instant - and having a convenient opportunity, I thought proper to ~~re-write~~ write thee further of my Ideas - as I have just received a letter from Samuel R Fisher for the first since peace arrived saying that the ship Alpha is not sold and that he has no bids for her - I must now intermate to thee that in case she should be offered a public sale and her price should be low, had not thee and the African society better buy her in for an African transport or the African packet to remove such families as should offer I think she would be very convenient for carrying passengers and should others frating as might offer, and in that case I will hold my half part - again if you think her too costly for such a accommodation - and you wished to ~~join~~ join in an adventure in the whale fisheries and the present money could be shared I think she might be employ'd to good advantage & excuse me for taking the liberty of suggestion some of my weeks Ideas - but the African channel when it can be opened I hope we may not let it be shut, for I believe great good will grow out of it, if not in our days it will it will in the days of the succeeding generation - I have about 10 or 12 families in Boston who wish to go to Africa and I have written to the London Royal African Institution for their aid and instruction and have a hope there will enough offer to take up a ship &c. I have written to Daniel Coother at Baltimore for his aid in making inquiry about his City in order for him to supply with some from his quarter, Also to Newyork for their aid but have had no returns as yet - I hope you will be able to furnish with few from Philadelphia I have had application

from Newhaver, Rhodisland and providence &c. [23]
I have had no news of John Martins since John James gave a full account of his Conduct which was very graceful to people of colour and I thought not much better account of Cook I think it looks as though John Martins has forsaken home &c I would thank thee to give us information of him when thee has it in thy power - ~~er~~ - Thomas Waine has removed in the country to onida if thou ~~for~~ have a mind to write to Thomas thou may address him - (Thomas Waine Care of Thomas Dean Clinton post office state of Newyork Samuel R Fisher informs me that the Alpha's bills are paid off in such a way that my character did not suffer if the ship Alpha should not sell I do not know but I may be oblige to come on to Philadelphia

give my ~~best~~ love to Charlotte and the children and please except it thyself and to all enquiring friends

I am thy afherd friend

Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Westport 3^d month 27th 1815

Richard Allen

I hope these may meet thee and thine in health as they leave me and mine.

I have to Congratulate thee on the happy return of peace, may every feeling mind be deeply impressed with gratitude to Almighty God, that the sword is again stayed in this quarter of the globe.

I have to call thy attention to the African mission. I feel anxious that platform that has been in contemplation for so many years may not be neglected but be advanced in, as wisdom may direct, for which purpose I have written to the institution in London for their aid and advice to get on in the best way that can be devised, as it was of the uttermost importance that the society in London should be written to and receive their answer. I did not see that the voyage could be prosecuted until I had got information from the institution. I thought proper to say it would be advisable to set about 10th mo. next I have said to the institution that the vessel that I have is inconvenient for carrying passengers whether they would authorize me to procure a suitable one. I have likewise mentioned the precedent of your society that if the Alpha was offered at public sale and she was to go low whether there could not be enough found among the people of colour to purchase the Alpha. I would hold my part and they to buy the other half and make an African trader of the ship. I mean mention this as some of my ideas. I think if no other vessel should be provided I think I shall undertake to get on as many as the Brig traveller would accommodate. I hope you will be able to let us have some from Philadelphia. Any information that thou can give will be kindly received by thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 3rd month 27 1815
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James Brian

Thine of the 23 ultimo, has been unanswered on

I hardly could give thee a decided answer neither am I at this time able to give clear statement concerning the ~~matter~~ Business my brig is not ready for sea when the ~~weather~~ weather permits I shall endeavour to have her ready for sea and as I shall defer the African voyage until about the 10th month next and the mean time shall seek some business for the Brig and I do not know but it will be ~~plaster~~ business and in that case I shall call on thee and should that be her employment through the season it would be agreeable to me that the ~~that~~ the business should be managed in the line thou mentioned in thine to me I do not know but I may come to Philadelphia to see about the Alpha I had a letter from Samuel R. Fisher of the 8th inst and the ship was then unfold and the bills of her expenses since in port paid off, and poor me drawn on for the amount rather have provided means that they should be answered &c. if I should go in to the ~~plaster~~ business and should be obliged to draw on you I shall endeavour to let the bill be not large, and hope it may be honoured &c. - peace was what seemed to be most needed in our state of most any one commodity and I wish with other wellwishers for its long continuance.

I hope my friend Jeremiah Shadd has not so far failed through the tempestuous storm as to render him irrecoverable - I am glad to hear that John James is getting better of his illness &c. remember me to all enquiring friends to thy family and connections with my best wishes for thy welfare both spiritual and temporal - as is the desire of thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 3rd mo 2nd 1815

Thine of the 1st mo 17th - I have duly received
and the contents of which, particular attention was ~~other~~
paid to, I am informed, that S. Mowens is settled with an
also the vest and residue of the creditors are all settled with
I hope to satisfaction - Nathaniel Hodgson & Co have rendered
new account 11th mo 5th 1814, all which varies from the
other already rendered but not very materially
as thou stated in thy last to me thy intention
of rendering the travellers account in order to have
the African voyage settled, I have hitherto omitted
righting, or settling the account to be forwarded
which I think the business is now so far ~~settled~~
closed as to stand fare for us to ~~settled~~ come to a
settlement, all which shall pay attention to as soon
as thy account comes forward which I hope will
be soon as it is convenient for thee -

thy perception to me dear friend I received
in much love and sincere hope I may have it
indistinct on the memory of my mind never to be
forgotten - I was glad to hear of thy recovery of thy
sickness - and pray that god may be merciful to thee
on the bed of languishing, and that if thou and I never
see each other in our natural body that we may
feel that Christian love to flow towards each other
that we may meet in that heavenly mansion where
the followers of Christ do hope to meet -

according to my feeling I believe I may safely
say that I humbly trust that I feel that love
and affection towards thee and thy family that may
waters will not arouse nor nor floods quench -

I am thy ever well wishing friend

P S

Paul Cuffe

I am sorry that John Matthews
and Edward Cook has proved
themselves false - John's father wainer
seems to be wearing out as fast as time will permit

Esteemed friend

Westport 4th mo 6 1815
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John R. Tuck

Thine of the 20th ult came safe to hand I have received the
2 letters of thy character which speaks ^{very} high on thy part
indeed they say every thing that a pen can say

But as I shall not go for Africa until next fall I shall
have no employ for thee that I think will be servisable
to thee as my business will be very different from that
altogether of a mercantile nature

those who go out of mostly expect them to go on their
own account with my aid to get them thither I am thy
esteemed friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 4th mo 19th 1815

Augustus Thomas

I wrote thee of my vessel being in preparation
by the 23rd these are to give notice to thee that on
examination there was other repairs needed on the
brigg than what was contemplated therefore

I have to defer fitting until I can obtain a caulker
after which if thou holds of the same mind I will
give thee further notice

and am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Friend

Westport 4th mo 12 1815

Augustus Thomas

I should have answered thee sooner but the Voyage, was not concluded on, and the weather has been such as prolonged the vessel being in Readiness - her business will be coastwise from Passamaquoddy to Philadelphia with plaster of paris &c - I shall not go myself in the Snig this summer, nevertheless if thou art anxious to go in her, and serve as a menial, thou shalt receive such wages as similar hands has on such a Voyage -

expect her to be commanded by a nephew of mine - if thou should conclude to go with thee to be here by the 23 instant

I should then think best to stay and take a winters Voyage to Africa, please to inform me as I shall keep a birth open untill that time unless I should be informed by the 23 inst.

Of those who sail in my employ are wished to be temperate in all things - not to swearing, talking, drunkenness, nor quarrelling

I endeavour to provide suitable provisions on board, but do not furnish any spirituous liquors - I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

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I desire to be recommended to thee as soon

Esteemed Friend

Westport 4th mo 17th 1815
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Ruthbone Hodgson &c.

Yours of the 16th November I have received after 4 months passage I suspect they were detained in the office Your credit to me for £ 482.. 13.. 7 should

be £ 582.. 10.. 10 you will observe from John Lubbock & Co is for £ 1109.. 11.. 8 Balance due Thos. Wain is to be transferred to my account in your hands.

As to Richard Gore, I pity the man I believe I am better off without having my just due then he can possibly be by holding sums in a clandestine way we will give him up with out money or hardness with our desires to the father of mercies for his preservation both here and hereafter

I congratulate on the happy returns of peace the need of which was much felt by every feeling mind in our country may we unite in thankful acknowledgement to Almighty God that the sword is once more stayed in thortendom

I feel encourage to hope that the french nation will be prevailed on to give over that abominable traffic the slave trade to rejoice in being informed that Thomas Clarkson was supported in defending that cause that he has so manfully stood firm in may the good hand of providence ever be with him through time and finely may his reward be that crown that is laid up for all who are faithful untill death in well doing

I am preparing for another African Voyage I expect if I meet with encouragement to be ready to sail about the 10 mo with number of passengers &c

I hope these may meet friends in your quarters generally well

I wish you to ship to me about fifty pounds worth of your Liverpool pattern ware about $\frac{1}{3}$ part of the amount Royal Blue and the other $\frac{2}{3}$ in Blue

printed ware green edged &c - I wish for a good
proportion of plates - Cups or saucers, Coffee and London
the good will excuse me for my awkward way of
writing and put the ware up well assorted for our country
market how no doubt is better qualified and acquainted
with putting up such ware for our market than I
am qualified to give instruction - I expect Captain
Roulin or Crocker to be the bearer of this letter
and if he is bound for the port of New Bedford and
will take it as low as another, I would prefer his
taking the ~~fruit~~ freight - as crates are bulky and to
pay by measurement would make the ware come
very high if there were little ships coming and would
take them for a little lower price it might be better
for me - I do but just mention I dare say you will
conduct to my satisfaction - if no opportunity present
to ship them to New Bedford to the care of Alexander
Howard you may ship by way of New York to Abraham
Barker &c for Paul Buffe to send to New Bedford
when I receive instructions from from W^m Allen
I shall then be getting in readiness to sail for Africa I
think I shall give instruction for goods to be shipped to some
Leone to meet me there

I am your assured friend

P.S. Also
one cask of glass tumblers double flint
s e

Paul Buffe

Dear friend

Westport 4th Mo 19th 1815
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Jedediah Morse -

Thine of the 14th inst I received
and was much gratified, to find that our friends are
still disposed to render ^{their} aid to our assistant all which we
stand in great need of - I was glad that thee hath written
to W^m Wilberforce he no doubt will early inform the Duke
of Gloucester who is president of the London African So-
= cieties which I think will bring things in a right line

My wish is to endeavour to arrange things in the
best way that they can be for those who go to settle in that
country and not to make more haste than good speed for us
not to run before the guide nor yet to get too far behind
I think in October will give a sufficient time for every
preparation to be made both here and in Africa - I am happy
to find those who are disposed to ~~impose~~ embark for Africa
are furnished with good Certificate as that will be very es-
= sential point for me to be furnished with worthiness of those
people &c.

I have likewise have requested of the Institution in London
to grant Liberty for me to take up a vessel that may be more
Convenient than the one that I now have however if that is not
Complied with and a consent is obtained to receive those people which
I have no doubt of I shall endeavour to take as many as I can accom-
= modate - I think I shall have information from England in
the course of two months which will be in season for those people to
get in readiness if the expence falls on individuals I shall
endeavour to make their expences as little as my circumstances
will permit of - should the vessel not be sufficient to take as
many as would wish to go - the Boston applicants claim the first
privilege which I shall endeavour that their request is particu-
= lar attended too - any information that I should receive that may
be profitable for them to know in Boston I should lose no time
of giving the earliest information any information that could be
given to me that might be advantageous to the good cause of the
intended journey would be kindly received and gratefully acknow-
= ledge by thy assured friend Paul Buffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 4th mo. 19th 1815

Nathan Lord

Thine of the 12 inst I have duly received

The intended voyage is still in contemplation and I believe through the permission of God will be carried into effect in all of the 10th month next (called October) next in facting

Some may say peace has taken place the Voyage may now be immediately carried into effect - but as it is of the uttermost importance that those who are the candidates for such a voyage should have great care taken for the accommodation of their passage and also suitable provisions made for the of them when they arrive there in order for their advantage

I have written to London to the African Institution for their aid in permitting me to take up a suitable vessel to accommodate the passengers, as the one that I have is the one which I went to Africa in before she is 109 tons and is too small for convenience I have half of a ship in Philadelphia of 270 tons that would be suitable for accommodating such a voyage if she could be taken up but as my funds is not sufficient I cannot say any further on that subject until I receive some instruction from London if permission cannot be obtained for a larger one I shall take the small one and as many as she will accommodate

I think that season to be much in favour of those who go to settle in that country as the rainy season will then be at an end and the dry season takes place as all who go from the northern climates have to experience a seasoning that is said to be much the favourable - my wish is that good may grow out of all ~~my~~ that I do in order to improve my fellow Countrymen's condition - firstly we are all the decadence of that country brought away by violence sold in hard slavery deprived of enjoying our liberty the natural rites of man now if we could return into

the country of our ancestors and carry the seeds of civilization in return for this great injury that she has so long groaned under and thus for her to enjoy a peaceable privilege of agriculture and Commerce as the other historical Nations do enjoy it doth feel to me that this would be the greatest blessing that that country could be favoured with - on my Visit to Africa it appeared to me in a very clear light of view that if the colony that was settled at Sierra Leone was not aided by further addition there was a danger of losing what labour was already bestowed, the Colonist complained to me that of the European merchants imposed on them in price of articles that the colonist raised & offered for sale and that it become discouraged for them to raise any more then to sustain their wants I had to encourage them to exert themselves on their own behalf and become their own shipper & importers that they may be able to employ their own citizens for at present their colony is stripped of their young men for as soon as they are discharged from school they have no business to go into and they enter on board foreigners so the Colony is continually stripped of the population they formed themselves into a society and placed a young man of theirs into my care in order to prepare fit for their use he is now well versed in Arithmetic wright a good hand and has made good improvement in Navigation and bids fare to be sensible citizen to his fellow countrymen - My plan further is that a commercial intercourse be kept open between the united states of America and Africa in order that if any one felt their minds influenced to visit that country either on business or religious duty that they may be enabled to find a conveyance to & from & I may also add further that in conversing with the African chiefs that it was with great reluctance they gave up the slave trade saying that it made them poor and they

Could not get things as they used to get when they traded in slaves I thought wheather it would not advantageous that an honest trade was carried on with them and instead of receiving slaves to receive the produce of their country and by their industry they would be able to get such merchantde as might be serviceable among them, and thus far be made more willing to give up the Idia of the slave trade by degrees untill they may loose sight of it - I also believe it would be no disadvantageous to the colonist to go into business in order when their sons is discharged from schools that they may have a place of deposit for them to improve their education in their fathers counting housings and merchants shops - I may venture to hazard a guess that we may never expect to see a court whose jury consist of 24 and for 20 out of that 24 to be men of colour this as the situation of the court in Sierra Leone I do not mention this that I want any premis-
-tion nor am worthy of it so I desire to be content with my lot and situation that the Almighty is pleased to cast upon me &c - but I think it must be present to every feeling mind to leave their children in no further bondage then what they have justly merited and brought on themselves my mind has often been occupied for those who are held in a state of slavery and it has felt to me that the greatest aid we can render for their relief is that of faithfulness honesty & uprightness in our selves

I hope the day is not very far distant when a general emancipation will take place and should such occurrence take place a conveyance to Africa might be very desirable

The houses in general in the city are small and out of repaire and Lumber of all kinds are dear

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I propose that of erecting a sawmill hard wood lumber can be got in great abundance in that country and as soon as the circumstances of those who remove there will admit of it I shall recommend a grist mill and a rice cleaning mill would be very convenient thing for that country as that is the principal substitute for bread &c

hogs sheep goats cattle and fowls of all kinds furnish in great abundance in that quarter of the world but their price are high in the colony I hope all those who may go thither will be influenced to industry in order to lower the price of those articles I have recommended to the institution to grant lands to all who become settlers in Sierra Leone and I think that will be encouragement for them to exert themselves - please to excuse my poor writing and bad spelling as I never had an opportunity of an hour school learning - any information that I may be put in possession of that apper-
-tain to our cause I shall endeavour to give early information - any information you may be in possession of that may be of service to would be kindly received and gratefully acknowledge ~~by me~~

by thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport ^{June 20th} 1815

Samuel R. Fisher

thine of the 12 ult, I have had some time since, but
no way opening, to my view for a decided answer, nor
do I as yet see my way clearly to say what is for-
the best - but as I ever have said, when the ship
would bring 10,000 dollars I should be anxious
she should be sold - I wish to have an opportunity
to give some further instructions, before she is
to auction to the coffee house - which I am in hopes
to be able to give some further instructions, before
long &c - I am thy assured friend
Paul Cuffe

a Letter to O'Brien & Staples
dated 5th June 17 1815 in answer to T. J. J. J. J.

Respected friend

Westport ^{June 19} 1815 [37]

Samuel R. Fisher
for fear that thou should think that I am too
deletary in communicating to thee but the truth is
I am at a loss what to advise I have long been in
hopes of receiving some instructions from my friend in
London but have not since peace I have received a letter
from J. James & me 26 his language in it is pleasant one
I hope redeemed from that harshness which has formerly
appeared - he saith we have not found a purchaser
for the ship I have thought if thou could see thy way
to come here and have her put in order, I think she
would sell, she must be very low at 10 thousand dollars
if the ship would bring 8 or 10,000 my mind would be to
sell if you should think best to try her at the coffee
house market you are left wholly at liberty to act that
that appears for the best if she should not sell perhaps she
could be left when she is without much expence however
I am in hopes to make further statements shortly

and am thy assured friend

P. Paul Cuffe
PCC

Esteemed friend Westport 5th mo 17 1815

Dear and sthler

Yours of the 6. are at hand as also one of last month I have received. the brig is not yet fit for sea & I believe will not be ready until the 6th mo and then I think she will go to quincy there is no vessels here to be chartered for that business should they any often I should engage them but see no prospect at present of taking hold of any the articles of flour and corn seem to be rather on a rise flour 88 corn 81 flour has been down to 87 and corn 85 cents if make any headway in the plaster business I shall endeavor to give you early information &c

I am your osbunee friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 5th mo 25 1815

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Elyhu Shalum esqr

thine of the 22^d instent, relative to Dr Thomas Rowland I have duly received, and contents noted

I went to his house on 7th day last it being the 20th ~~instent~~ of the month, but we not seeing eye to eye did not settle he then proposed to leave it to men to which I agreed he then seemed to hesitate and told me he would let me know soon

I now have to request of thee as a friend thy interference. So far as to have matters between Thomas & Paul left to men

which is the sincere desire of one who wishes well to all mankind Paul Cuffe

Westport 6th mo 21 1815

Esteemed friends

Brian & Stapler

the traveller hath sailed for quady on the 18 inst but the time is so far passed your ideas I g have only directed the Capt to call on you, not considering your proposals to me in the least obligatory. as the prospect do not appear any way flattering - however I have directed Paul wainer to call on you at his arrival and agreement you and he can make will be satisfactory to me as he has taken the traveller, upon a lay should the plaster not be ready for sale I think it best to land it with you you at the same time furnishing with such articles as would purchase another cargo &c -

I have received 2 friendly letters from our old friend John James. which afford great consolation to me the ship *Officia* hangs very heavy on our hands. I am much disappointed. In that she has not sailed. what shall we do with her: as no offer is made for her and neither of us are able to buy each other out: John has proposed to me of taking her and fitting her out on a whaling cruise - but this demands more funds than I know where to find. I do not wish way to move and standing still some tedious time - I hope they may meet you and yours in health as they leave me and mine at this time for which favors I desire to be ever thankful unto the father of mercies -

I am your assured friend
Paul Caffee

I wrote a letter to John James in answer to his 2nd letter 26th mo - 6th mo
Also one to Brian & Stapler to their 2 letters 6th mo 13 & 30 1 815 [141]

Esteemed friend
Gardner Warner

I have to a name to thee the death of thy father on the 14th instant at 1 pm. he has been long lingering but has been so as to ride out in fair weather - but on the 11th instant was reattached and lived but 3 days probabel thou hast heard of the death of Benjamin Cook he was in Virginia where he fell of between decks in a ship's loar hole and was dead when they found him thus we may see from death's rage is freed - & that we may be wise and take an early interest in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ before it is too late thy father had a will & in it he has given the 20 and to thy son Michel the one half of the salt marsh that he and I owned together he gave Thomas the lot that Thomas talked of building on once & to Paul a lot from Pauls house as far or nize the new *Cross* Causeway & as far west as the wall by the tangard unto the orchard and to Luthan Tripps to John ~~Wainer~~ wainer the Charles Darrow lot also a lot to the east of the same inclosed by a wall about 2 1/2 acres. to Michel wainer from the midway of the Spring Swamp Straite line to the East End of John Davies land taking the orchard and on to the westward to Sows land the course as Luthan Tripps South line wall goes all in that Compas except that, that is given to John wainer and Rodney & his mother take the buildings half of the Stock and all the Land from the midway of the Swamp to the river except Thomas Mary mastins has given to her the house & lot during her life & after her to her son Jeremiah. the aurgult to go to Michael Rodney & Mary mastins - he was buried 18th at 4 pm Thomas wainer Paul Caffee and Luthan Tripps are the Executors to his will &c - an answer to this letter will be very desirable with thy consent that the will may be proved when the probate Court come to set in the 10th mo - next Paul & John wainer both absent in the traveller at thy fathers decease Lorron Richman seems to be wearing out the rest of the people are generally well I have lately heard of John mastins in Philadelphia but do not seem inclined to come home - in thy answer please let us hear what course Sylvia has taken I am thy Affectionate uncle
Paul Caffee

Esteemed friends westport 4th moth 18th 1818

Thomas Wainer

I have to inform the of the Death of thy father. which took place on the 14th instant at 1 P.M. he was so as to walk from bed to his Chare and ride out every Good day or at least when the weather was Fair & pleasant and set up the Fair Greater Part of the Time - untill 3rd day the 15th then he was taken with the rose

Bleeding it stoped a bout Sunset the same day. the bleeding did not seem to be raised but droped frequently the same evening

About 11 oclock he was seized with puking they come for me by then I got there the puking had ceased & he seemed comfortable

But week he seemed to remain pretty quite untill about 22 in the

Morning When the attack of sickness renewed its attack these attacks lasted but few minutes but they were very weakening to him

Indeed he seemed to be much bewildered and set up no more but faded away like a lump of snow we buried him on the 15th p.m.

in the will is 3 Executors jointly appointed viz

Thomas Wainer Paul Cuffe and Tillinghast Tripp thou has the Lot Given The below the driftway as has been proposed here to fore.

Gardner wainer has 120 " Paul wainer has the lot Given him

To with 1 rod of the middel of the new Causway John wainer has

The Charlsdunrow lot to the Eastward about 2 1/2 acres Mikel wainer

has given him from the Midway of the Swamp pasture

viz 17 rods East from the barway that groweth into the Great

Meadow and for it to continue a southerly course to John dapers

orchard and take the whole to the westward as Luthan tripps

south line goeth Except what John wainer has Rodney Vassall

from michaels to the River Except thine together with the

buildings & one half of the stock the widow to have the use

and improvements untill he arrived to 21 years unless she

deses to be a widow - Rodney David & Jeremiah has the west

lot to the west end of Luthan tripps land equally divided

between them gardner wainer son mikel has the salt

Meadow That is with mine - mary mastens has the house [43] and lot that it stands on - rodney mikel & mary has all of the estate that is not other wise disposed of as neither of the executors are hear but my self I shall attend Business untill further instructions please write an answer to this letter on the receipt of it any instructions given to will be attended to it will be necessary that this will should be proved when the probate sets at newbedford in the 10th mo next ensuing the letter to thy father has come to hand Since his death it was pleasant to hear that you had all been restored to health Since having the measles & lime rock &c

Paul & John were both absent in the travellor at the time of thy fathers Burial he had only mary & Rodney to attend Lonnor Richmon seems to be wearing out doubtless the hath heard of the death of Benjamin Cook who fell in the evening from between deck in to the Low hole and killed himself dare thus we see from death no age is free we who are left behind must soon follow happy will be with them who have endeavourd to seek an Interest in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ before it is too late the Call is unto all - all are called but all have not abased - o that we may often think on that solemn day when we must bid aue - and take our last farwell to our nearest and dearest and most affectionate friends

thy Son david Remains with thy fathers widow Give my love to all thy famely and to elder Isaac wily and his wiffe

I am thy Affectionate uncel Paul Cuffe

Dear Cousin

Westport 7th mo 17th 1815

Michael wainer

Thy father is called from work to reward, he departed this life on the 14th Instant at 4 pm altho his Illness was had ben long lingering yet the attack that carried him off seemly was short he rode out and was a bout untill the 11th when the sickness ratched him & he lasted but about 3 days he was buried on the 15th at 4 pm Paul and John was both absent in the travelor he thy father left a will and in it the had given to the Land from 17 rods East from the bars that enters the Barn orchard taking all the Land to the westward in a direct Line with the South line of Luthans Snipps Land All to Benjamins Soles Land except the Charles Durrum Lot and the Square Lot to the east of the durrum Lot which is given to John wainer hear is a crop Growing on the Premises the excecutors mentioned is thomas wainer

Paul Cuffe and Kellinghaast Snipps they are all absent but my self I shall indeavour to take untill someone Appears to take Charge of the buisness I hope thou Will not fail to Give me an answer to this letter

Also thy Condesension that the will may be proved at the next probate Court which sets in the tenth month but an answer soon will be verry deservable any instruction Givers by the will be attended to by thy Affectionate uncel

Paul Cuffe

P.S. by this thou has had an opportunity to state the prospect that thou has of the Country &c

The mare, wagon & harness are given to thee

Dear friends

Westport 7th mo 17th 1815 [145]

Paul & John wainer

these are to give you the Solom news of the death of your father he departed this life on the 14th Instant he rode out every fare day and was a bout untill the 11th when the sickness alached him he lasted but a bout 3 days the first day he was taken with nose Bleeding, not rapid but draping untill a bout sunset when it ceased & did not appear any more at 11 oclock that evening I was called he was taken puking which was verry trying and weakining he took his bed and did not get up any more but died the 3 day following he was buried on the 15th at 4 pm your father left a will and in it Paul wainer had given him as far as the new Causway and to the tan yard wall of the wall runs to Luthans Snipps wall for the North line and John wainer has the Charles Durrum Lot and the inclosed Lot to the East adjoining the Lot of the Stapler does not sell to advantage my advise Would be ~~to~~ to leave it with James Brine if you could Come to an under standing and let them put in Satch Articles as will load him with an other Road of plaster James Brian mentioned to me of Stapler going to Quady in the Brigg I rather feel to incourage if it could be done to advantage of the voyage if you should become concerned with Brine & Stapler tell them they must open a new account as the old one between them they and my self never has been closed which I conceive I am owing them nothing but there is Solomons vices note which note when obtained goeth one half to James Brian, so I do not wish an inter mixture Lonon is much as he has been the rest is as well as Common I am your friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend Westport 7th mo 26 - 1815

Samuel J. Mills

Thine of the 10th 4th came safe to hand, it gave great consolation to me to hear of thy preservation. Also to conceive that thou continues to be exerted with that zeal for the good of the Africans race, all which I hope will be a blessing to the hear and and crown the with that durable riches which the Lord of life and glory hath in store for all who are faith full untill death.

I think at present I can say with the traveller of the short history of a long travel (viz) that he was resolved never to give over seeking untill he hath found his desired heaven & my wish is that something may be done where by the degraded Africans may be benefited it has felt to me for a long time that something was required of them, to be exercised with new views on their own account but I am not able to point out which way this can be brought about at present, we are sure that true religion is of the first magnitude to work a real reformation, but as this is not so frequently experienced as would be best. I have thought if good moral exertions could be adopted wheather it might not be a draught to draw their minds into new views so as to gently slide them in to labour on their own accounts And to connect those views from creature to Creator from more part of the globe to the other - I stop believing thou art better qualified to understand my meaning than I am to explain them & my mind is to visit Africa this insuing fall I think I shall be at Boston before I shall fully make up my mind at what time I shall sail Also to Philadelphia but I cannot at present say what time I shall be at either of the places - my brother wainer deceased on the 14th this instant. that and other business make it very difficult at present for me to leave home other wise thou might rest assured to have seen me at Andover a personal interview with you would be

Very gratifying to me I think it may be about a month before I shall set out on my tour I shall esteem it as a favour to have the privilege of entertaining thee at my house as a home when ever thou can come, and it ever will be pleasant to receive letters from thee I have received a letter from London 6 of 5th mo 1815 Their Encouragement are very good and seem to have a wish that all might be done that could be done for the advancement of Africa it saith they have formed a new association for the special purposes of carrying their causes into effect and wished me to Act in concert with them all which I shall feel to comply to do far as is advisabel with a study care and sincere desire whatever is done may be for good and then no doubt good will come of it I have never seen it fail - \$150,000 is great sum of money if my friend Paul should get that sum it certainly will enable him to do great good with that property if he has but a disposition and may the Lord bless and make an instrument of him to do good is the desire of one who wishes well to all mankind farwell

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend Westport 8th mo 11 1815
William Kirby

these are to inform thee, that thy, cattel. Sheep and gees, is often seen in my inclosure - and as we have of late taken, a prudent step to make and maintain peace, I really wish for us to use our utmost endeavours, to support that union within ourselves, by keeping our creatures from outbreaking on each other &

these are from one who wishes well to all mankind and be at peace

Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Westport 9th mo 15 1815

William Allen

I have to acknowledge of thy letter dated 6 of 5th mo last

Esteemed friend

Westport 25th 1815 [149]

William Allen

I have inclosed a bill for £200, I have informed. Nathaniel Gladys & Co Liverpool - which amount I wish, thy aid in, sending out to meet me at Sierra Leone, in such articles as thou, shall judge to answer best in that market - I do not wish, to give thee too much trouble, but request thy aid in ordering it by the assistance of a broker for his Commission, thou wilt direct them to the care of the friendly Society or to the governor to be delivered to me on order, I hope thou may not lose no time in shipping this promptly, as I expect to sail the last of the 10th mo, for Sierra Leone, and would wish to meet them at my arrival there, as I expect some of my passengers to be interested in that adventure

I expect to carry out in the travel 6 or 8 families - but shall write thee all the particulars before I leave the America, with my advice concerning the families that goeth with me &c - I now write from New York, and think probable, at my arrival at Westport I may receive further instructions from thee and am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 9th mo 26 1815

Mathew Hodgson &c
yours of the 20th of May I have duly received
informing me of an omission, of Subbuck & Co not
having charged the duties - you have my free consent
to rectify all mistakes and omissions -

Mathew's former statement to me, there was
an omission in not giving me credit for about £100
according to Subbuck & Co - all which I presume
you will have or will rectify - I have drawn
upon you in favour of William Allen London
for two hundred pounds sterling & 60 days
which I hope you will honour - I am at this time
loading for Sierra Leone, and expect to sail
about the last of the 10th mo

I remain your assured & ever willing
friend
Paul Cuff

Esteemed friend

New York 9th mo 26 1815

William Allen
my friend John Jarvis of Philadelphia
the bearer of this letter is going to London
in order to settle his accounts there - any
assistance that cannot render him will be
gratefully acknowledged by him - and will
confer a particular favour on thy assured friend

Paul Cuff

Dear friend

New York 9th mo 26 1815 [151]

Thomas Thompson & wife &c

I am glad to have the opportunity to inform
you that I am favoured to enjoy my usual state
of health - I have been about 5 weeks from
my family, sitting the vessel to return for -
I am banking for Africa, which I expect to be
ready to sail about the last of the 10th mo with
my company (viz) 6 or 8 families to settle in
Sierra Leone - if I am spared I do not know
but I may come by England it would be very ple-
-asant to me to have the privilege of seeing your
growing family once more - when I am permitted
to contemplate on my being adopted to your
family, it brings, a passage of the Scriptures
to my remembrance - I was a stranger and you
took me in naked and ye clothed me, sick and
ye ~~took me in~~ visited me, may your reward
be crowned with everlasting life

is the Sinsinner desires of your well
wishing friend

Paul Cuff

Estimated friend Westport 10th mo 15 1815

Samuel R. Fisher

I inclose to thy care two checks to await
my instructions before they are filled up

I expect to be ready to leave after
this month we are in health - as are
also the passengers

I am thy assured friend
David Cuff

Thomas Wainer

States that if he should go in
the ship, he doth not know but it
would suite him better to have his $\frac{1}{16}$ th
part - and in that case - I have to request

John Jarvis to let Thomas have his $\frac{1}{16}$ th
but if he chooseth the wrong then to fill
a check for \$409-35cts which appears
due him according to statements rendered
him from me bearing date 9th mo 10 1815

10th mo 15 I wrote a letter to Richard Dean
1815 and Peter Williams when to send
on also for 2 Sawmill Saws
D Cuff

Estimated friend Westport 10th mo 15 1815

John Jarvis

I have encouraged Thomas Wainer to hope
that if he went in the ship, there would
give up to him the $\frac{1}{16}$ which I ever con-
sidered to be his interest - at the same
rate that thou gave for her

as there was no reserve for the
return of any part of the ship, thou art
at full liberty to do as thou pleaseth, yet
I am incouraged to ask for this indulgence
if Thomas goeth in the ship - if he
doth not, then he saith the many would
be most excepted - I arrived home
safe and found my family well - but had
sustained much damage by the gale by
my wharf and stone being carried away off
also timber wood & my orchard much injured
there was scarce a single fruit of any kind
left on the trees or

I am thy assured friend
David Cuff

Esteemed friend Westport 10th mo 22^d 1815

James Forten president

these are to inform that I arrived from Boston 2 days ago and am to carry 6 families 32 in number, they are to be at Westport in 2 weeks from this date to embark for Africa - the Bostonians have calculated to raise money to pay their passages that they may have 6 months provisions when they arrive at Sierra Leone. I think should the Bostonians raise about \$3000 wheather you in Philadelphia will conclude to raise \$500 to pay the passage of the 4 passengers from Philadelphia, if this could be done I think it would be encouraging - if nothing could be done I should be glad that you would fix matters so that Anthony may have \$500 toward his house & lot of land

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

I think we shall sail in about 3 weeks I think. If you should feel enough to do anything about raising any money Robert Work would be a good man to interest in it

Give my love to Charlotte and Children to thyself and tell her that I am much ~~not~~ indebted for her kind attention and I did not her the favour of bidding farw and then to bring of her book tell her please to get another at my expense

Esteemed friend

10th mo 25 1815

P C

Derry Lacks

I find an omission in my writing thee in my last letter (viz) I wish for 4 firkins of butter & 500 wt of Cheese I caught very heavy could by the week that the stage arrived gave me - I am getting ready and think I shall be ready to receive you at the time appointed and am thy assured friend

Westport 10th mo 22^d 1815 (55)

Augustus Thomas

these are to inform you that thee may be here in two weeks from this date as I expect all my passengers here ready to sail soon after that time. Give my love to Jacob ofon and tell him I am to have 6 families from Boston 32 in number

I am thine Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend

Westport 10th mo 22^d 1815

Goto Sayer

I hope thee may meet thee and thine in health as they leave me I write to thee to inquire of thee if thee would go out with me as a mariner if it meets with thy approbation please to let me know soon as I expect to sail soon &c. I had from providence to make application to me for 2 families to go but thee will have the goodness to inform them that they cannot have a passage

I am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Westport 10th mo 22^d 1815

Dear

Alexander Howard

In addition to what I wrote by thee to Boston I want 3 firkins of butter and about 400 Gwt of Cheese if they have not raised the money for me on account of the African passengers let them get these things and become spongers for the payment if they will do neither I must have the articles I then have to request thee to get me the articles and I will endeavour to meet any ~~engagement~~ ^{encouragement} that thee may intend for on my account and am thy assured friend

Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend Westport 10th mo 28th 1815

James Forten

In reply to thine of the 10th inst in regard to the Institution in London being at the expence of families to Africa - I think from the colour of the writing we might have every reason to expect them to be at the expence providing they are the men answering their description and for fear we might come short in that point I have recommended for the passengers and their friends to pay their own passages and stand on their own ground and then if the Society doeth any thing for them the better I do not think they would wish to pay them for returning from Africa to America and for this reason I have encouraged the society to establish themselves in keeping open communication with Africa it is mournfull to see no address to the Society in Sierra Leone

I am thine sincerely Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Westport 10th mo 29th 1815

James Brian & family

I have very cordially Received a letter giving information of your welfare as also that of John Stapler being preserved through the dread full gail whilst many of his fellow creatures suffered much some by death and none we may say escaped of some damage in out of this quarter. I my self had my wagg the bridge part & part carried away the half of my store went all to pieces & the other part removed out of its place & the wood timber much damaged indeed my orchard not so much injured as many others I have erected the apple trees & 2 men was drowned in this river trying to save their hay

I have 4 passengers from Philadelphia 2 do from N. York 2 do from Newport & 32 do from Boston (viz 6 families all together 40 passengers the Ships Crew & all will be about

50 or nearly in Boston they were very earnest I could not take near the number that wished to go the Boston people felt ¹⁵⁷ disposed to assist them in paying their passage I expect them altogether in one week from to day & to sail in about a week from that time & I am willing to act in concert with the African Institution in keeping the way open to Africa for all who wish to go may have an opportunity Paul Cuffe

Esteemed friend Westport 10th mo 29th 1815

Richard Sean

Thine of the 25th inst come safe to hand - but as Charles Crumwell & wife was not named in it I was at loss to receive them - but on a shewance from him that something from the society would come forward in a short time I so far favoured him as to take him in and have taken him in but I hope that may not lessen your obligation in sending on such documents as you may obtain & for New York who out of 8 or 10 000 inhabitants are not able or willing to assist in this benevolent mission with one out of all of your number and this stranger who have turned in with you for a season you did not so much as mention his name to me wonderful in very deed however hope you will awaken and the good Citizens of New York raise and send forwards to me the amount of his passage which is \$200 if this should fail I hope you will endeavour to send on 6 month provisions for Charles in order that he may not be destitute of helping himself when he arrives at Sierra Leone I have freely & cheerfully made the above statement & shall leave to your consideration and shall take of Charles and his wife even if it is at my own expence &c. Neither hast thou even answered my letter about Isaac Russell ^{but} perhaps this you will do when you get ready as to the too saw that you sent I could have wished that thee had taken pay out of the New York paper that Crumwell brought here however if the

Will pay for the sails here the sails here the bill will honored
I have received the 2 ~~kegs~~ kegs of tobacco and will endeavour
to do the best for your interest as I can

I expect my passengers all together by next Friday
first day and think to sail in about 1 week from that time
I have 40 passengers so that the & the crew makes about 50
or thereabouts Give my love to sister free love and all in-
quiring friends and to my dear friend Peter Williams Jun
and tell him not to be affronted from my plain way of
writing. But rest assured that I am your real friend

Paul Cuffe

Dear Sarah Dear Hope
thou ever may have a place
in my mind not to be forgotten

Esteemed friend Westport 11th Nov 18 - 1815

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Stephen Gould

I enclose those of the 2^d instant to gether with
the little chest, and 8 watches which I delivered
to thee to repair 1812 on account of the owners in
Africa, also one with more that thou cleaned belonging
to one of my passengers accompanied with the bill all
which I do say thou hast placed in the truth which
Ballance of ~~£~~ 25-6 I have sent to the Capt
Edward Phillips, which I hope will be satisfactory
to the ~~owner~~ I desire to be truly humble to be
favoured with the means to satisfy my Creditors
Among the dust of the earth are liable to failible
fragments therefore I think thou ~~had~~ should have
a care how thou permitted thy property und by
uncertain weights Altho at present I have no
wish to correct the bill any other ways than by
prompt payment

I take the Liberty of troubling thee to assist
Me in Collecting the Little Note on Thomas Green
of Bristol and satisfy thy self out of the money
for thy trouble thy simple dear friend are
A Cordial to me I am in full unity with thy
Sentiments but it is hard for those to under-
stand a language that they have never experian-
ced I am thy assured friend Paul Cuffe

P.S. I am waiting expecting every day to receive
my passengers from Boston and after their
arrival shall soon be ready to sail please god
permit &c. the Subject thou mentioned to
me still rest fresh in my memory, but as yet
have seen no way open if any thing appear right

for me to do in the way of serving any
of my friends well assured that they will
not be neglected by the assured friend once
more

Paul Cuffe

62 feet by the keel 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet beam 8 feet in
the keel 5 feet between decks — these dimen-
-tions well constructed for sailing, with
a well constructed rising Shear, and all that
I can say at present — Should it please
kind Providence to spare me one more
to return home safe, I should like to own
such a vessel part or the whole of.

I should recommend her to be copper
clastered — Westport 11th 19 1813

Thomas Willoughby }
J. A. Howland } Westport

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Our Friend Paul Cuffe (who is a ~~this~~ Meeting
Member of our Religious Society) informed this Meeting
that he has a prospect of making a Voyage to Africa
on business and in a particular manner with the
laudable view of endeavouring to promote the
temporal and civil improvement and comfort of the
inhabitants of some parts of that Country which
having had our solid deliveration, we feel desirous that
he may be enabled to accomplish his object to the
peace of his own mind and leave him at liberty to per-
-sue his prospect recommending him to the friendly
notice and regard of those amongst whom his lot
may be cast.

Signed by direction and on behalf of
our Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society
of Friends held in Westport state of Massa-
-chusetts the 16th of the 10th month 1815

By Ebenezer Baker Clerk

Dear friend Westport 11th mo 22^d 1815

Richard Dean

After my love to thee and thy wife Sarah hoping they may meet you in perfect health. My wife is confined to her room & pretty much to her bed it is a trying season for me to leave her in her sickness yet I trust she has the same preserves and such things for her comfort as this life affords yet she is deprived of her best friend my passengers has a long voyage from Boston but they are expected every day I shall be ready for sea in a few days after their arrival. I also send thee thy note on Thomas Reed - and once more admire that you have not addressed the Society in Africa with no epistle communication only 2 Cags of Tobacco and I believe they would not have gone had you not expected to receive 100 fold in return I shall not expect an answer to this as I shall or expect to depart so soon but hope you may record it in your bosoms &c

I am your ever well wishing friend

Paul Cuffe

Dear friend

Westport 11th mo 22^d 1815 (163)

James Follen

after my love and best wishes to thee and family hoping these lines may meet you all in health though these leaves my wife confined to her room and pretty much to her bed &c - my Boston passengers have not as yet arrived but are expected every day and expected to sail in a few days after their arrival - I have expected some further communication from the Society in Philadelphia to the Society in Sierra Leone and to the Society in London but all this is abuse would happy are they who are not too much engrossed therein

Let us all be in good Cheer take courage and through the Crowd ~~the~~ towards the mark of the high Calling which is in Christ Jesus our Lord and savior
Amen

I remain your assured friend till death

Paul Cuffe

NB as it is probably

I may sail so soon

I shall not look for an answer

Dear friend

Weymouth 11th mo 22^d 1815

James Brian

My desire is that every Blessing may attend the
both spiritual and temporal here and hereafter
my wife is confined to her room and con-
siderable so to her bed - my passengers have
not yet arrived from Boston but are expected
every day I shall endeavour through permission
of God to sail soon after their arrival I hope. I
Staples has long since returned in Sept^r &c -

Dear friend James Brian I hope thee will
render thy aid to our old friend J James
and in a very particular manner see to his son
Joseph, as it is a doubt on my mind whether
his father will be able to employ him to advan-
tage although he called him home &c

I am thy assured friend

Paul Buffe

as I shall sail soon

through the permission of god

I can have no reply to this &c

Dear friend

Weymouth 12th mo 4th 1815
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William Allen

Thine of the 6th of the 5th mo I have received with
every reason might have expected to have received
further communication in a short time but consider-
ing thy time to be occupied on subject of greater
magnitude this might have been omitted - but
from the concern I trust that I have felt and the en-
couragement that has been held out I have with ad-
vice and concurrence of friends ventured to pursue
the object and

Jarvis Williams son in
law to John Stephen of Sierra
Leona Africa

Memorandum of addresses 1814 David Oron President of the Union Society and ^{Stamen} ~~Stamen~~ ^{Stamen} ~~Stamen~~
George B Groves Brunswick New Jersey — at Camden and Little Dutch Creek Delaware
and 2 Schools for the Africans, and taught by African — John Taylor of South Amherst Mass
Prince Vanders Bacter School master — Bathbone Hoagson Vice merchant Liverpool ^{Captain}