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~~A Draft~~ an address

To the Scattered Brethren and fellow countrymen at Sierra Leone in Africa
Grace unto you and peace be multiplied from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ who hath begotten in me a lively hope in remembrance of you for which hope sake I desire ever to be humbled world without end amen

Dear & Beloved friends and fellow countrymen I recommend to you that of assembling yourselves together to worship the Lord your God for God is a Spirit and they who worship him ~~exactly~~ must worship him in Spirit and in truth

the Substance of which will beget that living hope in us which hope will be as an anchor to the soul in this hope may Ethiopia soon stretch out her hand unto God Come my African brethren and fellow countrymen Let us walk in the Light of the Lord

This pure Light which bringeth Salvation into the World hath appeared to all men to profit with all I would recommend to Saints Elders and all other people in the Colony of Sierra Leone to unite together and adopt the mode of meeting together once a month and at this meeting converse with each other for your mutual good but above all things let your meeting be owned of the Lord for he hath told us where there is 2 or 3 gathered in his name, there am I in the midst of them with our Lord Jesus Christ and that you may have a Record made of those meetings that it may be left on Record for the Encouragement of the young and rising generations in this meeting may you be favoured to institute all good institutions and in so doing I believe it will prove for your temporal and spiritual good may the Prince of Peace be your preserver ~~that without end~~ is the sincere Desire of one who wishes well to all men

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firstly may all faithfulness be recommended with Sobriety and Steadfastness that all professors may be careful to be good Examples in all things that they may walk humbly deal justly and Love mercy

Secondly that the Holy care may be extended towards the youths whilst their minds are young and tender that they may be redeemed from the corruption of the World such as nature is prone to (Viz) Swearing following idle company drinking of Spiritous Liquors and that they may be kept out of jelleries but be encouraged in industry for this is good to cultivate the minds and may you be good Examples these in your places thirdly & lastly

may your servants be encouraged to discharge their Duty with faithfulness may they be brought up to industry may their minds be cultivated for the Reception of the good Seed which is promised to all that will labour it I want that we should be faithful in all things that we may become a people giving Satisfaction to those who have borne the heat and burden of the Day in Liberating us from a State of Slavery I must leave you in the hands of him who is Able to preserve you through time and to crown you with that blessing that is prepared for all those who be faithful unto death farewell

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Address to
the Brethren

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