

Banthe Sherbro,
Sierra Leone.

West Africa. Nov 11th, 1816.

Rev. J. Howe, D.D.
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Dear Brother, I'll write a few lines to you in the cool of the day, I hope this letter will find you well and I trust that you are preaching the Gospel ^{the} once in a while or else you might back slide, I haven't time to back slide here, it is too hot. We had a very heavy rain last night, it cooled things off for a little while. No one has called me Mr. Linker yet this time, I don't know maybe the people are going back on me.

I have the little building 11 x 14 to store our material in finished, and the lot all cleaned off, and all the stone here I need for the new home.

They were all from Stanville or near there, I'll soon be making Cement Blocks, I suppose Mr. Mason, has paid that note of by this time, I am not sure when it is due.

So Mr & Mrs. Woodard and Miss Mindel are coming to Africa as our next missionaries. I'll be glad to see them.

Mr & Mrs. Stoltz are well and they are trying to stay their time out, so he told me some time ago. My health so far has been very good, I never felt better at home than I do here at the present time, I hope it will continue so. The Mangoes are ripe, I am feasting on them.

I wish I could give you ones. The Cassin's
are always ripe. I make good use of them so.
By the time you get this, you will
have warm weather. We have the same
old thing here all the time. I bought
10 eggs today, I held them all towards the
Sun in my hand with one eye shut.
At home this is not necessary
but here it is.

I sent for books to Columbia,
S. C. "Way of Faith Office". I did not
sent the money. I wrote and told
them to write to you for the money.
Is that all right?

R. W. J. M. Pike is the man's name.
I think the amount is \$2.80 Charge to
my account.

The 2 books I sent for are on Mesmerism
on First Day Sabbath.

Write me a letter some time
when you are at home.

May love to your wife & all
(excuse the 2^d mistake)

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Sierra Leone,
West Africa.