

Westville Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1841

Dear Sir

Mr. Tappan,

I will write you a few lines because I love you very much and I will tell you about Mr. Pendleton keeper [of the jail in New Haven.] He will kill the Mendi people, he says all Mendi people. He want make all black people work for him and he tell bad lie. He says all black people no good, he whip them. He says Mendi men steal, he tell lie, he is wicked, very bad. He says Mendi people drink rum, he tell lie. All Pendleton children and his wife all do not love Mendi people. He go to Westville, he whip Mendi people, he whip Foolewa, he whip Kinna on Sunday morning, he whip these two men in New Haven he whip plenty of them in New Haven but me fear of for people, me fear for all good men in America Country. This keeper do bad to us, when he come from Washington he say he come from Havana, we shall [be?] sorry he say so, but me give you this letter. Pendleton his wife and his children, I think all bad, do not love God. When they come to Westville where Mendi people was they say stink, all stink here, but we sit still and I tell you one thing this. Better for Mendi people to go into Mr. Townsend's house, better [than to?] go for wicked man's house. When me live in wicked keeper's house every day he whip Mendi people but we no love to whip Pendleton. He is bad keeper this wicked man. I do not like him at all, he is cruel. We love all every body that want make Mendi people free. Me like to go to Townsend's house and give us good keeper, me like that better. But we do not like those who whip us, only we like the good man, those [who] do not whip us. Pendleton, he tell lie, I sorry for him. He say he give us clothes, he say Mr. Ludlow no good man for Mendi people, he say so. He say I kill plenty Mendi men before he die, he say so.

My friend, I want you to tell Mr. Adams about Pendleton he bad. The Lord God want all men to be good and love him, the Lord. Jesus Christ came down to make us turn from sins. He sent the Bible to do good on earth. My friend, I want you to pray to the great God to make us free and go our home and see our friend[s] in Mendi country. We want to see our friends in African Country and we shall pray to God to make our \_\_\_\_\_ very good and we want the God to have mercy on our friend[s].

Your dear friends

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