

Letter from a Formerly Enslaved Woman in Liberia, August 17, 1857

Clay Ashland August 17th 1857

Capt Addams,

Dear Sir I write you a few liens to in form you of ouer health we are all well and do Sincerley hope that you are the same Aasisa Maglin is dead and I thought I would write and let you know of it as she would not stay with us eney longer then we was on the Colnizacion Society She whent of a bought 20 Miels and sold all of her Cloathes and evry thing She had Malissa sends her to you and her old Grand Mother if she is living lissey is going to school and lirms verry fast She sais her ~~old~~ old Master must send her something I have Malissa and exspect to stand by her while I live I will tell you a little a bought this cuntry as far as I know this is a fine place we can rais Moast enything to Eat we rais sweet potatoes and rice and Corn Casada Coffee Sugar Cain and great meaney things that I have not time to mension at present I would be glad if you would pleas to auncer [answer] this letter for I whant to know if you get it No More at present but I remain your Humble Servent and Frend, Rosannah Brown

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