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To the Printer of the CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Having received particular marks of kindness from the Gentlemen of the University, and the inhabitants of this town, I beg you to suffer me thus publickly to express my grateful acknowledgements to them for their favours. I have been more particularly delighted with that fellow-feeling they have discovered, for my very poor and much oppressed countrymen. Here I experience true civility without respect to colour or complexion. Nor have even the amiable fair-sex refused to countenance the sooty African. These acts of kindness and hospitality have filled my grateful heart with longing desires to see these worthy friends on my own estate, where the richest produce of Africa should be devoted to their entertainment: they should there partake of the luxuriant Pine-apple, and the well savoured virgin-palm-wine. And to heighten the bliss, I would bum a certain kind of tree that would afford us a light, as clear and brilliant as the virtues of my guests. Such shall be our joy, if it please God I am ever restored to my lost estate, and meet these my friends in my native country.

I am, Sir,

Your humble Servant

GUSTAVUS VASSA,

The African.

CAMBRIDGE, *July 30th*, 1789.