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SIR,

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HAVING received great Marks of Kindness from the under-mentioned Gentlemen of this Town, who have subscribed to my Narrative: particularly from Mess. Charles and Sampson Lloyd, and Families, and Dr. [William] Gilby.

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I beg you to suffer me, thus publicly to express my grateful Acknowledgments to them for their Favours, and for the Fellow-feeling they have discovered for my very poor and much oppressed Countrymen; these Acts of Kindness and Hospitality, have filled me with a longing Desire to see these worthy Friends on my own Estate in Africa, when the richest Produce of it should be devoted to their Entertainment; they should there partake of the luxuriant Pine-apples, and the well flavoured virgin Palm-wine; and to heighten the Bliss I would burn a certain Kind of Tree, that would afford us a Light as clear and brilliant as the Virtues of my Guests.

I am Sir, your humble Servant,
GUSTAVUS VASA, the African.

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