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“Freetown, Sierra Leone, 26 November 1792  
 Capt. Antson Zizer to John Clarkson, governor of Sierra Leone

To his Excellency Governor John Clarkson

Sir we have taking this opportunity to acquaint your honour Concerning your honour promises that your honour made to us about the half raison that we was to give the Company one Day in the week for our half raison But Now Mr Peppy Said that your honour did not tell him of it and he is not gone to write his Book for it and there is Jonas Bracy and Shaddrack Gusses there thier raison is Stop now if our Excellents Governor will Consider thee two men thee are willing to Continue in the Same in the working party therefor your honour will thank of the wood party

O Sir how Shall we a Dress your honour for what your honour has under go for us therefor we give your honour hearty thanks for our Excellent Governor

Goodness may the God of heaven prosper your honour in all thing that you had your hand on for  
we Earthy worm Can make your honour any reward But the God of heaven is able Sir to yr  
honour we would be glad to get a answer from your Excellency for all my people is go out to  
work and the Do Expect to have answer when they Come out of the wood

No More at present from your Servant Antson Zizer

Capt of the wood party  
For honour you as our father”

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