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Monrovia, [Liberia]

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Delany, Martin R. from B. P. Yates, et. al.

"Monrovia, July 13, 1859.

"Martin R. Delany, Esq. :—

"DEAR SIR,—The undersigned, citizens of the city of Monrovia, having long heard of you and your efforts in the United States to elevate our down-trodden race, though those efforts were not unfrequently directed against Liberia, are glad to welcome you, in behalf of the community, to these shores; recognizing, as they do in you, an ardent and devoted lover of the African race, and an industrious agent in promoting their interests. And they take this opportunity of expressing to you their most cordial sympathy with the enterprise which has brought you to these shores, sincerely praying that your endeavours may be crowned with complete success.

"The undersigned, further, in the name and behalf of the members of this community, respectfully request that you would favour the citizens with a lecture to-morrow evening, or on any other evening you may choose to appoint, at half-past seven o'clock, on any subject you may be pleased to select.

"On receiving your reply notices will be issued accordingly.

" B. P. YATES,
" D. B. WARNER,
" SAML. F. MCGILL,
" B. V. R. JAMES,
" SAML. MATHEWS,

" H. W. DENNIS.
" URIAS A. MCGILL,
" H. A. JOHNSON,
" EDW. BLYDEN."

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Martin R. Delany, Official Report of the Niger Valley Exploring Party, (Leeds, 1861), p. 18