

Sir

I am very sensible of the news of Gov. and
 particularly of Sir Isaac's being appointed to this
 new settlement, a settlement I may say founded
 by Sir John, myself and many more would
 never settled here ^{but} upon his Act. and always
 expected from the first promise to be a separate
 Gov. to have his own ^{of} Gov. - numbers from
 the state have ingreided upon the faith of this
 and many more good subject would, had he
 been appointed, but the worst of it at present
 that there is the greatest rage amongst the
 people upon hearing this news, and as it goes
 up the country, the alarm will be double than
 that of any mighty reason they have first, he
 was looked upon as their Father, he times over
 he brought them to this country, at first encourage their settling
 in this wilderness, all their hopes was from his
 friendship, but this news makes them unhappy
 indeed, & will be a detourment to this settlement
 your Beef arrived here last night,

the people who to get it, are strangers to me &
 at a great distance from one, I send for the gentle
 2 man who brought them to this country, I shall
 deliver the Beef & your letter to him, he certainly
 is the best Judge how to send your generous
 donation to these poor people, I am with Mr. Gray
 & hope Compt. we you & family Sir

5th Feb. 91

Yours sincerely J. A. Key

Mr James Monson

the Capt in good order

Major James Gray

Mr James Morrison
March
Monmouth

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