Vian Okla,

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To The American Colonization Society,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith my application for aid to emigrate from Vian, Okla. to the Republic of Liberia, Africa. My occupation is that of Farming: I am also a carpenter. I have a family, consisting of wife and five children, two of the children are over 12 years of age. In Real Estate I have 60 acres, 35 of which are in cultivation. I can defray one-half of all my expenses, and have money left to live on. I am governed by Steam-ship rates in circular you sent me, and Railroad fare to New York.

Should you consider my application you would confer a very great favor on me, by interesting yourself in my behalf.

Yours respegtfully,

Henry Y. Bonde

State of Oklahoma

Sequoyah County ss

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and acting, for and within said County and State this 4th day of October 1913.

My Commission Expires [illegible] 15 1914

Geo L Francis

Notary Public.

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