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Dear Lee,

The St Helena Heritage Society would like to submit a formal request to SHG that the artefacts from the Liberated African exhibit hosted at the International Slavery Museum, Liverpool, once returned to St Helena are given to the St Helena Heritage Society. It is envisaged that these items will form a key part of a permanent exhibit on the Liberated African history that we already have the display panels and mounts for.

It was always intended in the original loan agreement that the ISM Liverpool made with St Helena Tourism that the objects and exhibit would return to St Helena for display at the Museum of St Helena. I do hope that this agreement can be fulfilled as the Liberated African story is a hugely important one to tell, not only for St Helena, but for the whole world. The artefacts are an essential part of the exhibit and without them it would lose much of its impact and attraction, they help to humanise and provide an emotional connection to the exhibit that is vital in conveying its message.

We can determine how exactly the objects come into the St Helena Heritage Societies custody. It can take the form of an open ended loan agreement which could be reviewed every 3 years; this would mean the objects remain owned by Air Access (or another body if intended). Or it can be a full donation which means the ownership of the objects is transferred to the Heritage Society permanently. We would like to reassure SHG that the Museum of St Helena has the capabilities and facilities to provide more than adequate care and conservation for these artefacts.

There are a number of human remains that are part of this artefact collection and we understand if it is the wishes of SHG that these are separated from the collection and reburied with the 325 remains currently stored in the Pipe Store.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Sizeland

Museum of St Helena, Director
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