

# The Postman's Knock.

## DARK SAYINGS

BY THE TIMBROPHILIC MINSTRELS.

*Mr. Johnson.*—Good evening, white folks. Bones, how are you this evening?

*Bones.*—I ain't well this evening. I'm agoin' to give up the perfession and try to make a livin' at somefin else. I intend to rise, I do.

*Mr. Johnson.*—Ah, indeed; in what particular direction does your ambition extend. Intending to be a Brigadier General, I presume?

*Bones.*—No, Siree; I'se engaged to edit a stamp paper, I is.

*All.*—Ha, ha, ha.

*Mr. Johnson.*—And pray, what are your qualifications for that post. You are not a person of education?

*Bones.*—No, sir, I ain't a pusson of edication, it ain't required; for now-a-days stamp papers have nuffin in 'em but descriptions of forgeries, and I am well qualified as a native of SEE ERROR ALONE (Sierra Leone).

*Pompey.*—Far-fetched, Bones. Now, *Deu-mark* me, Massa Johnson, Bones says his *Natal* day took place in Sierra Leone, not in *Bud'en* as we previously supposed. Now, *deu*, where was his father when he was born? Gib him up? Why in the Papa-l States to be sure. Ha, ha.

*Mr. Johnson.*—Chorus by the company, "Read me a letter from home and give me the stamp off it."

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