a good landing place behind a cliff on a sand beach."- "The appearance of the Country" continues Dr. Hall "the bay and river, is exceedingly fine; and no place could be more desirable for a settlement. I shall probably lay out our farm lands near the sea, or rather near a creek, which runs parallel with it from this to Grahway, about ten miles down the Coast.- The land appears to be fine and well timbered, and all articles can be easily transported up and down the Creek in canoes.- I have determined upon building a town upon the N.W Point of the Cape, which over-looks the harbour, seaboard and native town."-

The Revd George R. McGill well known to many of the Citizens of Baltimore as a worthy and respectable coloured man, and recently elected vice-agent of the Colony at Monrovia, accompanied Dr. Hall to Cape Palmas, to assist him in his Palaver with the natives and speaks of the New Territory in the following terms.- "The situation of the Cape makes it one of the most desirable spots on the Western Coast of Africa. It is high, and receives the sea breeze and runs westward from the main land, about three quarters of a mile into the sea.- The Town is situated on the Cape, and all around abounds with fish, and oysters, the largest I ever saw. The place appears to be healthy, and the Natives report it so. They tell me that several Englishmen have remained there from three to twelve

months, and never complained of sickness.- One of your passengers from Baltimore took the fever at Monrovia and was laid up with it three days before we arrived at Cape Palmas; and four days after our arrival, he appeared to be quite well and over his sickness.- The Country around is not infested with swamps and mangroves as it is elsewhere.- It presents a beautiful view, rising gradually from the sea board, and may be seen for twenty miles in every direction.- It is a beautiful place for a farmer, who can raise of the productions of the Country, rice, corn, yams, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, and cotton; palm nuts grow wild in the greatest abundance in the woods, and many other useful plants.- Cattle, sheep, goats and hogs are as fine and as fat as I ever saw, and there are various kinds of tropical fruits.- The forest abounds with fine timber; and a short distance in the interior the cam-wood tree presents as lofty an appearance as the hickory in America."-

Having been put in possession of his purchase Dr. Hall despatched the Brig back to Monrovia, to bring down the Families of the volunteers that he has received on Board there and at Bassa, and employed himself during its absence, to erect the Agency house that he had taken out with him.- The latest accounts from him are up to the date of the sailing of the Ann for the families; at which time the expedition still continued

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