necessitated to furnish them. I hope to be able to pay Pulsuwurm for the nails in Palm oil inasmuch as he charged me 100 ℔s. profit.

The natives are at present very peaceable, I have detected some of the headmen in barbarous Mr Wilsons plank and they have appeared pretty much cowed ever since.

As regards our colonists they are as well contented as we could reasonably expect. I have had some considerable trouble with them at times, but they have uniformly come to reason after a fair reasonable rate. The innumerable discomforts and hardships, necessarily accruing from a total moral physical & political change of circumstances, if not absent from, are expected to be ameliorated by the event, 'tis no shake matter to bear the brunt of all, native palavers, to boot I am sure you. But I have no great reason to depend or complain of ill success, when I reflect that Mr Ashmun the very genius of consolation has been obliged to shut himself up for fear of personal violence, and had seen the Colonists turn out en masse, break open the public store & distribute the Lowwoods.

I shall for some weeks have a decent complement of business on hand as Mr Thompson is necessitated to go to Cape Mesurado on his own business, and I can get no other assistance here. Benson is also at Monrovia. I need a surveyor very much. I have already been obliged to ride through bush & briar until clothes & skin are nearly stabbed from my lower extremities. To lay out lands for Emigrants & see to their location & advise & direct each one with regard to their proper course, & to inspect affairs at the public farm will demand the whole time & attention of one man & a man for this purpose we must have. I could procure one from Cape Mesurado at Mr Smetter formerly from Charles Town S.C. But not knowing what order the Board will take upon the subject of an

Assistant Agent, I shall make no arrangements until I shall hear from you.

I have appointed the 4th of July next as a day of thanksgiving, after our good old New England fashion, and I doubt not but you will consider it under existing circumstances well timed & becoming us as a Christian community. Although I am not a Religionist or a religious man, still not a day or hardly an hour passes, but I feel an inward conviction, that we are & have been specially favoured by Divine Providence and I judged that a public expression of our Gratitude for such favours would not only be our duty to the Great Author of all good but gratifying to our pious & munificent patrons.

You will notice that I have not ventured to give any names to our Towns, rivers, lakes, streets, or any thing of the kind. I wait your order upon the matter. I should however think your streets ought to bear the names of the Gentlemen of the Board.

I commenced this letter with an apology for the execution and matter of my former communications & am extremely mortified that necessity obliges me to despatch this even in worse plight. Were it a private Correspondence it would be a different matter, but I consider myself as highly reprehensible for sending a communication to you as Secretary of the Society (which from its nature ought to be fitted for the press) in so unfinished a state. I have therefore to request that if there is any part of this Message which you wish to place before the publick, you would in Charity to myself & for the honour of your Board drop it in as good a manner as its natural deformities will admit of.

With sentiments of the highest respect & esteem
I have the honour to be Yours &c
James Hall

To Jno. H. B. Latrobe Esq.

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