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Cape Palmas, contain the following highly places. From my own experience and the of a succession of showers than steady rain. interesting paper upon the climate of Wes- observations of others, who have had equal May and June are properly the rainy months, present, as I am sensible that home affairs more tern Africa in general, and of "Maryland in opportunities of judging, I think I may safely although it falls more plentifully in May. The directly controls the despatching of expedi-Liberia" in particular. The subject of cli- say, that at Cape Mesurado, they experience wind, which in March and April was very va- tions, than any circumstances here ever can. mate is always one of deep interest. To the during the rainy season, double, if not treble riable, now becomes fixed, and blows steadily colonist it is one of paramount importance. Another important circumstance, and no less tinues to do during the months of July, August, We publish the annexed communication from favourable to us, is, that during what is termed and September, with little or no land breeze in Dr. Hall with double pleasure, as containing the dry season, we very frequently have reone of the clearest and most satisfactory des- freshing showers, and even successive rains; August, we enjoy exceedingly pleasant weacriptions we remember ever to have seen, of the much talked of climate of Western Africa, months during the dries. The effect of this dard, it is rather cool, and we are ever obliged and at the same time the most gratifying cor- difference upon agriculture you will readily roboration of the peculiar happiness of the see. Another advantage which this section of location of our colony at Cape Palmas.

of a diary of the weather, published in the Liberia Herald. I should have continued the dry season, which affords them a fine opportusame during my stay here, were it not for my nity for housing their rice. You will notice repeated attacks of illness, which of course, in the foregoing extract from my diary, but would have rendered it very imperfect, had I from eight to twelve rainy days in either of attempted its continuation. I send you an abstract of it for the eight months, which only in a meteorological journal, kept at Sierra are perfect. I think this will be more useful Leone, and published in Mr. Boyle's book on than a copy of the daily entries.

MEAN TEMPERATURE.

Twelve days land breeze, sea breeze s. and sw. and ssw. Ge-May A.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. and August, and from my experience of the dreary some rain during the day.

generally cloudy.

July 76 771 76 Alternately cloudy and fair.

sw. steady and strong. Alternately sun and cloudy.

but very slight showers. Sea breeze south and sw. continues steady and strong.

Oct. 761 79 78 weather generally fair.

very clear when not raining.

Dec. 76 8 791 . menced 31st.

this, (July 12.) I do not often ride without a ricade.

cloth and flannels. You would be apt to say, or less than a thunder storm, accompanied with mencement of the latter rains. From vegetathat the system must have lost the power of a heavy dash of rain and a stiff flaw of wind, bles planted at this season, as corn, beans, and generating heat, to require such clothing with not amounting to what seamen would call a other garden sauce, we receive a crop in Dea temperature never below 72 deg. Farenheit. severe gale, and it seldom lasts over half an cember. But when you reflect, that sometimes for hour. It comes on like other storms and gales, As it regards the comparative salubrity of the weeks together, we do not see the sun, and sometimes suddenly and at others giving some different seasons, I think there is but little have at the same time a damp, stiff, topsail hours notice of its approach, although I think choice, i.e. provided one is to become acclibreeze, night and day, you will more easily I never knew one occur, without at least a half mated at any rate. Were a person to stop but account for it. I do not think we have had hour's fair warning. And this warning is not few days on shore, I should certainly say, that two hours sunshine during the past three that of the magical "silvery speck, high in the he would suffer less from malarious influence weeks, and no passing vessel has carried a heavenly expanse," but a mass of dark lurid in the midst of the rainy season, when the top-gallant sail. In fact, for some days in suc- clouds, rolling up and covering that part of the marshes were well covered: the thermometer cession, we have almost one continued gale, horizon from which we may expect the wind. at its lowest stand, and in the cessation of the blowing dead on shore from the Southern That the wind is never very violent, and that land breeze. But in case a foreigner deter-Ocean. In order to say any thing of the sea- it cannot compare with a West Indian hurri- mines upon a permanent residence, I really sons here, it will be necessary to lay aside cane, we have sufficient proof in the manner could not advise at what season to expose himentirely the calendar divisions of the year, and in which houses are erected, particularly at self. I consider no one in any degree safe from adopt that in use among natives and coasters. Monrovia. Such houses could not stand dur- their seasoning, until they have passed through viz: the rains, the dries, and the tornado sea- ing the hurricane season in West India. But at least one year. son. The seasons differ here materially from to return to the seasons. The first tornadoes | Future close observation by your agents and Cape Mesurado, which is astonishing, consi- or harbingers of the approach of the rains, com- physicians will alone determine what will be dering the slight variation in latitude, and the mence generally, about the first of March, and the most proper time to send out emigrants, perfect uniformity in the appearance of the last from two to four weeks. The weather in health only considered. But the most advancoast. I have before mentioned one important the forepart of the day is warm and sultry, but tageous time in which they can arrive with difference, which materially favours this place, generally towards night, there is more or less regard to their farming matters would be either I think both in point of health and the greater variable wind, occasionally amounting to a tor- in the months of December or May, or therefacility which it affords of attending to out nado and accompanied with lightning and rain. abouts, giving them in either case, three months The late despatches of Dr. Hall, from door labour. I refer to the quantity of rain During the month of April, we may say the or such a matter, to prepare a little land which falls during the wet season in the two rainy season commences; but it consists rather against their first planting season. But I deem the number of wet days that we do here. day and night from the south. This it conwhereas to the windward, they seldom have a ther, with occasional showers, although to those dash of rain for one, two, and even three the coast enjoys, (and a very important one it is too,) is, that we have two rainy seasons "You appear glad to notice a short extract instead of one; or rather, we have during the summer months, what the natives call a half the months of June, July, or August, whereas African diseases, &c. (which I have now before me.) I notice but six exceptions to the daily entries of rain! rain! rain! during the whole four months of May, June, July and rainy seasons on the windward coast I should Land breeze three days, rain 12 not judge this an uncommon circumstance.days, sea breeze strong from s. During the last year, (which I will allow was to w. varying daily. Atmosphere an uncommon one,) we had little or no more rain than I have experienced during a year in Land breeze 3 days, rain eight New England, and at about the same intervals. days, but slight. Sea breeze va- To describe the seasons as they generally evaporation. The skin becomes dry and chaprying from se. to sw. very strong. occur here, from the best information I can obtain from the natives and accustomed tra-Land breeze two days, slight rain ders on this part of the coast, I will begin eight days; sea breeze from s. to with the first tornado season, which commences about the last of February or beginning of March. Much has been written concerning Land breeze seven days, rain 13 this phenomenon of a tornado on the coast of not prevalent in the interior; but why it so uniabsolutely clear the coast, at the approach of phere, I am unable to say. It has been attri- information concerning the colony, he deter-Land breeze nineteen days, rain eight days, mostly showers. Sea beneficial effect upon foreigners and invalids. buted by the Sierra Leone writers, to the fine white sand which it takes up from the Bullom and his posterity. He embarked with his famibreeze s. and sw. more mild- They are said to come on so suddenly, that it shore; but here we have no Bullom shore, nor ly, and several other families of his own colour, is next to impossible to shorten sail ere the any quantity of sandy land, in the direction in June last, on board the schooner Harmony, Land breeze 22 days, rain 13, blast strikes a vessel. But I am sure that from which we receive the wind. The Har- captain Pascal, and sailed on the 28th of the generally very heavy. Several these accounts must have been first written mattans continue sometimes but a few days or a same month. Nov. 76 80 79 { tornadoes; sea breeze very varia- by some one, who had experienced uncommon week, and these occasionally are renewed durble from NE. to w. Atmosphere weather on the coast, and have been incon- ing the months of January or February. At Land breeze 24 days, rain 18 (which is the case with most letters from and then cease altogether, as was the case last days, mostly heavy showers.— Africa,) each anxious to have seen at least as year. From the commencement of the Har-Much thunder and lightning; frequent tornadoes; sea breeze light big tornados as his predecessors: and no one mattans, we may date the cessation of the rains, and varying, from E. to w. south- wishes to visit the coast of Africa without en- and calculate upon variable sea breezes and erly. Very hazy most of the countering a marvel of some kind. In proof uniform morning land breeze. We now enjoy Messrs. Latrobe and McKenney: time .- Harmattan winds com- of this, I will just make a couple of short the proper summer of our clime with occasional Dear Sirs, -We arrived here 23d of the preprobably not to that height above a dozen tornado, says, "the term is a corruption of the totally inapplicable in our climate. you would consider an absolutely uniform tem- penetrable darkness; at this moment the func- the climate, none except rice can be called pleased with their situation and soil. perature in America, whereas with us, it is tions of nature seem to be paralyzed and the strictly an annual production. The others, cul- The log house which we now occupy, and quite different. In the dry season, we have a elements to have ceased their operation," &c. tivated by the natives, as cassada, sweet po- which has just been built, is comfortable and few hours between the cessation of the land Dr. Boyle, colonial surgeon at Sierra Leone, tato, yams, and banana, continue to produce pleasant. My children will go to school to and commencement of the sea breezes: say in his medico-historical work on Africa, in year after year with little or no cultivation. - Mrs. Wilson, it being nearer to us than the from 8 to 11 o'clock, which might be called speaking on this subject says, "Its denomina- Our first spring or seed time is in February, at school at the Cape. - We have a good church warm weather, and is truly very oppressive to tion is derived from the Portuguese, it being a the commencement of the first spring showers. and Mr. Wilson preaches for us. unacclimated Europeans. But after the sea corruption of the word tronado, which means At this season the natives plant their rice, I will be ten thousand times obliged to you, breeze becomes established, (although the thunder storm. Its approach is first discerni- which attains its full growth by the first of if you will make an effort to get my children thermometer continues the same, or even rises ble by the appearance of a small, clear, sil- July, and is well ripened in August. I consi- free, and send out to me. Neither of you, pera few degrees,) no one would complain much very speck, at a high altitude in the heavenly der this (February) as the most proper season haps, know the pain a father feels at being of the heat, especially when screened from the expanse, which increases and extends towards for introducing all seeds whatever. The cotton separated from his own offspring. rays of the sun. I seldom ever hear an accli- the horizon with a gradual, slow, but visible which we last year planted in March, filled I was disappointed in getting a whip-saw mated person complain of heat. Nature soon motion. At that moment, elements seem to and opened in July; the same stalks again here, they were all sold. If you will send me adapts the animal system to the climate. In have ceased their operation, and the functions flowered in September and produced the second one by the next expedition it will be esteemed

the morning. During the months of July and during this season, to keep our windward ports bay side of Talbot county, Eastern Shore, last closed. In September and October the rain increases, but still does not fall as in the months of May and June. The wind in October also colony at Cape Palmas, in Africa. becomes more variable and light, the weather more warm and sultry. This continues gene- county for integrity, morality, and piety to God, rally, until about the first of December, when had rendered him deservedly popular with his the second tornado season sets in; but this is white neighbors, and justly influential among less violent and more brief than the first .-About Christmas, a steady cool six knot breeze sets in from the east and north-east, accompanied with a light haze or mist in the atmos- to place his family, especially his younger chilphere, which, however, is sometimes quite dren, in the way of receiving an education suitdense, so as to render a vessel invisible two able to the aspirations of intellectual, moral, and miles distant. This is what has been termed accountable beings. Having, himself, by the the Harmattan wind, and really a most singu- kindness of his friends, been favored with the lar phenomenon it is too. During its continu- privilege of becoming an A B C scholar; the ance, the thermometer seldom varies two advantages he derived therefrom, though comdegrees, and is at its lowest stand for this paratively trivial, made him the more anxious place, say 70 or 72. The mornings, especially to confer upon his children the benefit of an when the wind is most fresh, are very uncom- enlarged and untrammelled field of mental imfortably cool. But the most peculiar character provement. Hence it was that he "staggered of the wind, is its power of producing rapid not through unbeliet" when informed of the adped, the lips, nose and eyes sore; all cabinet advantages comprising all the social, civil, and and joiner's work cracks and gares open, and it is next to impossible to keep a Windsor chair United States, together with a rich and luxutogether. Coming from the direction which it friant soil, and a climate peculiarly adapted to does it is evident that the damp malarious ex- the physical constitution of the coloured race. halations which render the coast unhealthy, are Africa, and I have known masters of vessels formly produces the hazy state of the atmos-

the rainy, or rather in the cloudy and windy of nature to be paralysed." Thus they follow, crop in December. I speak now, of cotton from quite a favour—and a few wrought nails of a season, thick woollen clothing is very desira- one after another, whole volumes on Africa. the American seed. The native cotton tree, large size would be very acceptable. ble, and in fact, indispensable to those of slen- Some author gave Cape Palmas a large mud which produces twice in the year, I should The whole of our company are satisfied and cloth overcoat, although otherwise wearing As it regards the tornado, it is nothing more in August or September, at the very com- very affectionately. JACOB GIBSON.

it necessary to say little upon this matter at

STATE COLONIZATION OFFICE, BALTIMORE, December 24, 1835.

To the editors of the Baltimore American:

Gentlemen-The enclosed letter is a literal copy from the original received some time since, and now in my possession.

The person, whose signature it bears, left the June, with his family, consisting of his wife, seven children, and a niece, for the Maryland

The character he sustained in his native the people of his own colour.

He had, sometime previous to his embarkation for the colony, entertained a strong desire vantages enjoyed by the colonists of Liberia:political privileges of the free citizens of these With a promptness and decision of purpose truly gratifying to those of his white friends, who had taken some pains to give him correct

WM. McKENNEY, Agent.

siderately copied by successive scribblers, other times, they last fifteen or twenty days, Literal copy of a letter from Jacob Gibson, a coloured man, to Messrs. Latrobe and Mc

> HARPER, CAPE PALMAS, August 31st, 1835.

extracts from two respectable African book showers, until the ternado season again com- sent month after a pleasant voyage of 56 days. During the above noted eight months, and makers. Edward Bodd, lieut. R. N. in a mences, about the first of March. From this We touched at Mesurado, (Monrovia the cain fact, during my residence here, I have never work entitled "African Guide," (and a very slight sketch, you will at once see, that the pital of Liberia) and remained there four days. noticed the mercury above eighty-four, and good work it is too,) when speaking of the ordinary calendar divisions of the year, are The Capt. (Pascal) was kind to us throughout the voyage, and it would be well if you would times; nor have I ever seen it below seventy- Portuguese word tronado-a thunder storm: it Although our agricultural experiments have employ him in future. I can say that I have two, and thus low but four or five times; but first announces itself by the appearance of a been few and imperfect, still I think we may realized all that I expected. The soil has the the range of the thermometer gives one but small silvery cloud in the zenith, which gra- reasonably calculate upon the planting seasons appearance of being good—the climate is plealittle idea of the effect of the climate upon the dually increases and descends towards the for such vegetables as we are endeavouring to sant—and altogether our prospects are flattering. animal system. The variations above noted, horizon, and becomes veiled with the most im- introduce. Of these, indigenous or natural to We have just drawn our five acre lots, and are

der constitution, who have but lately passed walled town; whereas there is nothing that think might be ranked among the perennials; pleased. I hope you will go on in the cause of the seasoning ordeal. At the time of writing has the appearance of a wall, not even a bar- as I have never seen a plant, when properly colonization—I look upon it as the cause of attended, die. Our second planting season is God, and hope of benighted Africa. Yours,