letters of others in this number of the Journal.

and the agent has to contend with indifference | contented set. and idleness in too many instances. No one case of the benefits that it offers them, and who seek it is strong enough. as the home of idleness. These persons add no- | Roads.—You must be pleased to hear, that our thing to the moral or physical strength of the colo- roads have never been in so fine a state as at ny, and constitute the class of complainers-one of | present; but I have been obliged to take the part whom recently declared, she would not remain in | near Mount Vaughan into my own hands, and Africa, because 'she could get nothing better than | expend upwards of one hundred and fifty dollars, chickens to eat.' In time this will remedy itself; in making a causeway, bridges, and cross-ditches. and in the meanwhile, the society must still more | The least rain made it impassable for foot pasclosely inspect those who offer for emigration, sengers, and as in duty bound to give the misand as far as practicable, send to their colony none | sionaries a good road into town, I concluded to but the worthiest objects.

HARPER, Cape Palmas, April 26, 1838.

DEAR SIR:—I had the honour of addressing you by the brig Susan Elizabeth, which left here for United States, via Monrovia, December 27. Since then, the brig Niobe, with the expedition, &c. has arrived and landed every body and every thing in safety.

Tubman people.—My late advices informed you that there were seven frames erected on their lands; you will be pleased to know, that they are all of them so far completed as to be inhabited. directions. Two other frames have been since erected. They are busied in preparing their grounds for planting. | field piece by the Niobe, but it is entirely too Considerable cotton seed has been distributed to | heavy as light artillery, A piece light enough to them, and they have pledged themselves to give it | be pulled by six men over a common road, is what a fair trial; and I believe they will. I have also we want. I suppose, 'en militaire,' it is called given them some coffee seed. Every day they flying artillery. The cases of guns, mentioned as two or three years, with ordinary industry, be military, I will see that proper care is taken of dear sir, I rejoice to tell you, that these feelings considerably ahead of the older colonists. No them. A few kegs of buck-shot ought to be sent have passed away. We have suffered, but our aware are the colonists generally of this fact, that | the store, as game is very plenty around. but it is my policy to keep them by themselves. four jacks, not from old age and home. We thank, from our hearts, our dear old the passage, all arrived in good health, and with-As no garden seeds were sent out in the Niobe, I very much on Mr. Payne, by putting off such Your son wrote that you wished to hear partiam unable to supply them with any, of which they animals upon him. They cheated him also in two cularly how we all are situated, what we are As to myself I had no sickness on the passage stand in much need. Would it not be well to send | horses which he bought for the mission, both of | doing, and what are our prospects. I will endea-

the passengers in the Niobe, Mr. B. Alleyne and too limited to meet present wants. Those sent about two miles from Cape Palmas, and one mile | children; but in consequence of the fever they lady, who are to be employed as teachers for the out have not been strong enough yet, to be of from Mount Vaughan, the site of the Episcopal have advised me to remain quite inactive for the Ladies' school. Our present schools are as full as | much service. they ought to be, and as children enough to fill Summary.—The fourth anniversary of the colony lower floor, with a piazza in front. The back appearance of this country at my first arrival, and another school have come in the Niobe, there will was celebrated in due form on February 22d. rooms are small, being shed-rooms. We have no doubt many persons are apt to write be no lack of scholars. Our free school, No. one, Big guns, as the natives say, indicating the age of lately white-washed it inside and outside. We extravagantly after being confined on the water under the care of O. A. Chambers, averages 45, the colony, were discharged at sunrise; the num- have altogether, including Emanuel's lot, ten acres for many days. every section of the colony, can be seen early on artillery and Howard volunteers, from the govern- also, some other productions, two sweet orange arrival in the colony. Sabbath mornings plodding many a weary mile to ment house to the Methodist church, where a very trees, and a great many sour oranges and watereighteen.

ready for the masons. The lime is also ready, of R. A. H. Oldfield's subscription as life member grow here, in addition to those that are native. the interval, I have two houses close by nearly completed; one intended as a dwelling, and the To John H. B. Latrobe, Esq. Pres't.

After considering the subject maturely, I have concluded to put up the Ladies' school-house of rock, after the plan of that erected at Monrovia, EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER OF REV. L. B. MINOR. by the ladies of Richmond and Manchester. My instructions were, that something creditable should | GENTLEMEN: Cape Palmas, West Africa.

one of Mr. Wilson's houses.

much pleased with the new code of laws. We correspondence is such, as to convey a false grown-goes to school, and reads tolerably well. facilities for such an undertaking, by means of consider ourselves peculiarly fortunate in being impression to the mind of the reader. the first colony for whose welfare and good order, Now you have no cause whatever to be ashamed now able to read in the Bible, and thus renders pected to be carried into effect on the river Niger, so much labour has been undertaken and accom- of your colony. It does you credit, and with me much assistance in finding the treasures in by the West Africa company of London. The plished. Thus far, we have a standard to appeal proper management will, in my opinion, answer | that blessed book : she will soon enter the Epis. | mouth of the Niger, it will be remembered, the to, instead of being bewildered in doubts and per- | well the end in view. That the truth be accurate- | copal Mission school, to remain until she is | course and termination of which were first discoplexities, and though some things are novel, we ly told is all that is necessary to insure its popu- eighteen, that she may be qualified to teach colo- vered by Messrs. Richard and John Lander, in trust that a little experience will make them larity. The soil cannot be called rich. The geo. nists, and the poor ignorant natives around us. the year 1830, is near Cape Formosa, in north familiar to all. The powers of the judges are logical character of the country forbids the idea. Little Caspar is now too, doing well, being in latitude about 4 deg. 20 min., and near the sixth well defined, and will save, among an ignorant | Red sandstone resting on a strata of sienite, can | good health and able to lisp a few words in read- | degree of east longitude. Rabba, the large intecommunity, much contention. I have not heard hardly afford a rich soil. But productiveness and ing. Indeed, I am thankful to be able to state rior town mentioned by Mr. Wilson as being proeven a murmur against the code, though it strikes | richness are by no means synonymous terms. | that all my children are now enjoying as good | bably a favourable location for a mission, is on the at the root of many pre-conceived opinions. For instance, take what is called in the colony, health as they did in America. God, in this re- east bank of the Niger, near the ninth parallel of

Its direct tendency is, to draw all business to the one, and if he erred it was not very greatly. Society's store; not the least difficulty exists in The products are different, but equally nutri- thing which disagreed with him. Angelina's two course, be of great importance in its bearings on circulating it among the natives; frequently they tious. But you must not suppose that there is no children died of diarrhoa or worms. Perhaps the tribes in the heart of that continent. inquire for it, when goods are tendered in pay- good land. Within three miles of the cape there can I doubt, that it was goodness of God thus to Repecting the opening now presented, Mr. ment; and as for the colonists, they are now is a quantity of really good. Northward of the remove these motherless children and to take Wilson remarksunwilling to take all their pay in goods, without cape, about six miles, I have crossed a large body them to himself. You wish to know whether I In preparing the last communication which some currency. Its tendency on their minds, has of land, which would be called rich in any part of would advise my sister to come out now that I was forwarded to you, it escaped my recollection been to put by a part, instead of taking up, as for- | the world. merly, every cent of their earnings. I think our | Certain persons of my acquaintance, have en- rience something of African life. I dislike to ago by Doct. O., the superintendent of the affairs next step will be, the establishment of a savings | tered into a series of calculations to prove that this | take upon myself the responsibility of advising | of the company that was organized in London for bank, or a benefit society, for mutual relief in country is incapable of supporting more than the any to come to Liberia, or in passing through the navigating the Niger. He resides at Fernando cases of sickness. I have not lost sight of a mar- native population, but my calculations lead to an sickness and trials to which all must be subjected, Po, and had charge of the steamboat at the time ket. Here in Africa, time is essential to effect entirely different result. The island of Barbadoes lest I should be blamed. I think it is better to that Lander was murdered. Doct. O. spent sevethe least object, more particularly, a revolution in | contains 106,470 acres of land, not very fertile, yet | lay before my sister my own experience, and then | ral months in the boat at Rabba, and had a favourthe habits and feelings of the natives. Selfish as | besides an immense quantity of sugar, ginger, and | in view of the whole, if she comes, she will not | able opportunity to become acquainted with the man is, he must be first convinced, it will be for cotton, it produces, not only food enough to sup. be disappointed. On arriving here, I was put country and people. Rabba is situated more his advantage to change; and ignorant as our port 110,000 inhabitants, but exports in conside- with me in the long house, than one thousand miles from the sea-coast, and natives are, still their minds must undergo some | rable quantities to the neighbouring islands. Now | to spend six months and pass through the fever. | has a pleasant and healthful climate. The inhabiprocess, before they can arrive at the truth.

chills and fevers.

their first and second attacks of the fever, but a | every coloured man then, in Maryland be sent | children. But gradually these feelings and the The recent arrival of the ship Emperor at New | majority of them are daily down with chills. I | here, so far from producing famine it would, with | circumstances which produced them, passed away, York, has furnished advices from Cape Palmas, am sorry to say, that the single men do not dis- tolerable skill and industry on their part, render and now I am fixed as described above, contented down to the 28th April. We make extracts from play half the resolution of the married, but gene- the necessaries and conveniences of life far more and happy: and if she can make up her mind the despatches of governor Russwurm, and the rally give up whenever attacked, and take their abundant than at present. Rice is rather scarce to come, I should be glad to see my sister here; beds. All advice from physician or friends is in just now in the colony, and such must necessarily | if she does come let her bring as many comforts The intelligence is satisfactory and gratifying. | vain; they put no restraint on their appetites, and | be often the case, so long as they depend for a | as possible. Africa is not a land flowing with The colonists, now numbering four hundred and it will not astonish me, if my next letter should staple article on a fickle and barbarous people. | milk and honey until the hand of industry has fifty, are gradually advancing in their concerns. report the deaths of two or three from over-eating The colonists might raise rice for themselves if made it so; or let her bring out with her the Their progress however, is in many cases, slow, and want of exercise. They are a lazy and dis- they had a little more energy. If this is not done usual trade goods, such as tea cups, &c. &c., some

is known, however, of an industrious emigrant on the public farm lately, from the scarcity of possible, a constant supply of that necessary the coast, which otherwise could not be got. who is not well satisfied and happy. The diffi- help. Natives are not to be procured, because all article. A fort, with a garrison of three or four With fervent prayers for your welfare, I am, dear culty here suggested, is one which the society are engaged at their rice farms. It is my inten- men at the mouth of the Cavally river, and a simi- old master, yours truly, must expect to meet with; and notwithstanding | tion to give the cotton seed a fair trial again, after | lar one at the falls, with a small steamboat plying their efforts to select emigrants, there are many breaking up, and well manuring the ground. between them would answer every purpose. I who get to the colony, without any appreciation | Corn I am satisfied, will grow finely if the land | say a steamboat, as canoes are constantly liable to | LETTER FROM B. ALLEYNE TO MR. LATROBE.

> make it good at once. The effect has been a happy one on our selectmen, as the Mount Vaughan causeway is quoted as the McAdam standard for road making. Hence the repairs on the road have been more substantial, and the physical force spent is, perhaps, greater than in the three preceding years. Holmes' road has been extended; and Mr. McGill, is now opening another back of Mount Vaughan, running parallel with Maryland Avenue. Every one who passes over the causeway, exclaims, that it looks like civilization if nothing else in the colony does.

> Had the light wagon arrived, something like comfort might now be taken in driving in different

Ammunition.—We were glad to receive the new remain here, I believe, strengthens their attach- | being on board, have not come to hand. If the ment to their new country. Should they keep | society will send out one hundred United States | together as they have commenced, they must, in muskets and cartridge boxes, for the use of the satisfied, we wished ourselves at home. But my land in the colony is equal to theirs, and so well out, partly for the military; and also, to retail at

They are much in want of some jacks or horses. debility. The seller at Cape de Verde, imposed master, through whose kindness we enjoy it. out an assortment of seeds by every expedition, which are now dead. Do send us some more vour to inform you, as accurately as I can, upon good health. I have been employed by Messrs. Schools, &c.—We are glad to perceive among jennies and some mares, as our present stock is all these points. We are living, as I wrote you, Payne and Minor to assist in teaching the native

house. I have also considerable rocks hauled from despatches by Dr. Holmes, no notice taken its productions, as nearly all American vegetables

JOHN B. RUSSWURM, A. Md. S. C. S.

Letters from Africa,

be put up, which could answer also as a church In accordance with the promise made you ere | very much, and is almost as large as Emanuel. on the Sabbath. Now wood is so perishable in leaving Baltimore, a letter giving my opinion of Emanuel has grown also very much, being now this climate, that a house erected entirely of Afri- the situation, condition, and future prospects of quite a large man. He still lives with us, and I can materials would not last over eight or ten | your colony, is by this time due. You must not | have given him permission to get a wife, and | some point in the interior of West Africa, reyears at most; so that I hope you will approve of expect me to launch into unqualified phrases, come to live with me, as I now begin to need moved from the unhealthy climate and the unfarock, the difference of expense is very trifling; at | regardless of the facts of the case, which I am | some one to assist me in house-keeping. John is present, Mr. Alleyne is comfortably situated in sorry to say, is too often the fault of writers on quite a stout lad, and progresses in learning as coast, has often been mentioned in the communithis subject. Not that they make an erroneous fast as can reasonably be expected. Dinah is nications of Mr. Wilson. The providence of God New Code of Laws, and Currency.—We are all statement of facts, but the general tone of their | quite a young woman. Easter, is also, much

There are a few of us, old residents in Africa, who | indifferent land, and it will, setteris paribus, pro- | spect, is very good, and for it, I desire to be very | north latitude, and about six and a half degrees of can prize the labour of the committee. The want | duce in twelve months a much larger amount of | thankful. You wish to know the particulars of | east longitude, being situated north of that exof such a code we have long felt, and our belief is, edible matter, than the same quantity of the very my children and grand children's deaths. Ange- tensive range of highlands called the Kong mounthat our sister colonies will be for adopting it, if best land in America. Humboldt estimated that lina died passing through the fever, I have some tains. Considering its distance from the coast, as their parent societies do not give them one soon. | the product of tropical soil exceeded that of the | times thought, that could she have received more | stated by Mr. Wilson below, and the intercourse The currency answers all our fond expectations. | temperate latitudes in the ratio of twenty-five to attention she might have lived: But I do not which it must readily have with a wide and popu-

the country belonging to the Cape Palmas people, During this period we were supported tolerably tants are also represented as much more humane Health of the Colonists .- The degree of health | contains about 60,000 acres, and consequently, is | well by the society. I took the fever, six weeks | and kind than the maritime tribes; and it is enjoyed by the older colonists is as good as usual, capable of supporting in comfort, at least 50,000 after my arrival, and from this time for fifteen the opinion of Doct. O. that the people would though several of them are still troubled with inhabitants; whereas, its present number falls far months I could do but very little. During this receive christian teachers and preachers with short of 4,000.

the next best thing will be to establish trading | hard money: for this is current here, and silver Agriculture.—We have been unable to do much | forts in the interior in order to insure as far as | will procure many little comforts from vessels on be stopped and insulted. Your friend,

L. B. MINOR. To MESSRS. LATROBE and EASTER.

LETTER FROM F. DAVENPORT TO MR. ADAM WEVER, OF FREDERICK.

Cape Palmas, West Africa, March 27, 1838.

you the pleasure it gives me to write to you at all times. We all feel that we have received many and great favours at your hands—that you have been our best friend, and therefore I am always glad to tender you my most hearty thanks. But now that you feel sensibly the infirmities of age, and need every comfort which can be afforded you, it gives me peculiar pleasure, my dear master, to be able to inform you how I and all my family are getting along. It has long been your anxious wish and prayer, that we might be comfortably fixed in a land of freedom; and although you knew the difficulties, you thought for liberty's sake we ought to encounter them. I confess that when our trials came, they were almost too much for us to bear. Sickness long and tedious came upon us—then the loss of one and another of the children and grand-children. Though you had provided much for us, still, in a new country, we wanted, we needed very much-we suffered for much. Under these circumstances our hearts were sorrowful, we thought our old master meant well, but had not acted for the best; we were dissufferings are in a great measure over, we begin | bay, 17 from Cape Henry to Cape de Verds, twenty to accumulate some of the comforts of life, to en- from thence to Cape Palmas. We left Baltimore, I have daily applications for exchange of lands, Jacks.—Since our last advices, we have lost joy pretty good health, we are satisfied with our

a small, but tolerably comfortable house, about have desired. half a mile from me, and immediately on Maryengaged in getting shingles. These sell at six | prayer of yours, &c. MATTHIAS APPLEBY. dollars per thousand, and as the demand for them is great, I think he ought to make money. Adam is associated with him, and manifests great steadi- LETTER FROM MR. WILSON, DATED AT CAPE ness and attention to business. He has grown Louisa has made the most rapid progress, being some commercial arrangements which are exknow. Joseph died of cholic, having eaten some- lous country around, a mission there must, of have lived here long enough to know by expe- to mention that we were visited about four months

All the new emigrants have passed through The society owns about 512,000 acres. Should on account of my own and the afflictions of my

FANNY DAVENPORT.

Fair Hope, January 18, 1838.

SIR :- With the greatest respect I address you these lines, sincerely hoping they may find you in the perfect enjoyment of good health, with every other blessing you could expect to enjoy while in this state of probation. I feel pleasure in having the honour to inform you of the safe arrival of the brig Niobe, after a pleasant passage of forty-five MY DEAR OLD MASTER :- I cannot express to days to Cape Palmas, that the emigrants were all well on the passage and landed in perfect health and good spirits. There were two births on the passage, both fine boys. The captain paid every attention as it regarded the comfort of the emigrants, and good order and decorum was observed by all on board. Agreeably to your direction I herewith enclose a copy of the stores used on the pasage, and also what was delivered to the agent. The house intended for my school or residence not being finished, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have kindly welcomed myself and wife under their hospitable roof, where we have received from them every mark of attention and kindness far exceeding our most sanguine expectations. I shall use all possible exertion in conjunction with the direction of governor Russwurm to get my school-house completed, and commence my duties as soon as possible. Respectfully, your obedient servant, To J. H. B. LATROBE. Esq. BENJ. ALLEYNE.

> LETTER FROM M. APPLEBY TO MR. EASTER. Mount Vaughan, Jan. 18, 1838.

DEAR BROTHER EASTER :- I take pleasure to inform you that we arrived in Africa after fortytwo days sail from Baltimore, five days on the I believe, with 85 emigrants, increase of two on out any particular occurrence on the passage; and all I have conversed with appear to be satisfied. worth mentioning, and I am at present in very mission. Our house has three rooms on the first six months. I was much struck with the

and the subject of education, has perhaps never ber of the states of the A. Union, at noon, and one of land around our house. Two acres are cleared I was received with many joyful expressions, excited so deep an interest on old or young, as at at sunset, upon lowering the flag, The order of and under cultivation, producing cassada, pota- both from the natives and colonists, and was frepresent. The same teacher is also at the head of the day was, a procession of the civil and military toes, plantains, bananas, and papaws, so that we quently taken for Dr. Holmes. I was also received a very flourishing Sunday school, and adults from officers, &c. of the colony, escorted by the Latrobe live in part upon our own productions. We have very cordially by the Rev. Mr. Wilson on my first

I am not prepared at present to speak of the school. The other school in town, under the care appropriate oration was delivered by the colonial melons. Water-melons are ripe here about Christ- merits of colonization; and as to the missionary mas; all kinds of beans flourish here, the Lima cause I can only say that I have not language to Mr. Burns, the stationed minister,—it averages replete with good sense. Afterwards, the mis- bean bears all the year. Cabbages also grow express any part of its merits, and have been consionaries, and civil, and military officers dined finely, but do not head. Apples, I am inclined strained to say, if the people of the United States I have chosen a fine site, between the native | with me. The day passed off very pleasantly. | to think, will not grow in this climate. We have | who have received the light of the gospel knew the town and Mr. Wilson's, for the Ladies' school- I am sorry to see from the extracts published however no reason to complain of the fewness of real condition of the native Africans, there is not one surely but would contribute to their relief. Capt. James Corner, certainly deserves great

but I am completely nonplussed for want of suita- of the society; nor of the thermometrical journal The situation of my children is as follows: praise for his kindness and attention to the emible lumber for the door and window frames. In and communications by Mr. Revey. Yours, &c. Randolph, who you know is married, is settled in grants. We had every privilege that we could

I am compelled to close for want of time. May land avenue. He is, and has been for sometime | the blessing of God attend you and yours, is the

(From the Missionary Herald.)

PALMAS, AUG. 16, 1837. Opening for a Mission in the Interior.

The desirableness of establishing a mission at vourable moral influences which prevail on the seems now to be opening the way and furnishing

I time I was very much troubled with low spirits much cordiality. It will be the policy of the