in a healthy condition: while on the contrary, a case of sickness as rarely came to his knowledge on board Vessels returning from the Leeward about Cape Palmas. Captain Spence, an English Gentleman, who has for fourteen maintained a settlement at the mouth of the River Cestos, between Passa and Cape Palmas, informed Dr. Hall, "that during "his long residence there, he had often had occasion "to employ on Shore, Masters of Vessels (and their Crew) "direct from Europe, and that they had frequently "remained on Shore for weeks, and even months; (and "that during the whole time but five cases of disease "had occurred among foreigners which could in any "degree be attributed to the Climate." At the present settlements the danger to foreigners from remaining on Shore a single night is well known. These facts may be accounted for upon an inspection of the Map of Africa, where it will be seen, that from the Senegal, north of Cape Verd, to the St. Pauls, in the present Colony, the Country is intersected with Rivers rising far in the interior - as the Gambia, the Domingo, Rio Grande, Nunez, Pongos, Kabla, Sierra-Leone, Karamanka and Rasou all bringing to the Ocean vast quantities of alluvial deposit, to create and give rank luxuriance to the Mangrove Swamp, the supposed prolific cause of disease - while from the St. Pauls, round

by Cape Palmas to the 'assinee' near Cape Three Points, no Rivers of any length appear upon the Map.

One of the greatest advantages however, next to its healthiness, that Cape Palmas possesses, is the facility with which Agriculture may be pursued there." All the Rice (says Dr. Hall in a letter dated in July 1832,) "now used by the few Emigrants on hand, and by most "of the Old Colonists, is shipped from Cape Palmas. "Our Schooner is hardly able to supply the demand, "and in fact does not. To give some idea of the "Comparative importance of Monrovia & Cape Palmas "(continues Dr. Hall) I will just say, that the object of "my last voyage down the coast, was the purchase "of Rice. We used all exertions, at every town between "Monrovia & Cape Palmas to accomplish our object, "but a sufficiency of Rice to support a crew could "not be obtained on our passage down. We arrived "at Cape Palmas, and in three days received on board "Two hundred bushels. We then weighed anchor, (and "dropped about fifty miles to the leeward (and received "two hundred bushels more. While lying at these two "places we saw and spoke two Spanish Vessels, an "English Ship and Brig, and an American barque, all "of which were filling with Rice - and in fact no "Vessel homeward bound passes the Cape without re-
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