"=ceiving a few hundred bushels of Rice, either for this
"Port (Monrovia) Cape Verd's, or the West India Islands."

"The face of the Country (continues Dr. Hall) is en=
"=tirely different from that around Monrovia. As far
"as the eye can reach it is open and in a great degree
"cultivated; and no part is covered with that dense
"impenetrable undergrowth so prejudicial to agriculture
"and extensive inland communication, as with us (at
"Monrovia)

"As regards the advantages of locating the
"Town itself, I think they are superior at Cape Palmas=
"to any other section of the coast. at the Southernmost
"point where the promontory is connected with the
"Mainland, is located "Cape Town" as it is called. This
"overlooks the south anchorage or roads. From this point
"the Cape runs in a North west direction parallel
"with the windward coast, terminating very abruptly
"in almost perpendicular inaccessible cliffs, forming
"between this and the main land a fine secure bay
"where all small Vessels which the Colony may possess
"can have, in the worst seasons, a perfectly secure har=
"=bor. A small River empties into the bay at its head
"or Eastern extremity."

"I should advise (says Dr. Hall) the purchase of
"the whole of this Cape, including the Town, Bay, and as
"much of the surrounding Country as practicable. The Town

"would serve well for Emigrants, until they could
"have time and means to erect a more suitable ones.
"The highest point or extremity of the promontory is
"cleared but not occupied. It is about One hundred
"feet above the level of the sea and a small forti=
"=fication here, with a few good guns, would effectual
"=ly command the bay, the roads the native town,
"and in fact the whole surrounding country within
"Canon Shot. Should the natives wish to retain their
"town, still the point ought to be secured and fortified
"as it would completely cover the settlement, which
"would in that case be made on the Opposite side
"of the bay, at the mouth of the River"

In another part of his letter, after speaking of several points between Monrovia and Cape Pal=mas Dr. Hall says "But the object paramount to
"every other connected with the Society, on this side
"of the Atlantic, appears to have been entirely over=
"=looked; I mean the purchase of Cape Palmas"

The account thus given by Dr. Hall from his own observations is fully confirmed by the testimony of other persons, who have either visited Cape Palmas, or who have made it a subject of enquiry from traders on the Coast. Indeed for five years, Cape Palmas has been spoken of, as a fit site for a new settlement, and during that time (every)

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