early possess, in this most important particular and they trust that they will be able, at all times hereafter, to make the facilities of education, keep pace with the growth of the Colony. To effect this, no efforts on their part shall be wanting.

In the 3d Annual report, the Board announced that the Rev. Mr Gould of the M.E. Church had been appointed Special Agent and had sailed for Cape Palmas in the Bourne. It is now their melancholy duty to record his death. He arrived in Africa in good health and after stopping a few days at Monrovia, proceeded to Cape Palmas, where he at once entered on the discharge of his duties, aiding Dr Hall in the establishment of the Emigrants who went out with him, on the Lots which were awarded to them. He underwent, of course, the acclimating sickness but recovered from it. He left Cape Palmas on his return to the United States, debilitated but by no means so unwell as to cause alarm. Unfortunately, however, his voyage was a protracted one his accommodations were indifferent the water bad and when hardly recovered from his African illness, he was obliged to undergo severe hardships. This proved too much for his constitution and he died about Two months after his arrival in the United States. He was a good and pious man; devoted to the cause of religion and humanity

and his loss was truly lamented. It may not be out of place to state here, that he attributed his illness, on his return far more to the privations of his voyage, than to the effect of the climate of Cape Palmas. The report which Mr Gould made of the state of the Colony, when he left it, was very gratifying not only with regard to the soil climate and productions, but the satisfaction and well being of the Emigrants. His account has since been amply corroborated, by the testimony of Emigrants themselves and others.

The relations of the Emigrants with the natives, are on a proper and friendly footing. For this state of things the Board are indebted to the judgment, knowledge of African character, and firm courage of Dr. Hall. When he first set himself down among them, the novelty of the visit prevented bad feelings and aggressions. This, however, soon wore off, and an encroaching spirit manifested itself, in many petty acts on the part of the nearest native King, who, at last, laid a price upon his rice, which was exorbitant and threatened to prevent the Governor from sending elsewhere to obtain a supply. In vain Dr Hall remonstrated the King was inexorable and said he would attack the Governor's boat, whenever it set out for rice from a neighbouring Town. Dr Hall finally told the King, that it was better to die like brave men, than to starve to death that he would send his boat

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