With regard to the salary of Doctor Mc. Gill, during his absence, of which you spoke to me, the Board have decided that you should settle with him without deduction. It is true that his absence was a prolonged one, and that it was occasioned by his own affairs in part, and in part by involuntary detention; but his presence in this Country was far from being useless to the Society, and the Board are willing to testify by the instructions now given, their esteem for Doctor Mc. Gill, and the value which they set upon his services as a physician, his character as a physician. It is proper to add however that this case is not intended to form a precedent. It stands upon its own ground, and the action of the Board is personal to the individual. The general rule must be that officers absent on their own affairs, cannot draw their salaries during their absence, except where expressly authorized by the Board. The principle adopted by you therefore, is fully approved, as well as your ~~Character~~ conduct in this respect.

Doctor Hall will procure for you the dash for King Freeman of which you spoke, which you will please to give to the King with the best wishes of the Society. I have addressed a letter to King Freeman by this opportunity. You are authorized in your discretion to present ~~in~~ the ~~your~~ return of two Emigrants at the Society's expense during the coming year - making the selection from those who in your opinion may be most deserving of the favour. The opening of the road to Denah we regarded as an object of much importance, and the Board approve the expenditure of the two hundred dollars which you have

stated verbally would accomplish the object. The Board also approve of the establishment of a factory at the mouth of the Cavally, leaving leaving the mode thereof to your judgment, relying upon you to observe this, as in all other expenditures, the greatest economy for the reasons already given.

With regard to the employment of Mr. James as a teacher, our Board are not yet prepared to say what can be done on their part they are in hopes that the Lady's Society may be re-organised so as to aid them in the matter: and in the mean time it is suggested that you see Mr. James, ascertain the terms on which his services can be obtained, and report to the Board on the subject. The resolution of the Board of Managers in regard to Mr. Cassell's appointment, and salary, are inclosed along with his Commission, and a resolution in regard to yourself, also the letter to King Freeman.

Again expressing to you the satisfaction which I have enjoyed in my personal interview with you, and which the members of the Board most fully share with me, I remain

Dear Sir,

With very best wishes for your safe return to what you yourself style your "free home"

Your friend and servant,

John H. B. Latrobe, Pres. Md. St. Col. Soc.

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