and on what terms. We are under protest for drafts for salaries in Liberia for several hundred dollars, say $675. due to Dec. 31st 1861. Not being able to get a meeting of Board, I took the liberty of advising Mr. Gibson our Agent to execute no more drafts till further advices. this went in the 1st Nov. expedition vessel. We have in Bank $317. The Gen. Agent's salary has only half been paid and that in one of the Bonds of the Republic of Liberia at par. Three of the Bonds only have fallen due, and have been taken by the Agent at par and used in payment of duties. They would not sell at near that rate in Liberia – At times discount large and at others less. There remain unsold 7 Bonds of $500. each. = $3,500. one falling due annually. If we get the $5.000 as claimed in the Bill before the House we can stagger along a year or two on it. If not, I do not see how we can unless emigrants are obtained to bring us funds from the State and then a large proportion will have to be expended in support out there.

The Am. Col. Soc. owes us $9316. for Cash advanced for the ship and interest thereon which was to be paid in transporting freight and emigrants: thus far the interest accruing has exceeded the charges for freight and passage. I discontinued the Journal with the May No. and can lessen the Office rent after the expiration of the year. For the past year the Agent has paid the Clerk & Book-keeper Also Porter in Office. As it is difficult to get a quorum of the Board I would suggest the appointment of an Executive Com. of three to relieve the Agent from too much responsibility not only in cases of emergency but in the more ordinary operations of the society.

Possibly some arrangement may be made with the Am. Col. Soc. to take our warehouse and effects at Cape Palmas, and assume the expenses of Agt. & Physician although their condition will be little better than ours unless through the aid of Government. An attempt was made during my absence to induce that Society to refund the money advanced for the Ship or a part of it. as we send so few emigrants, which they declined doing. I would most respectfully suggest the passage of the following Resolutions – viz.

Resolved. That Mr. G. W. S. Hall the Rec. Sec. of the Society be authorised to inspect the affairs of the Society in Africa generally and endeavor to make some satisfactory arrangements whereby the expenses of the civil list may be materially reduced, with authority to change the Agency and lease a part of the warehouse or have it used for paying storage if practicable.

Resolved. That an Executive Committee of three be appointed to consult with and counsel the Agent in regard to the operations of the society from time to time, as he or they may desire or judge advisable, with power to act in the premises, subject to the approval of the Board.

James Hall
Gen. Agent

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