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Dear Sir:

I avail of the departure of the Sch. Mary, for Phila., to announce my safe arrival home, after a pleasant passage of 35 ds. pr. Ship J. Perkins, which vessel has landed her Emigrants in good condition, & up to this period there has not occurred more than *three or four deaths. On the 13th we had the arrival of the Sch. Crawford, in 60 ds. from N. Orleans, via Cape de Verds, where she took in a few asses, which are invaluable to our Colony; the Emigrants pr. this vessel are all well, & apparently decent people, likely to make useful denizens.

The short space of time I have had to look around me, unfits me as yet to give you as detailed an account of Colonial concerns as I shall be prepared to do after a longer residence; but in fulfilling my promise of writing you, I cannot forego touching on some of those subjects in which you are so deeply interested – during my sojourn in the U.S. the general improvement of the Colony has been astonishing; but Monrovia alone has partaken more largely of this spirit than any of the settlements, tho' Caldwell & Millsburg are fast advancing – I regret to hear, tho' that some of the most useful settlers at the former place are about to leave it, & locate themselves at the false Cape, for the purpose of cultivating Coffee; such a step will, I apprehend, have a strong tendency to injure Caldwell, by drawing away the most ~~enterprising~~ enterprising of

* the physician reports 8 or 10.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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