her citizens; yet it must be admitted that the design is a commendable one, and it is to be regretted that with all the facilities which nature has afforded for an extensive export of Coffee from this Colony that it has been neglected. Had I a direct opportunity I would send you a few pounds from a parcel I assisted in collecting while on a visit to Little Bassa a few days since.—

Gov. Merklin left a few days ~~ago~~ for Grand Bassa, on an exploring expedition; he passed up the Mesurado & landed on the most contiguous part of the Peninsula to the Atlantic, where he was met by the Gov.t Barge, in which he re-embarked for his destination. We are now daily expecting his return. It is said that the region he is exploring contains an inexhaustible supply of Cam Wood; I trust his enterprise will be crowned with success.

You recollect the Cape Palmas affair, about which you was so severally addressed? I regret to say that the zeal of our correspondents, which seemed to burn with such intensity, (if I may judge from the tenor of their respective communications to you) is now apparently entirely evaporated, as I from sundry conversations with them, have reason to believe. But the acquisition of the settlements of Bassa & Cape Mount, seems, with apparent permanency, to pervade the minds of community; you are aware we have had a kind of nominal jurisdiction over these places for some time, but from the late proceedings of the Gov. with the authorities of the respective places, with whom he will again negotiate more decisively, & having actually made a payment for lands at C. M., our claims to those sections, is now more legal. We were visited last week by two detachments of a French Fleet who are scouring the Coast for Slavers; each of them had taken, & had in company, a sharp built Baltimore looking Sch.r as prize, one taken off Galinas the residence of the notorious & opulent Peter Blanco, & the other taken off the Plantain Isles, near Sherbro; the Officers also report the capture of an American Brig (a slaver) & sent to Gorée for condemnation.— The United States deserve the severest rebukes for their apathy & non co-operation with other foreign powers to suppress one of the most diabolical systems that the avarice of mankind ever invented.— There is as much American property floating on our Seas, as English — & more than French, & yet, shame on America! to be beholding to other powers to protect her commerce, whilst she by her nullitality would confirm the opinion that she is winking at the nefarious traffic which Americans are engaged in on this Coast.—

Since writing what preceds we have disp. from the Gov. who is returning home; we learn that he has penetrated St. Johns river higher up than any civilized person has ever yet ascended it, & the angry and precious results from this expedition.—

Having barely had time to look around me since my return & my multifarious employments in my profession is a threefold offence for not writing you more lengthily at presents; you may expect to hear from me more fully by a subsequent opportunity, meanwhile I have the honor to be very respectfully

Dear Sir,

Your Obd Servt

J. R. Mosely

Please accede such paper as is to be had here at present.

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