Dr. Henderson
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Observations on his Report & Table of the Medical Statistics of Liberia.

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Dear Sir,

In your letter to Mr. Gurley you say that my report and the table meet in some measure your approbation. I am now induced to trouble you on a subject about which you entertain some doubt. This is whether it be unfavorable to the emigrants to leave this country in the winter, and thus enter too suddenly on tropical heat.

You will observe that the chief object in the report is to deduce from facts. I therefore avoided all speculations, unless it became necessary to present them, and then it was done as speculation. The table shews no consequence such as you apprehend; and if it did, the advice in the report as to the proper time for the departure of emigrants removes the difficulty.

From all that I can learn from every source entitled to the least consideration, it appears that the arrival of emigrants at Liberia at Christmas is most to be desired. This includes their departure about the 15th to 20th Novr.; and the experience of nineteen years out of 20 shews, that at that period our autumn is mild in temperature, having been just cool enough to recover

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