Cape Palmas Feby 15th 1834

Dear Sir

I feel grateful to kind Providence that I have it in my power to drop you a line on the subject of the New Settlement though you let me know but little about it. But my interest in it was such, and seeing the situation Dr Hall was placed in, having no permanent assistant in case of need, (as Mr Hersey is of but little use to him in any way, for the whole of his time is taken up with religious matters; in fact he seems to take but little thought as to any thing else, and I fear he will be in the way) I therefore Volunteered my services to come with him to this place, to assist him in the Contract and purchase of the land, and we have so far succeeded as you will learn by Dr Hall's letters.

We have purchased Cape Palmas and a delightful surrounding Country, a field for the Farmer, I fear it will not Manuvre of a number of her best men. The natives of this place manifest a great friendship at present, tho I have serious cause to charge them with evil designs, but our best way will be to guard against them by strong fortifications and discipline, so as to defy their insults or favours. What I have writ is from the purest motives. The Dr should have an assistant already acclimated.

Yours &c &c

Geo. Ashmun Gov.
Per Lewis F. Allen Gov.

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