Monrovia Liberia March 8th 1834

Dear Sir.

I embrace the opportunity of addressing a few lines to you by the Jupiter in addition to a letter you will receive by the same, written by me at Cape Palmas and sent to my son to copy, and forward to your honourable body. I hope that they will pardon the liberty that I am taking with them but allow me to state that I am as sincere a friend to your undertaking as it was able for me to be under existing circumstances. I am compelled to cultivate my present situation for pecuniary advantages, or I should have been one of the first in planting my family there. tho I shall endeavour to arrange my affairs in such a way as to get there as soon as possible, without making too great a sacrifice. The situation which I fill in this place is of no importance to me when compared to a member of the Maryland settlement at Cape Palmas. As I have but little time to write you at present, I therefore dispense with the above and enter upon the subject of the settlement.

On the arrival of the Brig Ann at this place my soul was filled with gladness. but I knew not whether I had better go to Cape Palmas or not. (finding that the Board had not said any thing to me on the subject) but my worthy friend Dr Hall required more aid and assistance than he had to enable him to get through his business. on that account I made up my mind and volunteered my services to go with him. and embarked for Cape Palmas. and as I anticipated I found, that I was not altogether useless as I had it in

Rev. R. R. McGill
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