to purchase rice, they are determined to charge at least twice the amount paid by all trading vessels on the coast, so that our food will come higher than at Cape Mesurado. Seeing that this disposition to impose upon us is fixed, I deem it of the utmost importance that we should have some small craft by which we can trade up & down the coast. It is the only way to bring them to terms. At present they even go so far as to prevent our buying rice of the neighboring tribes. I labour under the utmost apprehensions for the result. & the only way that I can see to avoid a war, will be to give way to them at present & have a small Schr sent out as soon as possible. One of a sufficient size could be sent on the deck of a large vessel. She should be of from 12 to 20 tons. Schr rigg'd, sharp, & capable to the hands. She should have but three sails & these should be large viz a jib lugg foresail & mainsail. Two chain cables & two large anchors for the tonnage of the vessel. Should be well furnished in running rigging & small cordage. &c. &c. &c.

As a thing of this sort I know will cost money but I deem it absolutely necessary to the safety & welfare of the colony. She should also have a 4 pounder mounted on a pivot.

Another thing I must trouble you for & I would not gail of it for anything & that is a window, as I have been obliged to take one of Wilsons. Shutters outside. folding glass windows inside with 24 panes 8by10 glass. Whole length of casing 5ft 9. breadth 3ft 6 or nearly so.

I must also have a box of 8 x 10 glass as much of mine was broken.

Also some paint oil & white, yellow & black paint as much painting is economical here. Enough was not sent to paint any house

In addition to my former list of trade goods I am incapable to make out a list of articles wanted by the Colonists, as there is no store here & they must have such pay for their labour — Butts & Screws & door locks. An assortment of files for Smiths & Sawyers viz Cross cut & rip saws. Mens & womens shoes & hats. Crockery ware for families. Coarse bed ticking. Duck & tow cloth for labourers wear. Unbleached cotton shirting American calicoes & Ginghams. Coarse cotton thread. tape. silk button moulds & buttons & thimbles etc. etc. We must have a pair of Patent scales. We must have 10 or 12 cwt of nails 4 of 10dy. 4 of 6dy 2 of 4dy & 2 of 8dy. —

All farming colonists must have a light axe a grubbing & field hoe & shovel a briar or bush scythe & bill hook. If they do not bring these articles I must get them made for them them at an extra price here — My strength will not permit me to write more — Adieu yours with respect & esteem

James S Hall

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