a quiet and peaceful ~~supply to~~ recourse to the labours of the husbandmen: the pestilence which has ever lingered this coast as a scourge of sin, has passed lightly over us & claimed but a solitary victim: cheerfulness & contentment reign throughout our little settlement & peace rests on our borders.

Being thus favoured & surrounded with a deep sense of favours so signally bestowed upon us by the great disposer of events, I do therefore appoint Friday the fourth day of July next as a day of public thanksgiving & prayer. & I do request that all the inhabitants of this colony shall on that day cease from any unnecessary labour: & that they should assemble at our usual place of public worship & there join in rendering fervent thanks to Almighty God for his abundant mercies & special favours bestowed upon us individually & as a community: that we repent as truly of our numerous offences committed against his revealed law & the dictates of our own consciences; that we earnestly supplicate a continuance of his guardian care & watchful providence over us: & that he may so endow us with his divine influences that all our doings may be acceptable to him, beneficial to ourselves as individuals, & alike honorable & patriotic as members of this our infant republic. —

Done at Cape Palmas this twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & thirty four —

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

2. 1834--1835

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