Cape Palmas August 17th 1834

To Mr B Latrobe Esq.

My dear Sir I took the honor to receive your communication by the Sarah & Priscilla. She came to anchor in our harbour on the morning of Saturday 9th inst. I cannot say whether I anticipated or announced the most to receive your greetings & money was extremely gratifying, but then, that an expedition should come to our relief & bring our people was a source of extreme mortification: insomuch as I have given the natives to understand that I daily expected one hundred at least; & had two houses of twenty two ft in length each in readiness to receive them.

The Cargo was in good condition, & was landed in three working days without accident, although it was to be delivered on board still to expedite matters I turned in twenty hand & two large canoes. Mr Cook (the owner & ship-cargo) & Capt Warner have attended to the business just in the manner that I could wish. & have readily given satisfaction for some slight damages sustained by the cargo, as the breaking of 3 Dungers & consequent escape of contents. Of the matters touched upon in your letter I shall speak more fully when they will permit. It however becomes me to say that the approvals by the Board of Managers of the manner in which I have conducted matters so far as have come to their knowledge, was exceedingly gratifying to me & merit (to) the "Well done, good & faithful servant" from a higher source I view it as the brightest reward I can receive for any feeble services.

As another opportunity may not offer soon for America I will briefly state the more important circumstances which have occurred since my last communication bearing date Mar 29th & sent by Mrs Thompson to Cape Mesurado for forwarding

Dr James Hall dated Cape Palmas August 17. 1834

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