New York August 26th 1834.

Mr. Moses Sheppard

Sir,

From information lately communicated to me, I learn that you are an efficient member of the Maryland Colonization Society. I have not been informed who the President or Secretary of the Society is; and therefore take the liberty to address you.

A young man, a native of the British West Indies, bred a merchant, but for the last ten or twelve years devoted to literary pursuits, would like to engage in the service of the Society, if the terms should be agreed upon.

It has been suggested that the Society is desirous to employ a man of color to perform certain services in or about the Colony located at Cape Palmas. Should this information be correct and should it be the pleasure of the Board of Managers to make proposals, the most unexceptionable reference can be given, on the undersigned being addressed — Care of Messrs. Henry Scott & Co. 217 Water St. N. Y.

Respectfully

B. F. Hughes

Aug. 29th

Cape Palmas Aug 19th 1834

I hereby certify that I have received in good order & condition of the Schr Sarah & Priscilla Downer all goods, wares & merchandise shipped & consigned to me by the Maryland State Col. Society of Md. & U.S. agreeable with the bills of lading signed by Wm S Warner Master of said Schr. in behalf of B B Cook owner of said Schr.

Witness my hand & seal

Isaac Ball