information from letters & the papers to procure any branch of knowledge most agreeable to them. they must be made acquainted with the common affairs appertaining to civilized life, on they are called upon to change their religion, justly esteemed both by the Christians & civilized, the most important matter connected with their future. They must be taught, & must be made acquainted with political & social topics & be taught command of their errors in matters that admit of demonstration, before we demand their conviction in matters of faith. In a word to conduct the affairs of civilizing & christianizing the Savage & barbarian it requires not only a Christian & Philanthropist, but man of the most profound knowledge of the human character, man of the world, man of experience & practical observation. Now do I deem it of great importance that such an one should be employed, as the first impressions of the Colony would be the most desirable. Probably no man could so readily acquire the confidence & exercise a powerful influence on the inhabitants of this Coast as an enlightened & intelligent physician. The remarks of Dr Phillips & the Capt of the Brig Doyle, Settlements upon this subject I think entitled to great weight & ought to serve as a guide in all Selections for one of such [illegible] interesting & important undertaking.

Dec 29th 1834

Our opportunity for forwarding Letters to the U. S. I am delighted to despatch this without even copying it according to your strict commands. The Schr Edgar with Mr Wilson & Lady arrived here on the eve of the 25th which caused us no little joy. Not any thing upon which to ground an intelligence from America. I do not think Mr Wilson could leave the U. S. without communicating with you. & you certainly would in that case oppose me to the utmost at least of the Con Sec. & there is every distant hope of our ever succeeding. I have stood it out with my handful of men stout & long. & I find great difficulty in appeasing their grumblings at being withheld

away from Cape Mesurado to keep guard & enjoy other rights on Cape Mesurado. Besides we are not that mighty people that the natives [illegible] & they begin to think that our men dont have to remain at their mercy. To be sure I keep Chiefs about me & am giving more & more influence over all parties, but it is by the hardest & I cannot. human nature cannot hobble out against the incessant & constant perpetual exertion & irritation. I have not as yet appointed our assistant Agt. not knowing whether you will [illegible] the assistant Physician rebate your proposal sending out, to act as such. & I am anxious to do myself as long as I can.

I would that some other person [illegible] could take your place in matters of Trade, attend to [illegible]. I both pitying, pestering the Settlers for [illegible]. But I tell you we have done the thing. [illegible] the fears of our enemies or hopes of our friends. —

You would find by my next Semiannual balance Sheet that I have been obliged to forward a great deal to the colonists to find clothes & enable them to build their houses. But I do assure you that since I have first set out I have forwarded Letters & Dispatches to our colonies, with coments & notices. I have been delighted to see all Chiefs Drums & Stands at the Settlements. The natives call me the Serragua Gentoon, or Stingy, the colonists call me many things, when they want Tobacco & can demand it, but by dint of jawing, reasoning, threatning & coaxing I flatter they are satisfied — Many of our Recaptives are cleared & merry fuzzed & a more delightful scene of country you never saw. Could nine tenths of the colonists sell their town lots they would be off Tomorrows for the bush. I tell you what you must send me a painter or Scribbler to take off matters here & touch up our good Slave holders a bit. could they do things as they truly are. they would give their slaves not only liberty without their plantations & come out here themselves. Tis decidedly a most delightful country (save fevers) than America.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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