that she was in no way connected with the Society, & at the same time requesting me to render her any services in my power &c. Now inasmuch as the lady has no means adequate to her real necessities during the trial which awaits her, I shall of course consider myself bound to furnish any pecuniary assistance which I shall deem requisite, until she shall be relieved from other sources, or until more explicit instructions shall be furnished me from the Board of Managers. — I have hired a room for her tenancy, & a nurse to attend her. She is supplied with some articles of provisions, & will of course be dependent upon the Agency for a part only at present. Mr. Wilson does not consider himself in a situation to make any addition to his family at present. — — Respecting the present accommodation for emigrants of which the Board require particular information, I have now one house with a beaten, smooth mortar floor; clapboarded & thatched, water proof; seventy feet by eighteen; will accommodate fifty people (close stowing) Another 70 x 12 ft. indifferently constructed - leaks a little. This, I shall probably move as soon as it shall be vacated & have it on the farm lands & in good repair ere the next vessel shall arrive, & it will probably accommodate 30 emigrants well. Another, thatched & clapboarded, with a smooth beaten earthen floor like the first mentioned; water tight, will contain 75 emigrants: - length 110, breadth 18 ft., situated on the public farm, & now occupied by the new emigrants —

You may calculate upon good accommodation for 150 as soon as you can send them; & the earlier in the season they come the better. —

I have written so much & often upon the subject of procuring emigrants on the passage that you may think more on that subject impertinent, but I must express my regret that the stores should be placed wholly under their charge. 1 bbl molasses, 1 bbl 265 lbs Sugar & 115 lbs Coffee were consumed by 26 emigrants on passage. How have does that tell? And what must I not do for palates so daintily pampered in health when they come to endure severe illness, long & repeated with a tardy paced convalescence - if any at all?

Sept 1st. I this morning received information concerning Miss Ellis which contains much astonishing inasmuch as she was sent out here as an instructor. Yet that she could hardly read, was unable to spell words of one syllable correctly, & could not write or read writing at all. Now you must be sensible that she is totally incapable of instructing even the alphabet & children sent to her will of course lose the best of instruction which Mrs Wilson & Thompson continually render in different schools. This woman is therefore not only useless but a decided injury to the children, & really ought not to be allowed to consume their time, particularly

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