when they could have the advantage of the best instructions in Africa. Yes Sir in Africa, & I believe there are few better in the United States for Inventory instruction. Sending books which you mentioned sending me is the life of Washington, Rights of the people, Lafayette books &c. May not come to hand.

One very important article you neglected sending me viz Cooking pans. such as wash basins, pans, plates & bowls. ~~Buy the~~ I shall expect a good quantity by the next expedition, together with cloths as per Specimens by Mr Gurley. The white ~~thorn~~ thorn seeds for permanent fencing are meant since, also more tobacco seed.

If you have to ballast the next expedition just put on board a ton or two of Lehigh Coal for our Smith's use, as we are constantly indebted to him & can make good profit on the article. I wrote for a small screw plate to enable our smith to repair gun locks, & recommended instead thereof one of the largest size, as most this article much as more than half of muskets are absolutely useless. I caught sight to night referring to the satisfaction which the emigrants for Harmony express of the treatment of Capt Pascal & Mr Robinson to them while on board. This is a matter of no little importance & it would be quite worth while to employ such a man when practicable, even at a small advance in wages. By Capt Pascal I send you a few beans of our Cape Palmas Tobacco also a skin of a flying animal, this I think a curiosity great curiosity, although similar to our flying squirrel, yet the tail very thin

A short history of a mercantile transaction.

About two months since I wrote to Mr Ruggemann to send the Families of two emigrants from Cape Mesurado to this place, the man having contracted with me in the great expedition, promising to pay the Capt who should bring them a reasonable compensation. Mr Ruggemann contracted with Capt Pascal as you will see for Charter Party to pay him ten dollars for each individual for their passage & drew on me for the amount, one hundred & ten dollars. His draft I have protested, & made an exception to the fulfillment of the Charter Party on the back thereof. As I have protested this draft it will be collectable of Ruggemann & he can of course collect it of me or the Agency. I was willing to pay Capt Pascal the usual fare to this place for emigrants which is five dollars if they find themselves, & four if you do buy the matter. In this case they were supplied from the emigrants stores which Capt Blackwell knows. I can see no other course for the home agent or freighter to pursue than to demand satisfaction for this infringement of the charter party which satisfaction should cover the amount of the draft & expenses. The vessel was detained from five days to take them on board & of course took but nine or ten days here, which, in case the weather had been bad, boats stove, or any other untoward circumstances had happened, would have been a heavy expense of demurrage to the Society. Mr Ruggemann will give up the draft all will be well. ~~If you~~ You can then allow him something for his trouble if you see fit. ~~The~~ I shall send you a small bill against the Society & owners for labour of unfreighting & ballasting the vessel. This ought to be a satisfaction for the trouble the emigrants caused the Capt.

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A. Letter Books

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