in which they can be made to the greatest advantage in the purchase of Palm Oil. You will experience little difficulty in readily disposing of almost any quantity that you may purchase at a very handsome advance, as you have the best assistance in traffick of this nature in Mr. McGill. I shall advise to let no opportunity escape of the increasing the funds of the Agency.—

In addition to the above suggestions I would add that (particularly in the commencement of your operations) you will be able to derive great benefit from the information which the Col. Secy Mr Thomson will give you when required, as few events of any importance have transpired since the establishment of the Colony without his cognition.—

With the most ardent wishes for the prosperity of the Colony & your health & happiness

I have the honour to be

Dr Sir your most obt servant

Signed James Hall

Agt Md. St. Col. Society

Attest

S. McGill

Copy of a Lett. of R. Thomas to Mr Hall

Harper Liberia March 18 1836

To Oliver Adams Jr Esqr

Special Agt. Md. St. Col. Society

Dear Sir. Agreeable to advise from the Co. Secy of the Board of Managers of the Md. St. Col. Soc. I recognise you as the special Agent of the Society & the acting Agent and Governor of the Colony of Maryland in Liberia during my absence until further advice from the Board of Managers & to you as such I do hereby transfer all the property & interests of what kind soever of the Md. St. Col. Society in Africa; & to you as such I do also hereby surrender the government of the Colony of Maryland in Liberia and all political power vested in me by the Md. St. Col. Society, to be exercised by you during the time of my absence as aforesaid, agreeable to the constitution & ordinances of Maryland in Liberia, & such instructions, as have been from time to time transmitted to the Col. Agent by the Secy of the Society, now on file in the archives of the Colony.—

Although these instructions are ample & sufficient as a general rule of conduct in the management of the concerns of the Colony, still I consider it incumbent on me to offer a few suggestions upon some subjects particularly interesting & important at this time; & in doing this I shall be exceedingly brief, inasmuch as my verbal communications with you have been so full & explicit with reference to the same heretofore.—

It has been the object of the Board of Managers as you will notice from all their official communications to the Agent upon the subject, to make Agriculture the primary & universal

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A. Letter Books

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