of the inhabitants of this Colony: & as one important means for effecting this object they have directed that emigrants shall be located on their lands immediately on their arrival. The adopting & pursuing this course has strongly in the infant state of the Colony I have fully assented to & you. But these objections no longer exist. I would strongly advise the immediate erection of cheap dwelling houses upon the lands of the newly arrived emigrants; at least upon the lands of those who manifest a disposition to commence active operations. This being effected & the present emigrants located on them should be lost in laying out a new street parallel to the Mad Avenue, or extending that as you shall deem proper & erecting from ten to twenty dwellings of the above description on new lots for the emigrants in the quickest expedition of money & [illegible]

With the exception of this one object & the provisioning of new emigrants & those who are absolutely unable to procure goods otherwise, I would not advise the expenditure of any public funds until further advice from the Board of Managers. You will notice on the Books of the Col. Agency a large balance due by the Colonists. This state of the financial concerns of the Agency has been unavoidable. First in consequence of the poverty of the Colonists, & those being are the source in the first year or eighteen months after the establishment of the Colony, from which they could obtain goods, but the Agency. Secondly there has not been uniformly any particular species of labour required by the Agency as remunerative for predominance. Neither of these causes now exist. There is a sufficiency of negotiable goods in the stores of all emigrants who have been in the Colony over one year to support them in the aggregate. & they ought to be compelled to supply each other. ~~[illegible]~~ The establishment & the public funds entirely obviates the necessity of the above mentioned causes by affording at all times a species of labour which most Colonists are capable of performing. It will therefore be in your power under existing circumstances rather to diminish the amount of credit to the Colonists - -

Particular care should be taken that the ~~[illegible]~~ overseer of the public farm should fulfil his instructions in experimenting upon the articles likely to become the most valuable staple productions of the Colony, & that the result of these experiments should be duly recorded & promulgated to the Colonists as a guide in their farming operations.

I should deem it highly inexpedient at this time to make any further acquisition of territory. At present our time as much as we can properly direct & controul. & the acquisition of more would tend rather to give anxiety & trouble than add to our security.

In all palavers & difficulties with the Natives I would advise you generally to take such grounds as would be considered right & ~~not according~~ to customary usage among the different tribes in the Colony rather than to demand what you would have reason to expect from a civilized people. In this however you will be greatly assisted by our head man Yellow Will & I think you will seldom err in practice or expediency in taking his advice. Open hostilities are to be avoided even at a great sacrifice.

In consequence of recent mercantile transactions & the shipments per Brig Fortune. You are placed in possession of a more valuable & better assortment of trade goods than has ever before been landed in the Colony. & at a season of the year in which they can be used to the greatest advantage in the purchase of Palm Oil. You will experience little difficulty

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