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Brig Lima. Cape Palmas May 1st 1836

To Rev. J. B. Latrobe Esq
Cor. Sec. Md St Col Soc.

Dear Sir The arrival of the Brig Hortense and any interesting matter connected therewith, will be communicated to you by Mr Holmes. I will only trouble you with circumstances more immediately connected with myself. You doubtless recollect that I promised in case an agent should be sent out early in the fall or winter to remain with him until Spring. I continue to perform my duties as Agent if required. But the late arrival of Mr Holmes rendered it impossible ~~that~~ I afford ~~render~~ him that full assistance which I could have wished, & which any private officer of the Colony required, & at the same time visit the United States during the warm season. Other circumstances transpired which rendered it absolutely necessary for me to leave Palmas almost immediately on the arrival of the Brig Hortense. Mr Thomson the lead Agy had a few days previous received notice of his appointment by the Epis. Miss. Soc. of the U.S. as teacher & Dispensary; which appt. he had determined to accept & I could not even urge him to the contrary. as I knew it was his wish & determination before leaving the United States to devote his life to the civilization & christianization of the native inhabitants of this country. & at the same time being fully sensible of his complete fitness for a ~~the~~ service of so noble & philanthropic ~~an undertaking~~ —

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