A substitute or successor to Mr Shaulton was of course necessary & none could be procured without my personally visiting Cape Mesurado. There was another course equally eligible to force upon me at this visit at this time, viz: to procure suitable cloth to enable the acting agent to carry on the affairs of the Agency in a profitable manner. It will be seen by the semi annual accts rendered Sept 1st 1835 that a considerable profit had been made on Native bills: and I hope that I made arrangements with the neighbouring kings whereby I expected to make at least four times as much the ensuing season. But on examining the invoice I found that I possessed no means of fulfilling my contracts. This forced me to visit Espousa with a view of obtaining the articles required. I made an advantageous contract with Mr Gould for crockery & down the rivers, paying him in rice at a fair profit. On arriving in Monrovia on or about the fifteenth of Feby. I made a contract with the Agency for the articles required for the Native trade in our Colony, stipulating to pay for the same in rice. I also engaged the services of Samuel Ford McGill as both trader & superintendent of native trade. In fact he was to supply Mr Shaulton's place entirely, although Mr S. was nominally as Col. Secy. I chartered a vessel which was to follow me to Cape Palmas in three weeks, & returned with McGill in the Brig Hortense. I found Mr Johnson quite sick: but he soon recovered so as to be able to attend to business. During the four weeks which I remained at Marshpo no pains were spared & no opportunity lost to explain every thing connected with the duties of the Colonial Agency to Mr Johnson & Mr Shaulton who has been intimately acquainted with every transaction of a public nature since the establishment of the Colony, has promised to afford him all assistance & information in his power. The advice & counsels of Mr Wilson will also be invaluable, & at all times most cheerfully & cordially rendered. The semi-annual accts were made up as usual, only having date Feby. 28th instead of March 1st. This alteration was not absolutely necessary, but much facilitates the operation of taking an account of Stock on the cargo for Big Fortune had been broached. Every thing relative to the amounts & manner of making them out was fully explained to Mr Johnson & done under his immediate inspection. On the 15th of March the vessel which I had chartered to transport the rice to Monrovia arrived & having freighted her I embarked on the 21st. I was enabled not only to fulfill my contract with the Col. Agent but to pay for the charter of the vessel. By this transaction I have placed in the hands Mr Johnson such an assortment of trade goods as has never before been in the Colony, yes. double in amount & doubly profitable: & from my previous arrangements with our native allies I have not a doubt but he will be able to realize a very handsome profit during the ensuing palm oil season. The amount of my contract with Gould & supercargo of the Fortune was four hundred dollars, & with the Col. Agent four hundred dollars, making near one thousand dollars worth of the best & most marketable trade goods. The amounts of the transaction will be made out in the semi annual accts. of Sept 1836. I had hardly time to settle my business at Cape Mesurado on the receipt of the Luna with your communication, informing me of the resolutions of the Young Mens Society respecting Mr McGill. Nothing could have given me more sorrow at this time, that was not absolutely sorrowful in its nature, than this. I had left things at Cape Palmas so completely to my own liking. McGill talents being so admirably

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