Endeavouring to free ourselves, and we would inform the Board that our disadvantage is, we no Circulating medium, Consequently we cannot liquidate our with as much Ease as in America, nor Could we support ourselves with the same independence. But the Board may wish to Know what advance we have paid on articles, in answer to that inquiry we would say upon Crockery 150 percent. Tobacco the same, too on Cloth, and all provisions, and money articles we pay 1 & 2 & 3 hundred percent, and our wages at the low rate 75 Cents per day. We humbly ask the Board, whether this is their intention we are bold to say, that we question it, or if they purposed to ask this advance, they purposed also to raise our wages in proportion to it, We lay this before them is the object of this memorial & we indulge the hope, that they will pop it by without notice. We would inform the Board also that is extreemly difficult to obtain such Common though decent wearing apparel as to enable us to appear wholesomely Clad & we pray that they would take this into Consideration & put within our reach, such articles, as by our Labour we may procure, if it is only a Sufficiency to be decent in the House of God. The houses for the reception of Emigrants have been & still very uncomfortable; They are built upon the Ground, badly Covered with Thatch, & Consequently leaky & damp, & from the exposure to which Emigrants are liable sickness is Continued, & this Circumstance is a very Cause of discontent and longing for home among those who have to dwell in them. We think this might be easely remedied (which will in short) by a little attention & perhaps a little more expence in building. Shingled roofs & board floors, we are quite confident would remove this difficulty & Conduce more to health. Another thing is, the inconvenience our people labour under in sickness from want of a little sugar or molasses which ordinarily cannot be obtained here at any rate; at one time during the administration of Doctor Hall, not one mouthful of meat or palm-oil could be had at the Store for four months, & at the same time there was about 36 barrells of meat, besides oil in the Store and case never had given, nor did he ever produce one sufficient reason for thus treating, as though he was earnestly solicited to do so. When His Excellency Mr Holmes came to the superintendence, almost every thing belonging to the military department, was in a Condition illy prepared for defence, & a grand palaver was then pending between the Colonist & natives, one which threatened to involve us in serious difficulty, with the Circumjacent tribes, & though the Dr was aware of it & promised to set the Colonist, knowing the inexperience of the new agent, yet he did not, & left us without the least advise, as Colonist, or him as Agent, his Council in this critical hour would have been most thankfully received & duly appreciated, but the totally indifferent manner in which he treated us, & the neglect he showed to our new Agent & at the time too when his sympathies were so much needed, with many other things that we pray oblivion to cover, alienated in some degree the affections of the Colonist, & we trust the Board will not think us ungrateful if we should beg to be excused from having him for our agent at any subsequent period. As we said before so we say now, we venerate the Dr & have thought that the poor state of his health, his multiplied avocations, & the extreem irritability of his nervous system, now we are willing to take part home & say that the people he had to

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