House of Repts.
June 24. 1836

Dr. Sir

A letter from the Navy Department under date of June 23, contains the following passage. It is a reply to one in which I brought to his notice the expediency of a visit to Cape Palmas by a vessel of war.

"The frigate Potomac will "leave the Mediterranean for the United "States, soon after the arrival there of the "frigate now on her way out to relieve "her – and the Commander of the Potomac "is under orders on his return, to run "down the coast of africa, visit the "settlements at Cape Mesurado, Cape "Palmas, and Bassa Cove, and will "afford any aid or protection that may "be lawful and necessary to our "vessels and commerce on her route. "Another vessel will, as early as may "be convenient, be required to visit "the river Nunez –"

For the latter vessel, a look out must be kept by us, that she may also be ordered to touch at Cape Palmas.

Such great aid
Yrs truly
Benjn. C. Howard

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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