passages in your vessels as they may wish to come out as cheaply as possible. The matter however is in the hands of Mr Bayard & you hear from him soon. I have recently returned from a short tramp into the interior - having gone two days journey & intersected the Cavally river at a town which Dr Hall describes in his journal under the name of Dena - situated about 35 miles from the mouth of the river & I supposed nearly the same distance from this place. My object in making this short tour was twofold i.e. to see the country & to become acquainted with the people with reference to enlarging our Missionary operations. We passed through five native villages on our way to the river, respectively embracing a population ~~from~~ as we supposed, from 200 to 2000 souls. The country ~~is~~ generally is hilly & in many ~~places~~ parts of it exceedingly beautiful. The soil is good & a considerable part of our journey lay through fields of as rich & as beautiful rice as I have ever before seen. The country especially at this season is well watered & I am induced to think that the principal part of the streams we crossed ~~would~~ do afford permanent supplies of water for man & beast.

The country however is not well timbered until we reach the river & as the Americans proceed backward they must resort to brick & stone for purposes of building. The want of large timber is occasioned by the practice of natives seaching for new ground every year for their rice farms. We returned down the river & realized all the beauty & grandeur of scenery along ~~the~~ to banks ~~of the Dela~~ that Dr Hall's journal had induced us to expect. A particular account of our journey has been forwarded to Mr Anderson & you may see it or extracts from it in the Missionary Herald.

Mr Holmes has doubtless furnished you every particular of interest from the colony. I would merely add that all things seem to go on harmoniously. Mr Holmes is & has been executing some public works, which though involving some expense, will be of considerable utility to the community. All ways write in as encouraging a tone as possible to your agents out here for they must necessarily have much to try & depress them. Less is doing for schools than is desireable - from the want of teachers. Mrs Wilson has about 20 scholars, chiefly

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A. Letter Books

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