The reasons for thatched houses & leaking does not apply to the native houses as the smoke of their fires which is generally in the center or a little to one side has a tendency to keep Bugs &c away and it is not every person among them by a long ways who undertakes to cover his owne house although very few of them do not feel themselves competent to cover a house for a Colonist. I have also additional reasons for adopting shingles. In the first place it encourages the Colonists, most of whome understand or can easily do so the making of them. In the next place I think it will be a saving of money in the end, and I am sure it will of much trouble and anxiety to your Agent as in the anticipation of an Expedition as well as add greatly to the comfort of the Emigrants Every Expedition heretofore having suffered great inconvenience on account of their shelter leaking I have adopted a frame building as a covering of shingles would out last one of the common construction, and by which I shall find employment for all who can saw plank, Timber, or hew, for all of which there will be but little actual expense as all of the materials will be got and put together by those in debt to the Agency. If I am not otherwise directed after this Long House is complete and returns of the expense made to you I shall commence another I deem it necessary at this time and place to make some comments upon a letter I received from Dr Hall then on board of the Schooner R. R. Gurley at that time laying in our harbour, The late hour of the night at which I received the letter and the best sailing early next morning prevented me having an interview with him upon the subject although the letter in question was written, and copyed,

some days before. I shall however first notice his unaccountable behaviour to me, and I shall make my remarks not for the purpose of detracting from the blossoms bearing his blushing honours thick upon him, or to gain credit myself, but to let him have all the credit that is due to him without shifting any of his responsibility upon me, or receiving credit and honor at my expense. As Dr Hall is probably in Baltimore he may think fit to explain himself, I do not however request any thing of the kind myself, for I entirely disregard his conduct so far as I am personaly concerned, nor should I have noticed it at all, if the letter from him on board of the Gurley and another I have since received from him whilst at Monrovia had not a tendency to embarrass me as your Agent, and for the purpose of explaining my conduct to you I shall notice his to me otherwise I should have "passed it by as the idle wind" In the first place I informed Dr Hall as soon as I arrived here that on the passage I had found Captain Perry was a man unfit to take charge of an Expedition of Emigrants to Africa. That the said Captain had probably heard of the character gave to Mr Mc Kinny of himself, and therefore was remarkable for his kindness and attention until after the Cape letters was written after which he had not the least semblance of a gentleman. I also told him that Captain Perry treated the Emigrants in the following manner. First the male portion of them that was old enough he made work under the following circumstances (excepting Walker and Wilson) saying "that the gentlemen" meaning I believed the

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