the Books of the Agency being lumbered with debts that the Agent, never expects to collect or the individual to pay, We unfortunately have several of this description. I am at this moment expecting an Expedition, and can accomodate any number you may send. I have sold the Seine that belonged to the Agency, for a little less than one half what it cost to some of the Colonists. My reasons for doing so was, that in the first place it was an old rotten one before it arrived here, was a constant tax to the Agency, and becoming more so every day, I was continually telling those who would use it, to take care of it, to no purpose. They would permit it to remain in the open air for weeks together, and every time the Seine was used so often I had to pay for the bad usage of it, by having it mended, It was of no good to the Agency, the New Colonists could not eat the fish, as diarrhaea was sure to follow, and a man had to be hired at the rate of seventy five cents per day to ensure any fish for the Agency. I also looked upon the Jack Ass, as useless, as indeed he was to me, and sold him for what he cost, to Mr Thompson on condition that he is not to be taken out of the Colony. Your favour of the 11 of February was duly received, but the effects of Wilson and the rest of the Emigrants has not yet reached here, as also the News-papers, Mr Easter was kind enough to send from home. I am confident I could get along at all times ~~here with the~~ credit of the debtor, the same as it would be if Con Esp was in the place of House Expenses. This is all of the information that I have received to my knowledge from Dr Hall except some of small importance which is again repeated in

and Charles Croney and his wife. The death of these two last named I attribute to intemperance from what I can learn they were intemperate at home they as I have understood brought on board of the Fortune a jug of Rum which they were very fond of, after we arrived here they both had the fever very bad and were left very weak by it, in this state they both, about the same time were taken with chills and fever, Croney was in the habit of coming and getting Rum, and Snakeroot for bitters, one day he came and told me he wanted some Snakeroot and a little Rum, to put upon it to make some bitters for his wife, as her chills, had returned I gave him about a half pint in his bottle I afterwards found that he stoped upon the road home, drank it, and went home, and fell insensible upon the floor, the next day he recovered, sent to a neighbours and got the loan of a bottle of Snakeroot bitters, and drank the whole, (about a pint as I understand) he ~~drank~~ then went to bed and remained insensible for three days when he died, his wife whose habits had been about the same, as I then understood died a few days afterwards, Two children belonging one to David Wilson and the other to Parker have died with the fever. I have just time to say, I expect an opportunity of writing in a few days again, that the Colony is remarkably healthy, that I have enjoyed my health as well, as in the United States, if not better. I have been sick but a day and a half since I had the fever, and this at three different times from runing through the hot sun without an

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