Dear Sir

Harper Cape Palmas
July 21st 1836

This morning as soon as I left my bed, I was informed that a Brig was almost in the harbour, I imediately took my Spy glass and found that the Brig Fortune was unexpectedly coming in as she was reported long since to have gone home, she soon came to anchor, I went on board and found that the Captain had died a few days before and the vessel was in charge of her former mate. I made arraignment for the passage of Mr McGill, and Captain Gould who has charge of the vessel as respects freight has kindly offered to take some boxes free of freight, among which is a box of shells which was not quite full and I have filled it up with some old cloth to keep them from being broken, and send them to you as a dash. There is another box containing two kinds of Monkey skins and some African cloth vs Towells Cap &c. There is also in the same box a Doctor or Devil cloth, it has a fringe arround it as you will perceive, this is the only clothing they ~~[illegible]~~ wear except a Monkey skin behind, the cloth before. also a Powder and a shot Pouch, and a small bit of African rope made from the bark of a tree. As I labour under the same disadvantage I did a few days ago when I wrote (which communication I think is now at Monrovia and may be brought home by the Fortune)

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A. Letter Books

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