Harper, Md in Liberia,
February 10, 1837.

Dear Sir:

I had the pleasure of addressing you by the United States frigate Potomac, Capt. J. J. Nicholson, which left here on the 19th December ult. for the US via Rio Janeiro. On the 25th December, the Brig Niobe, Dr Hall arrived with emigrants and missionaries, all the former of whom were safely landed, and located in the New Long House lately erected by O. Holmes Esq.

I feel happy in being able to communicate that they have all been through their first attack of the fever and a few through a second. As yet, we have lost but one individual, a young man by the name of Redmond, whose constitution was in every way unfitted to bear the shocks of an African fever; the others are in a fair way of recovery, & with the blessing of God on the labors of our medical men, I am in great hopes of seeing them live & be ornaments to this land of their adoption.

The despatches per Niobe came safely to hand, and I was happy to receive so seasonable a supply of trade Goods. I had a few weeks previously been under the necessity of purchasing tobacco (the staple of this trade) at the advanced price of twenty five Dollars per hundred pounds, payable in rice. I could not get along without it. Even the elder colonists fretted for a little Tobacco for smoking.

You will be pleased to learn that we have four pairs of oxen belonging to the farm. Two yoke have been placed with industrious colonists, and I am endeavoring to procure others, so that I may carry out more completely your system. The colonists seem pleased with the idea of having

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