could be procured. If he saw fit, I was ready to relinquish the school & to continue it even under the present teacher till a better could be procured. The school will be continued under their superintendence; while I have concluded to set another into operation, about one mile & a half from town for the children residing at the farms. This will be placed under the tuition of O.A. Chambers a very worthy young man who came out in the Brig from Baltimore, & has just recovering from the fever. In my visit to the schools I found the children very backward & every thing quite at a stand. As the sup. was then absent at Monrovia, I appealed to the better feelings of the larger pupils & endeavored to shew them how much more favored they are than their parents were, many of whom, were now toiling in the sun, in order to keep them at school. Average attendance 32

Agency Store, Buildings &c

As I have said so much in the preceding part about the Society Store I will not repeat it here. Our supply upon the arrival of the Nile was very short, and the fine assortment she brought out will enable me to go forward with confidence. Plates and mugs are articles of first rate value value among these people. In fact Crockery ware of most kinds which can be purchased low, are always in demand. The King & headmen use plates to eat out of, the rest to hang in their houses as ornaments. I found all the public buildings, viz. Agency House, Store, New Long House & Farm House in good repair. With some little alterations on the Agency House & out buildings they will probably last for some years. A new fence is wanting around the premises, to take place of the present one, which is only a tie up fence of the natives. To add to the security of the Store it would be as well to remove considerable rocks & gravel from from around the east side, and let it be used to good advantage in repairing the wharf which is somewhat the worse for wear. I contemplate ceiling the farm house with 9 & 1 inch plank; as in case of any future difference with the natives, it may serve as a place of shelter for the females & children, on the farms; from its situation it could also be well defended with two goods muskets against any no. of natives which might be brought. The natives almost invariably use small rock instead of shot & bullets in their guns, and the chance in my weak judgment a slender one where they could penetrate through weatherboarding & ceiling.

Being much incommoded in transacting business in the house, I have erected almost entirely out of the frame procured by Mr. Hand myself & Dr. Skinner, two very convenient offices for Secretary and agents. I have also erected a small shed for the deposit of the drugs & medicines belonging to the Colony. I have contracted for the frame of the School House designed for O.A. Chambers. It will be located at the intersection of three roads. I am also getting plank & scantling sufficient for two houses for our Cannon. They have been much damaged from exposure to the weather. One will be placed somewhere near the Agency house, and the other at the Farm. We stand in much need of a Magazine for powder, and as soon as I can engage natives to procure rock I shall set masons about putting up one near the point of the Cape. We have nothing at present which can be dignified with the name of fort — The weather & bugabugs have long since made a finale of Fort Hall — and though a fort near the extremity of the Cape would afford excellent protection to our harbour, yet a question whether its distance & the intervening houses between it and the native town would not be a serious objection to its being considered as a place of rendezvous & defence, & as affording protection to the Agency House & Store in case of any sudden invasion of the natives. The truth of the matter is, that the site now occupied by the natives is the only spot where a fortification could be erected which would answer the two fold purpose of defending the harbour & protecting the country in its vicinity. It will therefore be necessary to erect two forts Stockades at present one some where near where Fort Hall formerly stood and other on the Public Farm out in vicinity. As the colonists advance into the interior it will be necessary that a cannon be placed in some eligable site every 30 or 4 miles; which would always be considered as a rallying point.

Surveys of Public Lands

I found about 25 or 30 five acre lots of lands which had been laid off by Mr Holmes, and a fine road running through

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