with them. His services are well worth $25 per month
David Wilson & others As directed in your last communica-
tion I have delivered over to D. Wilson $50 at invoice cost
and to E. Parker 16.66, this amount being according to
Wilson's opinion a fair compensation for his lost goods.
D. Wilson mentions some tools which have never been sent out an
begs that some inquiries may be made about them.

You will be pleased to hear of the safe arrival here of Mrs
Revey, & his acceptance of the Colonial Secretary's office. I cannot
close without informing you of the great obligation the colony
is under to the praiseworthy exertions of the Rev J. L. Wilson
in the late disturbance with the natives. His house and pre-
mises afforded shelter to upwards of twenty Americans on that
evening, and Mrs Wilson with equally commendable zeal exerted
herself to make them comfortable

You will be further pleased to learn, that the Rock Town
people our Windward neighbors seeing the great advantages
which the Cape Palmas people have derived from the residence
of Americans in their country, have freely decided to the Society,
their Territory without any promise of compensation on my
part. Our Windward boundary line now reaches to Fish Town
where Capt Spence has a factory which deprives us of a good
deal of interior trade. I have promised the Rock Town peo-
ple to place a factory there for the purchase of rice & palm oil
the former of which has not been known to be so scarce for
some years on this part of the Coast. This scarcity will
hope, be a lesson to our colonists not to depend so much on the
natives for rice in future. Enclosed is a duplicate of the de-
of conveyance on a Rock

R. C. K. Oldfield Esq one of the Agents of the Western Africa
Co. on his recent visit to this colony, was so pleased with
the state of affairs, and the principles of the Society, that
he paid into my hands the sum of Thirty Dollars to con-
stitute himself a life Member. I beg leave to notice this, ven-
tures his name among other life members of the Society.

Colonos Constanza. On a written petition from the mast
of the Portuguese sch. Constanza to come into our harbor to

repair, his vessel being in a sinking condition I granted him
permission; having first ascertained that the said Schooner had
been purchased at Pona from an English man of War for the pur-
pose of being used as a Cartel to convey the different foreigners
then on shore to Gallenas; that she had not been engaged in
the Slave trade since; that she had been overhauled by two
British vessels of War lately; & that she had not a single slave
on board. I have been thus particular in order that you may
have a true account of the whole affair, as several reports
were in circulation about this vessel. And it may not be
irrelevant here to observe, that from our exposed & defenceless sit-
uation, it would be almost folly to refuse admission, when a
vessel could always enter our bar without our permission.

We are much in want of a colonial seal for official docu-
ments; also stationary of every kind. I am preparing my first
semi Annual account of expenditures which will be forwarded
by the first opportunity after being completed.

With much respect
Your Obdt Servt
Jno. B. Russwurm
Amo St Ceo

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