Dr Savage & Mr James (our printer) have less fever than usually falls to the lot of foreigners.

Our work as missionaries is hard, but pleasant. It is fraught with trials, but every trial brings along a corresponding consolation.

You will be very much mortified to hear of Bello's defection. He has laid aside his American apparel & become ~~of~~ more of a countryman in feeling than he ever was before.

April 21st 1837

I little thought My dear Sir, when I penned the preceding part of this letter that I should be constrained to conclude it by communicating information which I know will pain your heart as well that of others who may hear it. There is now in the harbour of Cape Palmas a vessel under Portuguese colors & engaged in the slave trade, being fitted up & supplied with provisions by your colonists. The fact will be as startling as it is mortifying. And though painful I have felt it incumbent on me to make it known in the first place to those & only those, who will have it in their power to rebuke & to correct an evil of so much magnitude.

Mr Rupperius is the individual who has rendered himself most censurable in this affair; & has in my opinion rendered himself & the colony in this instance accessory to this detestable & nefarious trade. The circumstances connected with the case are these. A slave factory at Bonny belonging to the far famed slave dealer, Pedro Blanco, of Galinas has recently been broken up & by order of the proprietors the men who were engaged in it purchased a vessel to convey themselves & all their effects to Galinas — they were likewise instructed to put on board all the slaves they might have there, touch in the vicinity of Cape Palmas & purchase rice & then go on to Galinas. They brought these two slaves along, being all that they had. These facts were communicated to me by an officer of the vessel at Cavally sometime before it was thought that it would be necessary for them to come to Cape Palmas to have some repairs done & when there did not exist any reason for concealing the real state of the case. The native people at Cavally were generally acquainted with the fact that were two slaves on board of the vessel for many of them had seen them. Last Sabbath the vessel anchored off Graway & forthwith despatched a boat

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