to insert such as postage of letters, mending shoes, Blacking, Apples &c., indeed it would require another sheet of paper to give every item.

After deducting the foregoing amt. from the cash placed in my hands you will discover a ballance of Thirty four 37/100 Dollars; from which there is to be deducted six or seven Dollars for conveyance of the subject from Boston, perhaps it is more but certainly not less.

Dr. Phelps has informed me that I must have dissecting instruments which he has sent to Boston, for (Price Nine Dolls) by deducting the two last amounts from above it will show the nett ballance in Dr Phelps's possession.

Will you please allow me a stipulated amount per month to dispose of as I see proper; it shall not be misapplied, what is generally termed "Spending money". I shall be happy to have any title, you may be able to judge of a suitable amount by allowing your mind to revert back to your youthful days, when perhaps you also considered a small sum necessary under that name. Such allowance would prevent me from exceeding what might be considered the proper sum, and without some such arrangement I might incur censure.

I heard a few days ago of the death of Mr White Missionary to Cape Palmas, and of the dangerous illness of his lady. I am really sorry, and hope that it will not intimidate others who were anxious to go there. His death will display to you the plausibility of sending Missionaries to Africa without their wives, as they can be of no manner of service to each other at first, but rather a cause of care which aggravates their illness. If Mrs White recovers she will return; use her influence to prevent others from undertaking it & thereby injure the cause.

I flatter myself that if on my return to Liberia the African fever does not kill me, I shall make a bold stroke towards lessening it of its terrors.

How do you like the Constitution which has lately been drawn for Liberia? In my opinion it does tolerably, except in giving Monrovia too much the precedence. It cannot take at Cape Palmas; as the greater mass of the Monrovians were never favorable to our Colony, and I believe would yet do what they could to injure it by discouraging persons from settling there; this is well known at Palmas, as there is no anxiety to be any connexion except for traffic.

Had any of your board a hand in drawing up the resolution if not, it may not meet with general approbation, even on this side the Atlantic. In my opinion the Amn. Col Society reserves rather too much for themselves, and thereby displays this ambition.

I hope ere you sanction the measure, you may ~~first~~ apprise the Colonists, so as to hear their opinion of it. I should like to be in Liberia when it was received, it will create as great a stir as an attempt to alter the constitution of the U. States would to Americans.

Will you please allow Mr Shepard to see the enclosed accounts. Our hills are yet covered with snow, altho the trees has commenced shooting forth their buds. It is as cold here daily, as I ever experienced in Baltimore in Dec.

Remain Yr Obedt Servant

J M Gill

Rev Jos A Easter.
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