informed that it was my intention to make a road to his country, and that the missionaries would open schools for his young people. He is a most respectable looking man.

I believe on the whole, that we are doing as well as any of our sister colonies, and perhaps a "little better", which I suppose must be attributed to the advantages of our situation, as we have the same "material" to work with.

As curiosities, you will receive from Mr Holmes Esq. one pair Ashanti slippers from Cape Coast; and a grass cap from Cavally River. Mr Holmes has been so successful in collecting, that I almost despair of ever being able hereafter to send anything which will be considered as a curiosity.

From Mr Holmes you will be able to learn many particulars about our situation, and our present wants; and I must say in his favor, that no man could be more devoted to the interests and welfare of the colony than he has been. Perhaps a few more years experience might have been of some advantage.

I hope you will authorize me to send the Expedition vessel after landing his passengers back to the Cape Delende to procure Jackas & should the Master fail in stopping there on his way out

With much respect
Your Obdt Servt
Jno. B. Russwurm
Agt S. C. S.

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