Cape Palmas July 7th 1837

My dear Sir

I dare presume to write to you hoping that these few lines may find you and yours enjoying the blessings of health. you have been informed before this time by the Revd Mr Wilson of my intention, of this I now take this opportunity of sending a small Box / its contents will be as mentioned by the above named gentleman, since that time, Dr Bacon has visited this place, and on inspection he pronounced it not what we expected it was, (without knowing from whence it came) however you will be the best judge, did it prove so, I believed and trusted that — the whole of the interest would have turned to the — Prosperity of African Colonization

No doubt before now you have heard a great deal said about my conduct, but I trust ~~from my~~ a clear conscience that I had acted with pure motives and I put before god that I was doing my duty to the society in saving its property as far as laid in my power

As to the society Books I had never seen them although I do not know what I might have done with (as is reported) them Mr H made up his mind to leave without divulging his intention to any person being terribly mortified at the apparent of J. B. R. Esq. he put every thing in the utmost confusion and in 24 hours he left without giving me any direction he took good care to keep me so far from all business that I would not have known how to have proceeded did not the Dr Request that I should take care and put up with any thing and look out for the society as this gentleman was young and wanted experience in some things one thing more and I shall stop for this time

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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