not arise from neglect.

I have taken due notice of the different heads embraced in your letter of instructions, and shall endeavor to bear them constantly in mind. As soon as I am a little settled at Harper, I shall express myself fully on those to which a more particular attention is requested by the Board.

Mr Holmes, who is at present here, will return ~~this~~ next week to Harper in the Schooner Caroline & proceed immediately to arrange his accounts & preparatory this departure & my arrival. He has consented to remain till my arrival, which will probably be about 20th October, as I have fixed upon the 15th for embarkation.

As the Board have with great liberality granted me the privilege of appointing the Assistant Agent, I have conferred it upon Mr G. P. McGill who has agreed to act also as physician pro tem. until some better arrangements could be made. I conceive that his "African experience" will be of great service to the Board & Colony. His salary is fixed at Eight hundred Dollars per annum. He will embark with me.

I find it difficult to procure a competent person for Book Keeper at what I deem a fair compensation, ie from $300 to $350 per annum. Mr Holmes informs me that I must procure one as Mr Snetter is altogether unacquainted with Book Keeping. I almost despair of procuring one at present unless I offer more salary. The wrong colonists are not much in favor of our carrying off so many respectable persons from Monrovia, and secretly outbid us I suspect.

I am sorry to inform you that some misunderstanding has arisen between Messrs Holmes & Snetter. Mr Holmes will, I suspect, write you fully on the subject. This places me in rather an unpleasant dilemma.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obdt. Servt.
Jno. P. Ruffavurm

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