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To the Corresponding Secretary
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Mr. Latrobe Sir I hope this may find you in good health as it now leaves me. My chief purpose for addressing a few lines to you is concerning my services rendered Doctor Hall in the purchase of the land at Cape Palmas according to the application made to me by Col Hall which I be said was the request of the Maryland board to go down with him in the capacity of Commissioner &c. I complied assuring me at the same time that I should be truly compensated for my services I in order to render what assistance I possibly could in such a good cause was induced to leave my business in a very unsettled state from which I have suffered immense loss. I rendered him all the assistance I possibly could in every way whatever the time I staid there as I have no doubt he will himself assert but I was compelled to return in consequence of not having any person to promptly attend to my business at home for whom I left to transact my business has almost involved me when I returned so much so that I could not conveniently return according to promise and I was being pretty well advanced in Years thought it prudent to remain with my friends difficulty matter for a person to establish himself when he once breaks up and is not prepared so to do during the time I remained there I drew a lot fronted a house and erected the same and had allowance considerably in the completion of it since which Dad Hall has completed it and I do humbly entreat the board that if they think not also me any global sum for services rendered as a commissioner which has been customary heretofore that they will allow me the house and lot as I am induced to request some compensation owing particularly to the immense loss of property to the amount of six hundred dollars which I sustained in the late War with Sec Harris should this meet the approbation of the honourable board which I hope it will it will be a great favour conferred on their humble and obt Servt

James Duncan

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