I have place bear a pleasing aspect already when you look from the Top of the Mount Tubman over the plain that they are spread it is a delightful view we have in the whole settlement something more than a hundred and fifty acres of land under cultivation at this date by the various settlers about four of which is in cotton now in bloom bidding fair shortly it may be a grand similarity to its palmy days the balance of the land under cultivation contains Potatoes Cassada Pantains with some of every Tropical production & vegetation &c.

The general expression of the colonists is that they must turn their attention to agriculture above any thing else or never be independent the abest of them is now leading the way, it is my continual endeavour in calling their attentions to that subject above all others some have come out with me on the subject others embrace it with all their might. ---

I am sorry to say that various Missionarys in their extensive improvement in the settlement employs the most able & industrious of the settlers at all times in getting timber building houses &c to the great anoyance of agriculture I know not what may be the result in the end some of them I fear (I mean the Missionarys) in their meddling with our Colonial affairs very unbecomingly taking grounds works for complaints among the settlers against the proceedings of the Agency, it is to much discord & disunion in the settlement it is very grievous and while it is suffered to continue it will always be a cause of hard feelings between us. I trust the Lord will bring it in his own good time and in the way he sees fit. ---

The last is a case that excited some considerable attention in the settlement which I have received orginated from very improper motives for which I have been much grieved I do not question that you will have a full detail of all of the whole accurrence in the despatches, Mr Ruswurm who is more able than myself to make a proper statement, but I feel it to be my duty to make some statement not knowing what he has said on the subject It is in relation to the case of James M Tompson, who was charged with improper intercourse with native woman at Robuces, also to have meddle with a girl that lived in the house with him, on Doct Savage coming out here he being an Episcopal Minister in attempting to establish the church & making ready for the Holy sacrament, he calls on Mr Tompson preparatory than is Tompson appeared to have been in much distress & pleaded unworthy then Dr Savage (as you will see in his letters published in the Mr J B V. Dispatches) to elicit confession of all his crimes under the promis of the strictest secrecy, but after having got something out of him he then expelled him from the church & discharged him from the Mission directing him to leave the settlement seperate from his wife and child and go into to some part of the West Indies & there remain until he had repented of his crime, it appeared that Mr S thought the punishment too much to undergo & did not comply & in consequence Doct Savage revealed the secret to various of the settlers that he regarded to Thompson. he and them together reported the thing to one of the magistrates one of the same mess who called a "Court of Enquiry" where J. was summoned to appear Doct S. with all his train of witnesses and made their complaints nothing was considered in the examination of Doct S. he said that he knew of nothing but charges such as he could satisfy him that Robuces was at a certain time belonging to the Settlement he was no more to it, Mr J. was dismissed, however after some weeks it was found out that the place did belong to the Colony at a certain date, then another court was got up and the case reexamined, when a charge was entered and Thompsons cited to appear at the next court of Monthly Session on trial at which Thompson pleaded not guilty, on examination the witnesses, as follows. Doct S. stated that he most he knew on the subject was Mr J. own confession than he Doct S. produced some notes said to be copies of Thompsons confession to him which was objected to in Thompsons reading & the original if any, was demanded, which was not produced, there being no other evidence in the case except those that had heard what they knew on the subject from the Doct. Therefore the court could not

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