Rev John Payne
Cape Palmas Africa
To
Rev Ira D. Easton
July 10th 1838.

Rec Ira D. Easton
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Baltimore
Mary Land
U.S. America

Harper, Mdl in Liberia,
July 7. 1838.

J. H. B. Latrobe Esq
Pres. Mr. St. C. S.

Dear Sir,

I embrace the present opportunity by the departure of Mr Thomas Jackson for the United States to inform you of the safe arrival of Sch. Columbia, Capt Hankins at this port on 1st instant. Her passengers generally arrived in good health: although rather unexpected from the heavy fall expedition sent out last, & the despatches per Mary Paulina not coming to hand, yet I have exerted my best to make them comfortable

My advices per S. Elizabeth informed you, that there was a scarcity of rice last season unparallelled for this coast: when I read therefore in despatches that ample provisions had been laid in for the emigrants six months, I felt relieved, though the scarcity is still greater: you may judge of my astonishment, when after having landed 8 Bbls Beef & Pork 1 do Sigs. 1 do Fish, 1 Dr meal, 1/2 do Molasses 3 1/4 Boxes Soap, & 1 do Tea, Capt Hankins informed me, that this was those all the emigrants stores. The point could not be contested as I had no invoice from the agents in Baltimore. I know it would afford more satisfaction to the emigrants myself, if the provisions for their six months consumption in Africa, were put in seperate from those intended for the voyage.

As the matter now stands, I shall be under the necessity of supplying myself the first opportunity. I am really

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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