Our people are also much to blame, as many houses have not proper fastenings, though they know the natives will steal. It would gratify me, if you would send out a new set of blue for King Freeman. His size is one of the largest. Jackson might give a pretty good guess.

Summary — I am sorry we have received no garden seeds by this vessel. For want of them, we have no gardens worth looking at. Every expedition ought to bring out a pipe box of seeds. We cannot raise only one or two kinds in this climate. The Columbian brought out 40 or 5000 feet plank for the missionaries. Your colonists also need buildings to shelter them on their farms, and it would be economy to put 80 or 90000 feet sawn plank in every emigrant vessel you send out in future. Half the difficulty of settling emigrants early in their lots would be overcome. Our sawyers now ask $5 for what little plank they cut at the pit. The waggon has arrived, but like its predecessor the cannon is altogether too heavy for my little Dunza mare. We have but two horses now alive, and shall certainly expect an additional supply of stocks if nothing more in the fall. I have not been at pains to touch upon many subjects of deep interest, as very full despatches were sent home by Dr Savage. The Board will also be able to learn many facts from Mr Jackson, which may have escaped my notice. You will receive from Mr Jackson a sample of our tobacco and a native cartridge box. This reminds me of the need we have of 100 good cartridge boxes to accompany the guns I have asked of the Board. Would it not be worth the trial to send out a few horses from Baltimore. Horses have been often brought from England to Sierra Leone, which have outlived their masters; & there are several English horses now in the Colony. They ought to be young and vigorous, to bid defiance to the fever.

With much respect.

Your Obdt. Servt.

Jno. B. Russwurm

Agt. M. C. S.

P.S. We have been talking of a steam saw Mill — and if you send out plank by any vessel I cant see how we are to get along without one.

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