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Cape Palmas Africa
To
Mr. Moses Sheppard
July 10th 1838.

Moses Sheppard
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Prospect
Cape Palmas 10 July, 1838

Mr. Coates

Dear Sir

You will see I have given a full and impartial account of the state of the colony in its prospects. Sorry, very sorry I am to say, the state of my health prevents the writing more at present. I am sick, but not dangerous. I have been ill one week, for near, or quite, a week the school I contracted imprudently by going to night meetings. The colony at present is in good health, but times are hard, necessaries are high & very few in any person to be seen. You could not collect one dollar by the list with a pack of hire, labourers in the service and in the population of the place. For sir - I only believe this is all for the best. We have been taught - what the Lord, the Lord has graciously shown us. Yesterday I superintended the building of a house. We have hired carpenters for the sake of a little earning, because it is an immediate want, and depend upon the Lord for our food. But we begin to learn not in vain are not fools if we buy of them we have to pay cash for the labour

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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