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the former is more profitable and healthy, withal at the years end, if its gains are not so immediate. He need not go far to write such the baneful effects of exposure in swamps during the rains. I predict, there are not 12 persons who have followed it for 6 years who are now able to labor. It will afford you pleasure to know that several of the colonists have planted out their young coffee trees, which are quite thriving; and so highly are they prized, that 25 cents is paid for one.

Already, there begins to be a scarcity of rice among the Cape Palmas people; & I shall feel disappointed if the promised small vessel comes not out with the expedition. They have selected their farms & will cut them earlier on this account. I shall plant some corn about the time they put in their rice. I should like to try some summer wheat here. Some years ago, a Barrel of Barbary wheat was sent to Monrovia, but it had been so long in the U.S. that it never came up. The Bread fruit & cocoa could be propagated easily, if some young plants could be sent out from the West Indies via U.S. Our only tropical plants at present growing, are, sour sop, orange, lime, lemon, guava, rose and pine apples.

Public Farm — Has been prosecuted with considerable energy during past season, but owing to its being a very unfavorable one, not much has been raised except cassadas & potatoes. Pains were taken to have on the ground a quantity of manure; & the spot where the cotton seed was put in was well covered over. It was ploughed thrice, as it was my determination to give the seed a fair trial, but this second experiment has proved no better than the first; & if cotton is to be raised for export, it must be from the Approean seed which thrives finely. The plant grows well, but when it begins to bear, there is a small insect, which plays havoc among its pods before they are prepared to be picked. I calculate that 200 lbs have been raised this season. The experiment so far as it has been tried by the colonists, proves that land should be well broken up

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A. Letter Books

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