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Cape Palmas April 21. 1839

Sir.

The Sabrina anchored here yesterday with Rev. Mr. Savage and Ft Teage. with other visitors from Monrovia. and sails again tomorrow I wrote to you an account of the state of the health of the colony by a Salem vessel. I stated there that all the emigrants per Oberon were pretty well. and are so still. Four died The health of the colonists generally is very good. my own health has never been so good in Africa before. with the exception of a few days sickness after landing I have been quite well. I feel no hesitation in deciding on the superior healthiness of this place over the other settlement further north. It seems as you approach the equator and in proportion to your removal from the tropic. the climate becomes more uniform, with less marked distinction between the rainy and dry seasons I have no doubt that the mean temperature here will be found less than the other colonies nearest to the tropic of Cancer. The weather is generally clear and bright. and the nature of the soil is such that the air is much drier.

The people are doing a little at agriculture I am sure if they had animals, they would do much, and not lose them. The scarcity of the public farm is owing to the employment of oxen I hope you will be able to supply, those who wish to buy such animals —

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