distress, one Captain, two mates and a clerk. Capt. Lincoln had protested before me against the underwriters, and the document has been drawn up as he requested. I have a copy of Mintofi's Precedents.

The Ship-wreck of the Emperor, I understand, has been the means of adjusting the Boar palaver at Tabou; for in order mutually to enjoy the prize fate threw them this way; both parties have agreed to come on terms of peace. I have been told too, that Capt. Thence, an old English trader on the coast, has been trying hard to get a foot-hold there. I shall, if nothing happens to prevent, go down in my canoe as soon as the weather moderates, if possible to anticipate his movements.

Two cases of bastardy, I am sorry to say, have lately occurred in the colony. The last case, the woman being rather of a loose character, the matter was brought before the Court of Monthly Sessions, and submitted to a jury; but contrary to the law and the evidence, the Jury acquitted the defendant. The Court however, finding that more heed was given to old women's claims than to their instructions, and the evidence, ordered a new trial. There needs some law, to stop this evil, which if not prevented, will increase with the growth of the colony.

We are all highly pleased with the building of the Cape Palmas packet, and hope the investment will prove in the end, not an unprofitable one to the Society. We shall look with much anxiety for her arrival at the time appointed with a select company of emigrants and a good assortment of merchandise. I hope the supply of a load of horses and jacks will not be overlooked by the Board, and that the plan I propose, of landing the emigrants first and then going for a load will meet their approbation.

Accompanying this I enclose sundry bills of Goods for which bills have been drawn on the Treasurer.

P.S. Since penning the preceding lines, I have succeeded in getting two English vessels to carry the Emperor's crew as far as Monrovia, by provisioning them. I have still two sick American sailors on my hands. Dr Hall left here on 22d ult for U.S. via Sierra Leone & Gambia.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Svt.

Jno. B. Russwurm
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