pitied them, when not allowed to trade with us, but all took advantage of their situation by charging 100, and even 200 p.ct. for all supplies of foreign goods. The wants of a native are few, but such as, they are, he will sacrifice almost any thing to gratify them. The sensible among them know that they cannot do without our cloth, tobacco, powder, guns &c. no less than we can without their rice and palm oil.)

Education — The colonial free school No 1 has been well attended during most of the year, as you will perceive by reference to paper marked E. At my request, after Mr Alleyne's death, Mr Wilson was kind enough to admit ten of the most promising boys and girls into the mission school ~~mission~~; but so careless are the parents of this privilege, that but few have improved it by sending their children regularly. All the colonists deplore the want of education, and a few are willing to make every exertion to send their children to school, but the majority think it all sufficient, if they can stammer through a book, and scratch their names on paper. I am much in want of a good teacher for this school, as it is the only one, at present, supported by the society. Located in the country, at the intersection of 3 Roads it will always have plenty of scholars, if a well qualified ~~Teacher~~ has charge. Several colonists children are attending the Mount Vaughan mission school.

Health of the colonists — The general health through the year must be considered as good; and I shall not enter into details as I expect Doctor McGill will communicate with the Board by this opportunity. Doctor McDowell left here for Monrovia Dec 27th 1839.

New Territorial Map and Plot of Harper — Have been drawn by Mr Ricey, at my request, for the use of the Board, From the map, you will be able to form a pretty good idea of your territory in Africa. Mr Ricey has taken considerable pains to have correct soundings of our harbor, by going over the ground himself; the want of which nearly occasioned the loss of a Hamburgh brig which struck on a sunken rock off the Cape, while entering the harbor about 14 months ago.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Jno. B. Russwurm,
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