Cape Palmas Jn. 29. 1840

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Dear Sir,

My last communication to the Board is of so recent a date, that my apology for writing at present is the opportunity which offers. I have nothing peculiarly interesting to send. Since May, we have had no rains scarcely though in the middle of the rains. Rice crops are suffering greatly for want of wet, & it is the general impression that our next crops must fall short.

The oil trade has been very brisk, ~~and small~~ and small as our little boat is, I have found her of great service in collecting oil from Grand Sess and Gorraway where I have had a clear coast for several weeks; but she is altogether too small, carrying only 16 Barrels - I can make money for the Board if the means are put into my hands - having decided advantages on the transient trader.

The more I reflect on the plan of making trade defray part of your expenses, the greater a[illegible] I become for engaging without delay in it. Only a few years will elapse before Grand Sess will become as celebrated as Jacque Jacques, if wars with interior natives are avoided. Palm oil has been abundant every where from Cape Bassa to Berriby, and want of goods & casks has been the constant cry. Where all comes from I know not; but Dr Hall might have loaded another vessel as large as the Fulgar by remaining 4 weeks longer in the coast.

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