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Respected Sir

In compliance with the direction of Governor Russwurm who left here day before yesterday in the Schooner "Latrobe" a vessel recently purchased, on a short visit to the leeward, I address a few lines to you, though I have nothing of importance to communicate. Governor Russwurm will only be absent a few days, he will not perhaps go lower down the coast than Bexley. The Schooner Latrobe arrived about a week ago from Monrovia where she underwent considerable repairs, and will no doubt prove a great benefit to the Colony. On my late visit to Cape Mesurado I had an opportunity of visiting Caldwell and Millsburg after an absence of about four years, and comparing their situation and prospects with that of our favored colony in Liberia. I regret very much to say that the unpleasant affair between Governor Buchanan, and Mr. Seys has not yet terminated, Strong hopes however are entertained of its being soon amicably settled. I believe Mr. S. & family are expected to visit the States. Our own affairs I believe remain in the same state as at the date of our last communications. All is peace and quiet. And Maryland in Liberia still continues to gain friends. Its general health is good. Our Cape Palmas [illegible] have [illegible] and bid fair so far to have good crops of rice. All depends upon the season. Last year the long drought in most cases blasted the rice before it headed. The sugar

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