sic from his farm. This palaver was referred to the magistrate who agreed upon the prisoner's guilt, but differed about amount of damages. It came up before Mr. Freeman & myself, & we decided that the American should pay Damages four Dollars. One Dollar was also awarded by me to the interpreter. This amount was paid by the Owner, & the magistrate was instructed to collect it ~~the amount~~ from prisoner either in cordwood or labor, with costs. The prisoner publicly said that he came into town to thank me for "hearing det the palaver", yet these lawless men say that no American shall be judged in palaver with natives, without being held to a jury of his countrymen. Upon me devolves ignorant of the proper argument to [illegible] in a civil suit, in all cases where natives are parties. When the madness is to stop is a question. Men who see few days, & work a simple actual judgment full satisfaction to their branch of the law. But this is not enough: the ong hundred must be tried by a jury at the next Court of Africa.

From necessity, I have drawn a bill for $362 at 60 days in favor of U.S. Law in for supplies — also one at 90 days on account my Salary in favor of W. R. Stockbridge for Two hundred & fifty Dollars — Part of the first is on account salaries of civil officers. If the Expedition has not sailed, I hope she will be sent out immediately as your stores will be nearly bare of trade goods & Tobacco.

With much respect,
Your Obdt Servt.
Jno. B. Russwurm
Actg. S. C. S.

P.S. I hope a new Agent or an appointment for one will come out in the Expedition of my determination to resign as soon as I hear of the receipt of my Letter