You will perceive, dear Sir, that nothing is said in these resolutions concerning colored persons, from other colonies that you may see, who may be in the employ of the mission as teachers. The classes of persons who they mean are, first, natives of Africa belonging to independent tribes, & connected with the mission either as helpers or pupils; & secondly, our own missionaries & African missionaries, whether clergymen or laymen. Indeed, we use the word assistant to denote lay helpers sent from this country to assist the ordained labourers, or missionaries, as they are called.

I did think of writing you at once both in connection with these resolutions, but on further reflection it does not appear necessary. You will be aware, now, we take the ground, that the objects & plans of missionary & colonization societies in western Africa, are incompatible with each other; or any other, which the christian public will regard in that light.

We wrote to our missionary by the Shenandoah, which sailed from this port last Monday, with Messrs. Griswold & Walker, two new missionaries we are sending to western Africa. We shall be desirous of writing again by your vessel, if we hear that she has not sailed. There is, however, a vessel (the brig 'Ceylon') to sail two or three weeks hence from Salem, as we understand, & to touch at Cape Palmas. In case your vessel is gone, & you wish to write by the 'Ceylon' after receiving this letter, & you have no agent in Salem, we will see your letters on board if sent to our care.

I regret that the instructions we gave Messrs. Griswold & Walker are not printed, so that I can send you a copy. They go into a description of Western Africa as a field for missionary enterprise.

I am, my dear Sir,
with great respect,
very truly yours,

R. Anderson,
Sec. of A. B. C. F. M.

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