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Dr James Hall,
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Mr Secretary &c
Md State Col Soc

Dear Sir

Since reaching this City I have conferred with several members of the Foreign Committee and find the disposition to be decidedly in favor of modifying the application of the Foreign Committee according to the suggestions made at the Conference with the Committee of your Board. I feel therefore no hesitation on the part of said Committee of the Board of Mission & our Church respectfully to request of the Board of Managers of the Md State Col Soc that all natives residing at the Mission Stations of our Church within the Colony of Liberia in Liberia whether pupils or others may be exempted from doing military duty. In this application it will be borne in mind that in consequence of the efforts of the Episcopal mission in behalf of the moral & religious interests of the Colonists, a number have become incorporated with the mission as pupils and otherwise; such has not been the case in the Mission of the Am Board. It being now understood that such Colonists cannot be exempted, the Mission has its remedy in confining its efforts to the natives & prohibiting others from residing within its precincts.

In regard to the statement that similar regulation of trade with those at Cape Palmas had been adopted at Monrovia by mutual Consent and made the basis of the latter act of your Colony, I feel an ongoing of the Md Soc would be