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Dear Sir

I have the honor to announce by this conveyance, the safe arrival of the Harriet with emigrants and supplies after a passage of 37 days. Since my communication by Capt Lawlin, I have written via New Orleans, informing you, that your Colony was in a perfectly healthy state; and I am proud to have it still in my power to add, that we still continue so. Whatever little palavers arise among ourselves, I have always found but little difficulty in bringing matters to a settlement; but on the vexatious questions which have, from time to time, arisen with the Presbyterian & Episcopalian missions, with the half way measures pursued by the Board I can see no end; and my reasons for this attention, I will deduce hereafter.

In the first question referring to our right to exact military duty from Dr Banks, one of Mr W's teachers, you apparently admitted that your agent had only performed his duty, yet you excused him from duty, because Mr Wilson said, that Dr Hall had given him a verbal promise to that effect? Where was the written Constitution guaranteed to you colonists in the meanwhile? Can any promise of mine as Agent render nugatory one of its articles? In releasing one man was not the weight heavier on the rest, and were they not deprived of certain rights by this act? Did not this release