Monrovia Liberia
Cape Palmas
Rec'd & Answered
Aug 30 1842

To,
Mr. Ferry
Colonization Office
Baltimore

Cape Palmas Africa,
Agency House May 24, 1842.

J. H. B. Latrobe Esq
Pres. M.S. & C.S. Society.

Dear Sir,

The departure of Dr McGill for the U States affords an opportunity too favorable to be neglected; but having addressed you so often, of late, I am afraid my despatches will have but little interest in them.

You will be glad to learn, that the emigrants per Harriet have passed through their acclimating fever without the loss of a single individual. Two families are already placed in their own houses; and the dwellings for two others are so near ready, that they will be able to move within ten days. They seem better satisfied than new emigrants generally – in fact, they have been nursed like children, having received more attention than usual. Too much credit cannot be awarded Dr McGill for his unwearied attention during the fever.

The Catholic missionaries have also passed through the fever and are proceeding in their operations. Nine of the usual building lots have been set apart for their use, in East Harper, near the Presbyterian's. They were unwilling to locate farther out. They seem pleased with their reception by colonists and natives, and bid fair to be an acquisition to all. We wish them success in their labors, and hope they will never be the "thorn in our side" which others have proved. According to instructions, every facility in the power of your Agent, has been rendered.

You would be pleased to witness our present state of bustle & activity. There need not be an idle man in the colony, unless too lazy to work. I know not what are the causes which retard the progress of our sister colonies, but all visitors & strangers give Cape Palmas

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

7. 1841—1842

1842