the palm: & the truth cannot be disguised, that we are creep=
=ing ahead every year, with a steady pace, and could we re=
=ceive annually, 100 good emigrants our progress would be
accelerated proportionably.

At the the request of the Tubman people, I have procured
a passage for Cyrus Tubman and prepared a power of at=
torney for him to act in their behalf in obtaining the balance
of their legacy. I place little confidence in his effecting any thing
as he is an unlettered man, but I had to do something, to sa=
tisfy them, that the Board of Managers was willing to
forward their interests as far as they could. They all speak
so confidently of the legacy, that I can give no hints, but re=
commend Cyrus as being a peaceable man & good citizen,
& hope he may accomplish something by your assistance &
advice.

The destruction of the Mary Carver, E. Farewell master of Boston
and the massacre of every soul on board by the natives of Berrily
is an event of so exciting a nature, that I cannot pass it
over unnoticed. This is the second vessel captured by them
within a year; and if the U States Govert. take no measures
to punish them, other natives will think they may murder
Americans, & plunder their vessels, with impunity. It is
my belief, that all the Kings from Kabookah to Berrily had
a previous knowledge of this nefarious business — as Crack
ow (the headman of Little Berrily) was sick at the time at
Kabookah. You will learn from Dr Mesill the details of
this affair, and how much caution must be used to appre=
hend parties concerned. Mere burning a few villages will
be nothing in their estimation. I suppose our coast experience
will be of some service to such gentlemen as may be
ordered out by the Navy Department.

A great scarcity of cattle prevails to the Windward while po=
=tatoes can be purchased here for 50 cents per bushel cash, or
80 cents currency — of rice we have enough to carry us

through till next year crop; though I do not allow the old colon=
=ists as much as they want, as many would subsist on it alone,
without using potatoes and other vegetables. I wish also to
throw obstacles in the way of their depending so much on the
store for supplies — many are able to lay in their rice at the
proper season, but will not, because they have been accus=
tomed to get supplies from the store — or they may perhaps
live a little by hunting the cattle, or spring shots the roaches
&c. would destroy.

We are likely to lose the labors of two valuable citizens,
who are about to join the Methodist mission. I refer
to Thomas Jackson & James Dennis. I do not blame
them, if they have the true missionary spirit, but they
are so comfortably situated at present, that I think
they will regret leaving the colony.

Farming operations are kept up as usual at the farm;
& the teams prove so serviceable, that I do not see how people
can farm without oxen or jacks. All the oxen purchased
& dashed to the colonists, are dead & killed except one,
and I think the jacks would have shared the same fate
if they had been distributed when they first arrived.
We have eleven large & small — I have two mules for
my mare. I am sorry to say that our cane field does
not appear near so promising as it did last year,
from the long drought which we had during our days.
I shall plant the canes much nearer after I take off
the present crop — distance 4 feet between the rows.

I send the accts for the last six months up to Jany 1. 1842
left unfinished by Mr Revey, by this conveyance. The
Board will be able to learn so many particulars about
their colony from Dr Mesill and other individuals

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