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To Mr. Peters
Colonization Agent

Waterbury Vermont
Oct. 26th 1842

Rev. Doring Clark

Dear Sir

Our former acquaintance induces me to trespass on your time with a few remarks relative to the difficulties at Cape Palmas.

My attention was called a few days since to the communication of Dr McGill & your appended notes. I think your notes instead of securing "justice to be done" are calculated to have the contrary effect. Under note (a) after admitting the error of the committee of the Board in stating that the difficulty grew out of a fine upon a Native instead of a Colonist, which you term as I hope is true an "inadvertant fall, you remark "although it has no particular bearing upon the merits of the case under consideration". I differ from you entirely. It is as I suppose a material point in settling the origin of the difficulties. If it had been a "native African" over whom the Colonial authority had have attempted this exercise of power, the course of the Missionary in resisting it, would at least have had some paliation, but when he attempted to resist the action of the law upon "a Colonist who had sworn to obey that law & drawn his land & was a citizen it greatly alters, our opinion of the propriety of his course. As this was the first difficulty

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