of controversy between Gov. Finnywarm and the Rev. Mr. Wilson, and to give some account of the subsequent correspondence between Jas. B. Latrobe Esq., on the part of Colonial Board, & the Executive Committee of the A.B.C.F.M. together with the results of the correspondence, but I was not informed with regard to any new grounds of complaint, and especially, I had never heard an intimation of the extirpating policy of which Mr. Freeman writes; and in short I had the honority to declare that the allegations in toto contradicted all that I knew of the proceedings and motives of the Board with which I had acted in Maryland, that I was confident it was wholly unfounded in fact, & that the authorities of the Colony, both in this country and in Africa had acted under the most benevolent feelings toward the natives, & was warranted by the good understanding which has long existed between the colonists and the neighbouring tribes. So far as our Miss. Board is concerned the slanderous allegation will be utterly harmless, but as it may do mischief in England, where there is already great prejudice against colonization, and where it is very desirable to impress the community favorably with respect to the aid which colonization affords to Mission effort, I have deemed it proper to enclose you the "copy" as a document.

I have read the account contained in the "Evangelist" of the proceedings of the A.B.C.F.M. in reference to their stations at Cape Palmas. Should a indisposition your Board may be to enter into a controversy with that Body, you cannot now decline it. You must explain and refute. Your own periodical is too limited in its circulation to meet the necessity. If you make a clear case of it "The Christian Advocate and Journal" is at your service, as I do not think its pages could be devoted to a more righteous cause, or one which if not hindered by sectarian jealousies, is likely to do more real service to the cause of our common Christianity.

I beg pardon for my prolixity. Your Board as well as yourself must know that besides the common treatment of traitors, I labour under the irresistable propensity to garrulity which afflicts all old men.

Yr. old friend

Tho. E. Bond

P.S. Please, between the inclosed papers as I may have occasion for it. Keep no copy. — T.E.B.

(Copy.)

Cape Coast Castle,
Western Africa,
June 25th, 1842.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

I have written to the Committee respecting the building of a house at Dix Cove, and Mr Watson's immediate departure from Anamabu, to take up his permanent residence there. My reason for taking such a step just now is the fear that our American friends might have an opportunity of saying we had kept them out of Dix Cove and were now neglecting the place ourselves.

I am sorry to say that our American friends at Cape Palmas find themselves placed in very great difficulties. Time will not permit me to enter into detail to any extent.— They are at issue with the Coloured American Colonists. Our Brethren are of course endeavouring to raise and exalt the Natives and the heartless Colonists are violently opposing them in their work, and proceeding with reference to the Natives, on the principle of Extirpation.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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