reference to Capt. Ramsay's interference with our jurisdiction &c meets the views of the Board of Managers; and that the subject will be discussed by the Boards in U. States & settled to prevent a recurrence of the like. I conceive it to be important that U. States commanders sent to this Coast should be instructed by the Secy. of the Navy, not to interfere within the limits of the several colonies, unless called upon by the authorities. None can be more sensible than I am, that the most friendly feelings should be cultivated between the Colonial Governments & the officers commanding the different vessels. The interests of the Colonies require it: and the best of every thing that could be procured, had ever been placed at their service. Capt. R. must be sensible of this from the inconvenience we put ourselves under to visit his Ship, 2 or 3 miles off, in a very rough day (in the rainy season) before himself or any of his officers had visited the Shore.

The decease of Mr. Avery deprived me of a Colonial Secretary up to the arrival of the expedition. I have appointed as Secretary Mr. W. A. Prout who has been serving the Society for the last 6 years as their Store Keeper, with much fidelity & acceptance — His place will be filled by Mr. D. C. McFarland from Sinoe, who will enter on his duties this day. He comes well recommended, besides an acquaintance of several years. Mr. Prout's salary is fixed at $450 — and Mr. McFarland at $350 — payable in drafts or goods. The accounts for 1842 have been necessarily delayed on account of help, but you may expect them up to July (if not December) by the Barque Roderick Dhu Capt. Lind of Providence which will leave the coast in a few weeks.

The coffee plants are doing well, & the success which has crowned D. Wilson's labors encourages others to persevere. We have one acre, at least, of cotton planted at the farm which looks better than any I have yet seen. Our crop of corn also turned out better than any previously — Seed from Cape Coast — We stand in much need of Garden & other tropical seeds. Garden seeds we must have, as they degenerate when they seed in this country.

The Report of the Committee drawn by Mr. Mayer has not come to hand. It will be highly gratifying to see it and to shew it to friends in Africa & U.S. How grateful to your Agent's feelings is the approbation of the Board of Managers, words can scarcely convey — May he continue, by a faithful discharge of duty, to merit it.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obdt. Servt. &c
Jno. B. Pinnock
Agt. S. C. S.

P.S. We stand in much need of School books & Stationary for the offices — None of the former are to be had on the Coast — Besides our Free School No 1, we have had a tri weekly Sewing School for the last six mos. — Averages of Free School No. 1. for 1842, have been: 1st mo — 25½ — 2d mo. 20⅓ — 3d mo. 18 — 4th mo. 20⅓ — 5th mo. 17 — 6th mo. 12½ — 7 mo. 22⅓ — 8th mo. 19 15/23 — 9th mo. 18 4/16 — 10th mo. 19 5/7 — 11 mo. 21 — 12th mo. 23 — Our prospects are fair for erecting a Light House on the Cape, during this year, from anchorage money collected from vessels — The Lantern has already been sent for.

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A. Letter Books

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