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Dr James Hall

I have received a letter from Mr Wilson formerly at Cape Palmas in which he contradicts Dr McGill's letter positively as to the connection of Banks with his mission. McGill states that Banks was neither a native nor a teacher. As McGill wrote under your eye I presumed he would not so boldly assert without knowledge and in my article I spoke of him as not the native teacher. Wilson complains that this is a misrepresentation & says "I affirm that Banks "was a teacher in our Mission some months "before G. Ruoroume came to Cape Palmas and "was engaged in this capacity at the time that "the difficulty arose." How are we to reconcile these contradictory statements & who is wrong?

Again McGill says that "Upon Mr Wilson's "arrival in the colony he found much difficulty in transacting "business with the colonists & was exceedingly anxious "to obtain an assistant; & upon earnest & repeated "applications to Dr Hall he consented &c &c &c —

Mr Wilson says. "before he (i.e. Dr Hall) actually "left the country he requested me to take into my "family & educate as a teacher for the mission a "boy by the name of Banks ——— stating that the "boy was unfitted by constitution that he would be a colonist "and giving assurance at the same time that "no duties would be required of him by the colonists "authorities that would interfere with the duties "of the mission." These representations materially conflict. As Dr McGill doubtless received his version of the matter from you I write to know how they are to be reconciled!

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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