Agency House,
Cape Palmas, Jany. 12. 1844

J. H. B. Latrobe Esq
Pres. Md. S. C. S.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your favors of Nov. 14th & 18th 1843 per Latrobe, with emigrants, all in good health — I am pleased to learn that the Board are gratified with the purchase of Fish Town — Your colonists are also pleased with the idea; & execrations unnumbered would have been heaped on my poor head, had the French been suffered to possess it & "the fairness thereof."

I had the honor of addressing you on Dec. 23. 1843 per U.S. Frigate Macedonian, Capt C. Mayo, who was kind enough to offer to put it on board first vessel for U. States; & by this vessel, I address Dr. Hall on Colonial Subjects, both of which will come before you.

The tariff act is not come to hand — Your Colonists are all too poor to pay any tax at present, and I hope the matter will be deferred for a while — The rock work of the Light House is ~~now nearly~~ completed, and I am prepared to finish it immediately.

Of course, it would be idle for me to gainsay any remarks of yours on Blackstone; but this I will say, that a few Law Books to which your Agent could refer while he acts as Judge, would not be amiss. Do not think because your colonists are poor & ignorant, they do not wish to hear the laws expounded — far from it, the more ignorant — the greater their desire. My

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II. Correspondence Received
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