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Hon. Sir

We with pleasure are enabled to announce the early arrival of Emigrants, all of whom are in good health & condition. If the arrangement can allways be made, it would be very desirable that our New settlers should arrive in the colony as early as the latter part of Decr. or as early in the new year as possible, this gives them a chance of early recovery from the debility arising from acclimation. When they arrive later in the year, and near the commencement of the rainy season, it is found almost impossible to break up the attacks of Intermittant which invariably succeeds, and indicates the disappearance of the climatrial Fever.

The Emigrant of last year arrived late, the rainy season commenced during their convalescence, the consequence was that two thirds of them suffered during the entire season with Ague & Fever, without my having the means of affording them effectual relief. My stock of Quinine was soon exhausted, and for four months past we have been destitute of the article.

The Latrobe arrived in very good time, and I trust that before the commencement of March, her passengers will be entirely well.

Our Colony has been visited by the U. States Squadron, and we feel assured that their timely arrival has alone saved us from a cruel and perhaps protracted war with the Grebo Tribes. We had made every preparation for it in the best manner that our means would admit, and would doubtless have triumphed in the end, but from the manner in which our Colonist are scattered and exposed without stockades or fortifications we must have sustained great loss both of life and property. The squadron remained here several days promptly offered us assistance, and finally settled our difficulties. This display of kindness on the part of Commodore Perry, has produced a more favourable impression than we had entertained towards our government, and we trust

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