Agency House, C. Palmas, Aug 24. 1844

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Pres. of Md. C. S.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of June 12th per Francis Lord came safely to hand. I am sorry to write that I have received no despatches, anxiously expected as they are by our community. I proceed to notice the contents of yours.

1. The Tariff — I am extremely grieved that you should think that your Agent & Council would attempt to pass any laws as counter-legislation to those enacted by the Board. We can only recommend measures until we hear from you. In my letter of June 12th ult. you will find the Tariff laws, about to be enacted, deprecated solely on account of the poverty of our colonists: and in my last, when the council recommended the resolutions sent home, the Tariff Act had not reached Cape Palmas.

You are well aware, that your Agent, however willing, is unable of himself to enforce laws against the views of the whole community; and in the present case, it was deemed most prudent by himself & Council to make a fair representation of the matter, & recommend such a Tariff as would suit the circumstances of your people. Our trade now is so inconsiderable that it needs every encouragement to extend it into the interior, & to invite Trading vessels to stop on their route

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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