down the Coast.

As the Tariff acts now read, ~~two~~ one or two heads need to be laid before you. 1. It is impossible for the Collector to carry out 2d section of page 4th, unless vessels inclosed nearly, and we had a fort in order respect to our flag — Again, we can never know when we have the true invoices from Masters, as the fact is too well known, that nearly all have 2 or 3 Invoices, and sales are rarely ever made by the true one — so that a percentage on what is actually sold in the colony would save a heap of trouble & vexation, and answer equally the purpose of raising a revenue.

As your Agent it is my duty to speak plainly, and say that your colonists are too poor to pay 10 per centum ad valorem duty, & ~~too~~ too Light House duty — for ignorant as they are, they know that masters must add these duties to the price of their goods before sale.

The ordinance leaves me in doubt about the kind of money to be received in payment for duties — please to send out specific instructions on this point.

All the Latrobe Emigrants are comfortably located on their lots in good frame houses. From the no. of women & children without husbands, the society can never expect any return of funds, by labor. They are doing as well as can be expected, & just begin to consider ~~themselves at~~ home.

You will be pleased to learn that Revd Mr Seys has been on a visit to this colony, after an absence of some years. I trust his report will be such as to encourage your labors — and that your interest are not neglected in Africa. Mr Seys & myself have been on a visit to Sauretah & Bassatah on horseback, and we have a good road opened to the latter place 12 miles, on the direct route to Denah — the King (Abe) of Bassa lately deceased. He has not had much intercourse with the colony for some years, owing to the hostility of the Beach people —

The Roman Catholic mission will not be removed. It is intended to make this, the centre of their operations on account of eligibility & healthiness of location. The French priests have all left, and it is intended to locate such here as can talk English — fixed as there are few of the Catholics among the colonist, they might be allowed to remain on sufferance, while they submit themselves to the Gov. Bishop Barron, through the misrepresentations of Mr Tilley, on a visit here, was induced to hold out a secret encouragement to some Roman Catholics, that he would provide a better location in some of the French colonies to Leeward, but before he returned to this ~~leeward~~, he saw his error & forwarded the enclosed — King Freeman denies having sent any message by Mr Tilley to the Board. — Our Light House went into full operation on 28th March ult.

I have the honor to remain,
Your Obdt. Servt.
Jno B Pinnock
Asst. C. S.

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