or claim to the territory of Half Cavally — but I will teach another doctrine when the new Com.dor arrives — with his assistance I shall also "set" the wise palaver, if it is not settled before.

Of course, our trade is much interrupted — still we manage to get along — we have been crowded in black, who cant see how we poor colonists are to get along by ourselves — the same soothsayers we had 7½ years ago — this, an unseen hand has fed us "with manna" by the way "in our passage through the Red Sea", and in all our wanderings "through the Desert": — Infinite Wisdom has decreed, that we are not to know what what evils are to obstruct our path through life — nor what blessings are to be ours: — Our faith is still unshaken in his goodness, mercy & justice.

I have often adverted the Board of my want of a small Schooner 40 or 50 tons — a long boat 25 feet keel built & rigged Chesapeake fashion I must have. I cannot do without, unless you want to make a sacrifice of the Camwood trade, just opened — the result of my visit to Denah.

I want also a light gig with awning &c complete to pull 6 oars if necessary, to visit different points of the Coast — from its want — the interests of the County may be said to suffer.

The Prot. E. Mission has just closed its primary school for the children of the Colony — Rumor says the New Revenue Law has done it — Be it so —

The New Revenue Law went in force as soon as received against the wished of a large majority — "The Board have deemed it in their wisdom" good enough to dispense all sort of taxes —

I feel bound to state that many of our colonists are burning to go to British Guiana — About 6 months ago we had a visit from Mr Botts an accredited Agent to procure native laborers, and so urgent were some colonists, that he took two out with him "to spy the land". The fever has broken out anew since the arrival of Mr Appleby who assures them that fortunes are to be realized in a short time. I suppose this will soon blow over. I am sorry to see them so unsettled in their minds.

Before closing, I beg to call your attention again to the Long Boat palaver. Must have one of some kind. Commissioners visited me last week for Denah — and promised to forward their Camwood & oil by land whilst the wet times between Grahway & Ft. Cavally.

We stand in great need of 2 small brass 4 pounders and 30 rifles. We have never had a field piece light enough for the Latrobe Artillery to go through the regular drill — our present gun requires 2 yoke of oxen to move it.

Very Respectfully,
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