Harper Cape Palmas June 8. 1845

Mr Jonas Hall,
Agent &c &c

Dear Sir

From the commencement of last Month to present day we have had wet weather than I each recollect having witnessed during the entire period of my residence in Africa. The daily average for ninteen days is about two inches & an eighth.

The health of Colony has been influenced by the weather, I have twice the number of Cases now on hand than I have had at any former period of the year, they are for the most part affections of chest and Intermittent Fever.

Since the date of my last I have lost one case from dysentery. Jesse Flannegan aet 70 yrs the disease terminated fatally on the sixth day. I have another case on hand, B. Belich eighty years old strangulated inguinal hernia with peritonitis I do not think he can recover.

With the exception of Flannegan the new immigrants are all alive and located on their new lands.

The beneficial effect of Malt liquor has been so clearly established in the treatment of my last Fever Cases that I have to request a regular supply with your Emigrants - the quantity depending on their number. An increase in the Quantity of Medical and Drinking is also desirable. The Gum Elastic Catheters and Bougies sent me have been found unfit for the purpose. They soften, I would be obliged if you would furnish me with a farther supply of a different material on my private account. please have them placed in a tin case.

Nothing of importance in the affairs of our Colony has lately transpired the course of events are regular and uniform. The Grahways and Maly Cavallas are still at war. Neither cannot prevail on the former, nor do the vanquished seek to enter on terms of peace. They are secretly prompted to continue the war by our treacherous neighbours the Palmas people, who pretend and I think will after header join them against Maly Cavalla: this will be the signal for Rock Town, Fish Town and the Buck people to join their respective sides and we shall be in the midst of war. The state of things can only be averted by our forcing the Grahways to make peace. Our supplies of African produce is entirely cut off on the Cavalla River side. Rice is very scarce. Situated as we are at present, and with a view to future troubles of a more serious nature a Craft of some kind is almost indispensable to the prosperity of the Colony. This is a matter that should be seriously considered - the cost would be heavy perhaps but the craft would pay for herself in two years.

The Revenue Laws work tolerably - Specie & Cannoes alone are rec.d in payment for duties - Palm Oil is rejected altho' it is the only article that nine tenths of the community have for purchasing. The Agent and Council will I hope during their present session take the matter into consideration.

Could you not prevail on some friend to the cause of Colonization to send us a Box of second hand wearing apparel to be distributed among the indigent in our Colony. I am often brought in contact with individuals who are sick & suffering, and with scarcely a change of clothing. I am in such cases obliged to draw on my own resources or on the limited means of the Society for their relief - if such articles were furnished I would see them properly distributed. Mr Shepp=pard has frequently sent me articles which were I suppose meant for this purpose but would perhaps send more - an open box might be left at the office, to be closed when full.

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