by land as soon as the paths are better

You will be glad to learn that the war which has been raging between the Grahways & Half Cavallys is ended: though they pass not by each other for fear of witch palaver. The result of the war is the burning of Grahway & Baphro's towns, and the killing of about 150 men. Will Gray was the prime instigator of all the mischief, I believe.

We have had two visits from Com. Skinner and two other vessels of his squadron. He appears to be interested in the welfare of the colonies, & thinks there ought to be a depot at Cape Palmas. He has the power, why does he establish one?

The Chipola emigrants have passed through the fever, but are now suffering from chills. The deaths are one man & one infant — neither from fever, I believe. Those with families are all located on their farm lots — except Mr Gross & his father who have town lots.

The Revenue laws are now in full force, but we experience difficulty in not having a paper currency redeemable in gold & Camwood for circulation. The duties are now paid in specie & Camwood. We have a prospect that the Light House debts will be paid off by Jany 1. 1846.

We stand in great need of a new stone Jail & Court house. Our present jail is merely a log house — not secure nor large enough for our growing population

Colo. Rooms
Washington City, 11 June 1845

My Dear Dr.

What about the Silvia Packet? When will the first voyage be made? If this fall, shall you want us to put any thing in her, and how much? When shall we see you in this city? And is there any thing I can do for you? —

By the "Madonna" we have learned that just before she sailed the Colony was thrown into quite an excitement by the British Man of War seizing Benson's vessel the John Seys & carrying her off, with a full cargo of goods in her, without giving any reason therefor. The only excuse they could imagine was that she was taken as a repriseal for $15.00 worth of goods seized by the Collector at Bassa Cove to pay duties which the owner would not pay, alledging that Com. Jones, had told the traders not to pay the duties & he would protect them in it. About ten days after this Benson's vessel was taken.

Yours truly
W. McLain

James Hall M.D.

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