To
The Maryland State Colonization
Society

Colonization Rooms
Sept 18th 1845

Cape Palmas, Sept. 18, 1845

Dr James Hall }
Geo. Ashmun Esq }

Dear Sir,

The raising of the bank active prevents an opportunity to write a few lines, and I avail myself of it, knowing the time of the Board to hear from Africa, by every vessel.

The most interesting news is the return of the two delegates sent by some of our colonists, at the request of Mr Britts (Agent from B. Guiana) to visit that country. It will gratify you to know they have returned dissatisfied with the manners & customs there, and better pleased with their fine home in Africa, (as we least fond others think it) These delegates left C. Palmas with a determination to like any other place better than their home; now, they have returned with their views enlarged, and minds somewhat sobered by reflection & travel, then who visit them are unwilling to receive their report, & say they have been bribed to make their present statement. Their determination they say speaks to their friends is not to return to British Guiana, & if any are unwise enough to go, they are free to do so. All in unison report, that there will be an exodus here in two months from Sierra Leone to receive emigrants for Guiana, but it will be later both & expense also, as it is my opinion, that some will leave, whose loss will be regretted by the community.

We rejoice to hear of the formation of a civilization Society, for Africa: we hope some of their attention will be directed to our interior, which as yet, has never been trodden by civilized footsteps. I am making every effort to send out a small exploring party of Colonists & C. Palmas natives to penetrate to the Pah country, but I find so many obstacles in the way, that I almost despair of success — but the object to be attained is too important to give it up. Within a few weeks, there came a sample of native cotton cloth, called Panderrah, woven by one tribe of Pahs — tribes made up in the Mandingo fashion, it was a fine specimen of their ingenuity — all the tribes do not manufacture

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