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Rev. Ezekiel Mower
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October 24. 1844

A Petition
To the ~~Pres. & Managers~~ Md. St. Col. Society

Gentlemen,

This Petition from the Colony of Cape Palmas from the Citizens held on the 24th Oct. 1844 at the Residence of Emanuel Davenport Esq.

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Jacob Gross, as Chairman, Russel Minor as Moderator, John T. Moulton as Secretary, Stephen Hall Esq will state the object of the meeting which then the object of the meeting being fully explained, The following Resolutions was offered.—

After giving the statement met by the approbation of the Citizens was followed by Jacob Gross the Chairman, who said a great deal and in addition to what was said after the decision of this was said we call upon the Citizens to know if the remarks made was agreeable to their wishes which met with their approbation of all present at the meeting who requested the Committee to have every aggrievience that was stated set forth in the petition the Aggrievience are thus.—

1st One among the greatest agrievience is the Government do not employ more than one third of the Colonist the Question arises now to what are we to do. You recommend us to go to our farms and we can say with confidence that the Soil is poor and we have tried it — its true the 1st or the 2nd Crop of Potatoes will produce tolerable good and after that we might as well as plant them on the sand beach without Manure —

2nd When we have any thing called Market there is no market for its about 600 inhabitants here all we have at any time for exportations either a few potatoes, bananas, & plantains there is not a demand for them 6 or 8 times in the course of the year since the Men of wars being out to African Coast Station before that there was scarcely any —

3d We are agrieved in consequence of the Board enjoining upon their Agent not to employ the old

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II. Correspondence Received
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