Cape Palmas,
Oct. 27. 1844

Dr James Hall,
Genl. Agt. M.S.C.S.

Sir, I had the honor of addressing you Aug 24th 1844 – since which, the only event of interest is the arrival here of G.R. Butts Esq from Guiana after native laborers for Demerara, &c. His arrival has excited quite a sensation among the colonists, and a few are almost crazy to go with him.

At a meeting a few days ago held in the country Jacob Gross, Chairman, it was resolved to send two delegates "to view the promised land" – Stephen Hall & young Davenport were chosen, & they leave with Mr Butts who pledges himself to give them a free passage to & fro. In vain, have we told of upwards of 600 sons from Baltimore to Demerara, & returning disappointed, but all seems of no avail. Mr Butts talks very liberally as the Kroomen say – though quite candid in some of his remarks. Their great outcry is the want of silver money for their labor, & a market for their produce.

In fact of late, I have been so importuned for goods that I have not been able to employ more than 1/3 of those wanting labor; and the old colonist of 10 years residence looks to the society for employment as much as the new comer of six months, and esp-

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