receives part of his rights are cut off if he does not get it. The U.S. vessels call so seldom here, and remain so short a time when they do, that our settlers have had no opportunity hardly to supply them with produce, or wash their old things. We hear of their remaining for weeks at Monrovia & scattering their silver dollars on shore there. They have never given them new liberty to come on shore — though French men of war have.

The French corvette Indienne was lately here & the Captain thought that Sr Barron would finally sell the Catholic mission house. It is a fine one, & it would be a pity to pull it down. Rev Mr Eyes made some enquiries about it. It would suit very well for the residence of your Agent, being far superior to our present house. It can be purchased quite cheap I am thinking. All the French missionaries to Assinee, Gt Bassam, & Gabon are dead, but the last one Sho left here about three months ago.

Since the opening of the road to Denah through Barrakah a good deal of rice & oil & plenty of bullocks have come into the colony. I have erected a school house at Barrakah for the Methodist mission; and contemplate taking a journey to Denah & up Cavally river from thence, next month. I am of the opinion, that we ought even to build a school house at Denah, if the Methodist mission will provide a teacher — to keep the road open to the river & divert the trade from going to Rockbonsah & Tabou. Give your views of you please on this head.

The colonists complain much because I do not redeem the paper money by drafts, and a part of these complaints arise from effort in the colony to depreciate the currency. Can no method be devised so that I might redeem 4 or 500 dollars only, in six months or even one year.

We have plenty of rice & oil and such diet as Africa affords, but the colonists have been told such fine stories about the British colonies, that they now despise what they were grateful for in former years — bought not supplies be sent twice a year to you[illegible] to keep down this grumbling spirit, if I am not allowed to redeem — the amount alone of Sixteen of Devise some thing for our food. We begin almost to despair with such colonists as the majority of ours are — depending wholly on what the society can do for them.

Very Respectfully,
Jno. B. Russwurm
Amd. Sta. C.

P.S. I address you also with a private letter by this vessel, also

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