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Agency House,
Cape Palmas, Dec 20, 1845

J. H. B. Latrobe Esq
Pres.t Md. S. C. S. } Dear Sir,

My last letter of Oct 25, 1845 informed the Board of Managers, that I had despatched an exploring party, consisting of Messrs Banks, Stewart & Mr. Pilcock to the Pah country, preparatory to an opening of the trade between that interesting people and the Colony — you will be pleased to hear of their safe return, in good health, well pleased with the country & people. Accompanying, I send you Messrs Banks & Stewarts Journals with a chart of their route: from them you will perceive that our prospects are fair for an increase of interior trade another year. Under this head I beg to call your attention to the "List of Arrivals and Imports & Exports" in 1845.

Since the above was penned, I learn from King Neh of Denah, personally, that a party of Pahs, in attempting to visit the colony, have had their path obstructed by the Ratetoks, and ben driven back. They have returned to their country: & will doubtless attempt the same route our party went & came. Ratetoh was the route marked out by Polah their guide; but events & other advice, after ascending the river led them fortunately to choose the path through the British country; where they were treated with great courtesy, and an old road was opened anew for them, for upwards of 20 miles. The intervening tribes can never keep the Pahs from the Colony, now "our Ships" as they termed their visitors have anchored in these waters. They now trade with Tabou, Padee & Grand Berreby; & it is said, they will find their way wherever there is money to be made.

Ladies School — Mr Groves has met with so little success in teaching, that I have concluded to close his school, and appropriate the house to the use of the Girls School under Mrs Margaret Harmon. It will gratify you to learn that the two Schools supported by the Board are doing finely, as well as the School under the patronage of the Methodist E. Mission. The Protestant E. Mission have lately received an accession to colonists, under the care of Mr & Mrs Appleby, under favorable auspices; and God grant, that no palaver or other untoward events, may induce

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