ger as they may do. English & French men of war abroad on the coast & the goodly heritage of these tribes cannot long escape their notice: it is high time therefore to be up & doing, before they trample the palaver. The mania for acquiring territory in Africa is quite the rage, & every point of note to the Windward & Leward of us, favorable for trade, has been singed upon; it looks, dashed & flags given to the poor untutored natives. We want Fabon, Rappa, Little & Grand Bereby to the Leward, & Garroway & Grand Bass to the Windward — but here our pathway is blocked up by the French who claim Garroway & half the coast of Africa. Lately, I am informed by English Captains, that they (French) have asserted claims to Cape Lahou, on account of some palaver with the natives for taking possession of the goods of a vessel which was cast away on this coast.

In reviewing the events of the past year, we have abundant cause to praise our Heavenly Father, that our course has been onward in the acquisition of the arts & sciences of civilized life. With war raging in our territory, we have been permitted to live in peace — and to pass through contending parties & no harm befal us. This arm has been around us when the fiery lightnings played around our bed at midnight, and rent asunder the workmanship of man's hands within 2 feet our head — & when the lofty monarchs of the forest have fallen on our right & left —

I have the honor to remain
With much respect
Your Obdt. Servt.
Jno. B. Russwurm
A.M.S.C.S.

Papers accompanying Despatches

1. Semi annual Acct up to June 30, 1845
2. Messrs Stewart & Banks Journal with a chart of their route
3. List of Arrivals in 1845
4. Mem. of a Journey to Denah in 1844
5. Alphabetical List of Scholars in Schools supported by M.S.C.S.
6. Imports & Exports for 1845 by J. D. Moore
7. Births, Deaths & Marriages in 1845 by Register
8. Thermometer for 1844
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