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Cape Palmas, Sept. 10th 1846

Dr James Hall

Dear Sir,

Yours of June 23d came safely to hand by the Madonna, Capt Lawlin. We were truly glad to hear from Baltimore — after so long a silence. I note the contents, and cannot account for the long delay of my letter on Daley & Co business. I thank you for your attention thus far & hope you may be able to close affairs to a close. My despatches & the papers to the Board are quite voluminous by this vessel. I hope they will be satisfactory — for I have had labor enough to have all ready. I send you for the Journal the following item: "just learned from Capt Denham H. B. M. Steamer Avon, that a large slave-steamer has lately been captured to the Leeward. She proved to be the "Cacique", (formerly Tejas of Boston) & had been to Rio fit out & get papers; had on board three Engineers with Am. passections — had 800 slaves waiting & delayed for 500 more, beans fitted to carry over 1500 — her engines & boilers were on deck — carried to St Helena & condemned on account some informality in her papers. The Avon has been here two days — shipping Boomen & making observations. The officers make the base of our Light House 58½ feet above high water mark; 41 feet to the Lantern; & 4 feet for height above = 103 above high W. mark. She is bound on an exploring tour to the Benin — has some work to do about Bifoa to the Windward. As the Capt. made mens. of every thing I took care to tell him about the sovereign State of Md, our "alma mater". Took possession as now by special order of the admiralty."

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