Cape Palmas Jan 21st 1846

Dear Sir

I am happy to be able to inform that after a very long & rough passage we have at length safely arrived at the place of our destination. During the first three weeks of our voyage we had a continued succession of gales, some of which were very heavy, & in one very heavy one the safety of our vessel & all on board were so much endangered that we felt obliged to throw off the deck-load which greatly relieved the vessel. Although I regret much the loss of our plank, yet I feel confident that its place can be well supplied by the African poplar. Thus far I am highly pleased with every thing I have seen here, & I think that all that is wanted is a few smart enterprizing men to take the lead, & set the people an example, & show them what can be done by industry & enterprize. After I have finished our schooner I hope to return in her once more to the United States, & then come back & spend the remainder of my life in Africa. If I should return in command of the vessel would there be any difficulty in receiving me into port, provided I had on board a white man for mate? If so I should be glad if you would inform me. In order to finish my vessel & navigate her across the ocean, I shall need the following articles — a 1½ inch auger, — a good Quadrant, — a sea compass, — a good Spy-glass, — a good lever watch with a second hand, — & a ½ minute glass. If

to gover.

Robert Scott Esq.

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A. Letter Books

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