means for the vast undertaking with our present limited resources. The Governor displays the true yankee enterprise, when an idea is formed it becomes with him a hobby — his last one was "Pah Country & Ivory Trade" now it is "Sheppard Lake & River Cavalla Canal" so it was also with the "Camwood trade" until his perseverance overcame the obstacles opposed to its reception. The fact is we can discover that our advancement is commensurate with the amount of labour & energy exerted by the principle men in community. We possess the material for allmost any enterprise it only requires the will and energy exertion to make them serviceable.

In our influence over the natives we have profited by the frequent visits of the U. States vessels of War, it has been judiciously managed to impress them with the idea that we are under the especial protection of the Squadron stationed on the coast, this when joine to the uniform disposition that exist in the Colony to deal with them fairly, & justly secures us their friendship.

Four members of the Scottand family have arrived here from Monrovia after a residence there of nearly six weeks. One boy of the number was taken with fever two days before embarking, remained on board the vessel five days, and was sick on shore here three days before Med. attendance was thought of — the case had advanced so far that I fear it will terminate fatally

Your last vessel brought us one or two men who promise to be very useful members of Community, they shall receive every attention in my power, in order to guard them from the dangers of acclimation — like the most who emigrate from your City I fear their illness will be severe, and they may become discouraged; at present they are cheerful & will satisfied under the hope of commencing work on the vessel they are to build.

The health of our Colony is Good — With sentiments of the highest respect I have honor to remain Hon.d Sir

Your obed.t Servant

Sam.l D. McGill.

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A. Letter Books

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