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J. H. B. Latrobe Esq

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your private letter, Nov. 15th. 1845. I know not what re=ply to write, only to assure you, that I prize highly the estimation which our Board of Managers have placed upon my labors in their colony.

You will perceive by the despatches, that I intend to visit Tabou & Basa shortly — I write confidentially, that our prospects of annexing Tabou, Basa, Half & Grand Bassby to our colony, are quite cheering. I shall leave in two weeks, accompanied by Mr Freeman, whose services are very valuable on such occasions.

It seems the French have been offering their flags at Basa & Grand Bassby, and been rejected: and as they dread the French, they will join us for protection & trade from all foreign interlopers.

About the road to Denah, all necessary at present is to have good paths as direct as possible from C Palmas to Barkalah; & from thence to Denah. A large quantity of oil has come in by this route — Camwood begins to come in gradually.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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