not aware that materials would be sent to build a small schooner in the colony. The boat cost without being coppered four hundred & seventy two $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($472.50) I have hauled her up to be coppered & partly decked. She is paid for in Camwood.

You are doubtless aware that the extension of our limits will cause, for a time, more expenditures on the part of your agent — for dashes to Kings & headmen, and a larger extension of credit to headmen residents in the new territory. For this last, I am not prepared, as my trade capital is now quite small, and I owe nearly five hundred Dollars more than assets in hand on account of trade goods actually received.

I should feel encouraged if the Board would authorize me to draw for three thousand dollars this year, to be expended solely in the purchase of English trade goods. This would put me on my feet, as I could raise at least an equal sum, if not more in produce, and purchase goods at fair rates by paying half bills & half produce.

X Since this letter was commenced, King William of Half Bettely & headmen have been here and given deeds of annexation, declaring them citizens of Mel in Liberia. We now own all the beach from Gaseway boundary to the river Pedro between Tabou & Drewin.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obdt. Servt.
Jno. B. Russwurm

X

P.S. I forgot to inform you that I returned by the beach on horseback from Basha — nearly 60 miles

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A. Letter Books

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