Do inform me by the next letter, what amount of cash was paid the old woman by the Society — as only forty nine $ 50 were found after her decease ($49.50)

I have said nothing in my despatch of the fertility &c. of our new territory, depending in a great measure on your aid in giving information. We were not a moment, too early, as Mr. Baudain, Governor of Grece, had been to Tabou River, Grand Tabou, Bassa, Half Possibo, &c, & planted the several Kings, & promised dashes from his M. C. M Louis Philippe for two years more, under a kind of treaty — which I have in my possession, and have just sworn colonial rendered it does not interfere, in the least, with their right of disposition of their lands. I called for all other papers of foreign origin, but saw none — & there was an evident backwardness on the part of some of the Kings in producing this — but King George of Bassa, brought forth his, and begged me to give him a true knowledge of the contents, which I did to his satisfaction, and my own too, I assure you.

The progress of every thing is to slow in Africa, that at times, I wish the new schooner had been built in US. I have no doubt, our sawyers will try to impose on me by causing the price of plank. It is now whispered, that the Agent does not pay enough.

Rice begins to be scarce at the Windward, but much is coming in at Grand Cess, as all country people are busy on their farms. Palm oil begins to move: We buy some every day at Mr. Tutman's I shall be hard put again this year for casks.

The French man of war Brig "L'Adieuse" has been here with an abbot Monsg. Pinot for the purpose of taking down the Catholic Mission House — but after viewing the premises, the Captain & priest concluded to repair it thoroughly — which they have done, remaining three 14 days for that object. The Methodist mission offered, before any repairs were made, one thousand dollars for the premises — but the offer was refused.

The US. Barck Marion, Capt Simonds anchored here on the 15th, and sailed next day — she was from the Leeward. We see the vessels of the squadron but seldom. The recaptives lately landed from the "Pons" prize-ship, have many of them taken to the bush, and prove a curse rather than a blessing to their guardians — so it is reported here.

Would it not be well to send out an extra effective vessel, at least 2 anchors for the new schooner.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obdt Servt
Jno. B Russwurm,
Agt. S.C.S.

P.S. This letter & Mr Latrobe's go to Cape Coast, to be put on board first vessel homeward bound. Your letter directing two items to be charged to A. Woods in account issues, came in US harbor unsealed — please to enclose them in your next.

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A. Letter Books

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