For all of our African products we receive nothing in Exchange but Goods — Vessels belonging to the American squadron expend scarcely any thing in this Colony, consequently we have no source for procuring specie — To all of us it would be gratifying to have specie introduced in sufficient quantities to carry out your measures, but unless you can suggest some means, by which it can be procured, I fear it will be from impracticable.

Old Mrs Dent is the only individual we have lost out of the "Kent" Emigrant — she died on the sixth day of Fever — there was not a single moment in her case, when it could be said to present a favorable appearance — from the first accession of Fever until it fatal termination, the case presented the very worst features setting entirely at defiance both my remedies & experience

I am happy to inform you that the remainder are now convalescent Major Bolden & Lewis the Calker are both well and at work. The Keel, and Ribs of the Schooner are out, and rapid preparation are being made for building.

Gov. Buchanan has recently obtained deeds of cession for the following sections of the coast extending East viz Tabou, Baco Little Berebey and Grand Berebey — quite an important territorial acquisition. He will shortly I trust also possess himself of Grand Sess on the North — father than which he will be prevented from extending our territory because of the recent purchases of the Monrovians.

A Stone building is now being erected, for the Treasury or Custom House — it will be completed in six weeks — I believe the commencement of a stone Jail was mentioned in my last.

Every thing goes on harmoniously and successfully in the Colony, the Natives now will be troublesome.

Permit me to express myself grateful for your repeated expressions of consideration — I am happy that you approve of the course I have pursued in my domestic affairs — I am happy to inform you that the young African girl of whom Dr Hall retains such favorable recollections; in her good qualities far exceeds my expectations; and fills her station in our small society with modesty and dignity. She has very recently presented me with a daughter — thus increasing my cares responsibility and withal pleasure.

My Brother Roszel is now restored to perfect health, and by his steady and good qualities amply remunerate me for the many anxious moments of solicitude I have felt for him. —

Upon the whole I am as near the summet of happiness and contentment as I ever reasonably expected or could wish, and when I do reflect on what would have been my state in the U. State, had circumstance kept me chained there, I cannot but rejoice that I have been brought within the influence of African Colonization.

With my best wishes for your health & happiness and for that of your family, and with sentiments of sincere esteem permit me to inscribe myself Dear Sir

In haste Your obedt Servant

Saml. F. McGill

Rec'd to Sat. eve.

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