suffered more at a given time, than during the months of March and April. I believe not one escaped fever, and there was a general prostration of strength such as we have not before experienced. Dr McGill informed me that the Colonist and especially the new emigrants had been similarly affected, and he attributes it as we do, partly to the hot weather, which I have never known exceeded here, and partly to the clearing of rice farms all through the Colony, and immediately around some of our Stations. The returning rainy season, now just setting in will I trust restore to all their wonted health.

We have suffered no interruption in our Missionary operations since our memorable 'palaver' more than two years ago. The happy effects of that affair have been most manifest, not only in the Grebo tribe, but all around the Colony. A conviction of the folly of contending with their foreign neighbors appears from that time to have possessed the Native mind, leading to increased intercourse and the rapid developement of the resources of the country. This state of things in connexion with the wise and pacific policy of Governor Russwurm must, unless interrupted by some untoward event, in a short time (if indeed it has not already done so) make "Maryland in Liberia" by far the most flourishing of the American Colonies on this Coast.

It is impossible however, as you well know, to calculate with certainty, on permanent or indeed any long duration of the present favorable state of things, where native Africans may interrupt it. The Grebos are, as stated before much improved, within the last few years, but they are Grebos, i.e. heathen Africans, still;— fickle, treacherous — restless as the ocean itself, they must be 'palavering' somewhere. If they cannot be with the Colony, they will take their satisfaction in quarrelling with, and killing one another, as during the last year. It is said that that Palaver is not yet set. That the river Cavalla & Grahway, aunties as it said by Cape Palmas, people, should have been defeated by the Half Cavalla 'women' as in contempt they were wont to style them is too galling for endurance. Hence for twelve long months past our ears have grown familiar with rumors of a league between the three towns before named against my pastorhimera, to the utter and disponiers than of their valued and envied place of trade. How much

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