

Cape Palmas, March 1, 1847

Dr. James Hall &  
Genl. A. M. & S. C. S.

Dear Sir,

The time is so short since my last by the "Liberian Packet" that I have but little to communicate by this. We were glad to receive the several articles ~~from~~ sent out by the packet, but we find on setting up our turning lathe for operation, no wheel or bench; so that we have been unable to use. On looking at Mr. Keeney's, I find his bench made of iron, and the wheel fitted all complete by the manufacturer.

I am sorry to inform you that some of our barrels of provisions come to hand rotted - where done I cannot tell, it will be well however not to purchase from the same house again. Please to send more fish, & Tobacco which I can exchange for English trade goods instead of so many salted provisions. I can tell them fast enough for currency, but that is not exactly the kind of money I want to remit you. Oil continues still very scarce, & upon the eagerness of rebels after it we believe it has improved in price at home. No effort shall wanting to send you some punchbowl by return of the packet. The blue stripe answers with the blue drill, admirably for colonists wear. Please to send more of each.

Since the instructions from the Board, to charge for medicines & attendance (such as are able to pay) came out, some of the foolish colonists have been losing their time by running about among the old women & men to have a petition signed to the Board, to have both without charge as heretofore.

Paul Sanjay is the great fun in the business - (then Col Wood), though ashamed to sign the petition. I laugh at them, though angry at their foolishness, and I hope <sup>the Board</sup> will just return the petition. Our people have been made children of to lose, that they are really spoiled. Paul Sanjay, you know, is the most dissipated man

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