

oil season is coming & I have had to lay in goods to meet it: for some of which I want to pay within 30 days. We are looking anxiously for the Packet or some U. S. vessel, being now over 70 days without advised.

I am sorry to inform you that there has been a failure in the rice crop in our immediate vicinity, and we are likely to have a partial famine as far out as Demah. For 6 mos. we have had the South West wind blowing, and no rain to speak of; & now in the rainy season our wells are low and we have hardly showers enough to nourish what is planted.

We have had considerable sickness in the colony and a few deaths since my last: but Dr. Fletcher has been quite active as far as he could, as we have but one mule for both to ride. All my horses & all the flocks except two, are dead.

My health is now improving with a change in the weather; but I am still too weak to attend to all my duties.

I have the honor to remain  
Your Obedt. Servt.

Jno. B. Russwurm,  
A.M.S.C.S.

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