

gaining members and collecting a congregation; and yet he preaches here only Tuesday evenings. As Committee have received about \$3.50 which I have appropriated to the purchase of nearly 200 pounds rocks, 11,000 bushels and 500 bushels of lime. Jackson, Hance & wife, Semton & Demmis & wife are among the prominent members of the Methodist church who have left & joined the Episcopal. Also Mrs D. Fletcher. Many more want to join. Last week Mr Payne baptised Mrs Arthur Wilson in Sheppard Lake before hundreds, a large gathering of people from all parts of the colony, though it was Tuesday. Our people are just beginning to see that so much noise & shouting are not religion. Jos. T. Gibson holds service every Sunday at Mr. Vaughan the walls of an one story rock store for palm oil & rice are nearly completed. The house is 60 by 30.

I have just learned that my letter can go home (to Dublin) by this vessel & then be forwarded to Wexford by packet at which I rejoice.

I have spoken in despatch of likelihood of a scarcity of rice next season. I shall lay in all I can and sell it out in small quantities to colonists. This vessel carries off from C. Palmus upward of 180 punches ^{oil} of rice. She belongs to Effenhausen & Coe Hamburg. Their agents sell goods as reasonable as the English and are far more accommodating. I have on hand only half bushel tobacco. Yellow Mill says rice will be harder this year than it has been since the colony was founded.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt. Servt.

Jos. B. Richardson

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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