

Harbor Cape Palmas
October 5th 1847

Honoured Sir

As the Hamburg vessel Eliza
will sail tomorrow for Monrovia via Hamburg,
I embrace the opportunity in dropping you a few
lines thereby. There has nothing occurred since
I wrote you last of any moment, if I except the
loss of the Caralla and the attacks of malarial
fevers that has troubled the Governor I. B. Passumun
several times since the loss of the schooner.
The loss of the schooner was really accidental;
as that was her fourth or fifth voyage. It
was regretted by every colonist, as she would have
proved an efficient auxiliary to the colony; her
loss may well be regretted as her service was
inestimable, or would have proved such,
she was manned by the best seamen the colony
could produce. After her loss the Governor who
had been previously indisposed, was attacked
with spistaria to an alarming a great extent,
since that time he has been more or less complaining
of headache, which confines him mostly to the house.
The last three or four months have been very sickly;
in the colony; nearly three fourths of the colonist have
been seriously affected; though they have mostly
convalesced, the mortality have been two hundred
percent less than were last year, which I must
attribute to the deficient supply of medicine. ~~more than~~ nine
tenths of the colonist I had supply with medicines
myself, and I presume shall have it to pay for,
and then prescribe it to them, visit them, with out
the or least expectation of any compensation, what ever.
Provision has been and still is very scarce, the natives
crop has completely failed, rice cannot be procured
by any means, close about C Palmas; the colonist have
neglected their farms they are hard up for provisions

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