

Dr. James Hall }
Gen^l Amos S. S. }

Cape Palmas, Nov 8th/47

Dear Sir,

I had the honor of addressing the Board of Managers on Sept 29, 1847 via Hamburg, a duplicate of which I now forward. We all feel the greatness of the loss on the Board, and our only hope is, that she was insured. As far as I am concerned in equipping &c. I feel no blame, but I am conscious that I placed too much confidence in the master & mate who, though fully competent, yet prized not enough the fine vessel over which they were placed.

Rice still continues uncommonly scarce, and the natives generally predict still scarcer times in March & April. Some will cut their farms two months earlier than usual. Iron bars, the great staple for use, has been so high the present season, that I have bought none.

Accompanying this, is a statement of the case between Frederic Lewis & Rev. F. Burns. This has been the source of a good deal of vexation. The dispute is among themselves, and as the weaker party has thrown himself on our laws for protection, we could not drive him away.

The continued drought & prevalence of S. West winds have been unfavorable to the health of the colony.

I have the honor to remain

Your Obedt Servt.

Jno. B. Purness
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II. Correspondence Received

A. Letter Books

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