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Dr. James Hall,

Cape Palmas, Sierra Leone

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of April & July 26 by ~~the~~ most generous. Hearing by the ~~the~~ *Madonna*, Lawler that the *L. Packet* would sail on the 1st September I have been looking in vain for her up to date. I hope she is at *Moarvia*. I am truly sorry to learn your disappointment on the part of the colored persons, who promised to subscribe. Those living in *Sierra Leone* are a little excused, from the determined opposition which some masters express towards the *Packet Co.* and that it will be a living concern to those who do take shares. I am told that it is the determination of the owners of the *Montgomery & Holland* to put a ship of over 800 tons in the trade & to drive the *L. Packet* entirely off the coast. I hear their remarks and know it can do no harm to send them to you: but I am thinking, as the owners, Messrs Green & Mason are now in the trade, they may turn their fingers a little, as well as other persons, in trying to get the *Packet* out of the fire.

We have paid away at *Cape Palmas*, since January a good deal of *Palma* oil at a rough calculation over 375 pounds. The *Hamburg* *Bay* *Lyons* took over 200 and as the agents are very accommodated, and keep a supply

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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