

By the return of the packet I shall remit you the means to meet this payment. The power for you to draw upon Mr Stockbridge has not been revoked — for five hundred Dollars. Since I began this, I have had some conversation with Capt Hodges who is heartily sick of bringing out freight. They agreed to bring out 200: but had over 700 bbls. He informs me that he told his owners that 50 per cent <sup>more</sup> could be made by trading, but as they made but little by their vessels on their return, they were determined to try freighting.

Lawler has been here and landed Sheds Tobacco and goods to Bowen; besides selling ~~of~~ others. He brought out militia freight. Palm oil is in great demand with him: he prefers it to cash. Our region of country is flooded with trust money; the spirit & desire to monopolize has induced some of our traders to trust almost every body who called for credit. When all this oil is to come in, is a great question.

You know the natives never refuse trust when offered. I have considerable out, and now without a vessel do not expect to recover 25 per cent. They sell myself as fast as they get it in to the first boat or vessel that comes along. Rev<sup>d</sup> Hennings & Lady go by this conveyance: they have enjoyed poor health, besides the loss of two children.

I believe Rev Benham is much prejudiced against us, because on his visit here, persons to whom the mission was in debt, through Mr Hennings negligence

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