

or extravagance made demand upon him for payment. He tried to evade it, but finding no door open to creep out lawfully - promised faithfully to pay them on return of Lawton or the packet. This he has not done - and sends them back to Mr. Herring for payment regular shuffling throughout. He is displeas'd I expect with me, because when asked by him, I replied that as head, he was responsible for the debts contracted for the mission by his preceding Elders here. He could ^{not} agree to this; and I am inform'd, that some of the wise of Monrovia agree with him. He is no business man & quite incompetent for his station.

Now, I am in hope the Corally was insured - but if not, what am I to do; I cannot build and the vessel and have no desire to do so, with Boston as master Carpenter. McCall & Brown both have vessels and are sure to engulf all the trade. By the by, the old Major Boston has been nearly as unfortunate as the Corally - she is now ashore, off False Cape or King Cross point. I am of the opinion, that there is some defect in Boston's vessels they all turn over, so early. He writes that he is coming out to build a vessel of 350 or 400 tons - backed by Dr. McCall.

Do look your wire head for vessel galore - many is to be made in our region, by palm oil trading - Capt Cooper effects but poor sales. - nothing hardy.

You will be glad to hear that my Secretary has come to himself and acknowledged his error and been restored I am confident, he has received a letter which

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