

Harper, Cape Palmas, March 28, 1848.

J. L. James Hall, Gent., Agent of
 the M. S. Col. Society

Dear Sir, As Capt. Cooper leaves
 to day for the United States via Monrovia, I feel it my duty to send
 you a few lines.

Gov. Rufswurm will have been absent from the Colony weeks
 tomorrow on a trip to Leeward for the recovery of his health &c. We are
 looking for him daily.

We are glad to learn of the arrival of a brig on the coast,
 which was at Monrovia a week ago, with a few emigrants & supplies
 from you for the Store. There is a general scarcity of grain &c. in the
 Colony, occasioned from the great drought last year. The dearth did
 not exist to the extent it now does when Gov. Rufswurm left. Then,
 limited supplies of Rice &c. could be procured by our native traders; but since
 then, the war which has occurred between the Half Cavalry people & their
 neighbors, & the want of another schooner like the Cavalry are two promi-
 -nent particulars, the effect of which, if unprovided against, will be al-
 -most a total famine before enough can be raised to relieve the necessities
 of the people.

The Emigrants are doing remarkably well. Only one woman &
 a child born on passage out have died. The woman (Miss Lopez), died
 from imprudence.

I Remain Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt. Servt.
 W. A. Prout
 Col. Secy.

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