Dr S. F. McGill

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Cape Palmas June 17th 1848

Dear Sir

On the eve of leaving you in charge of the Government of the Colony and management of the Society's affairs, a few lines of instructions will not I hope be taken amiss - I am well aware that I am addressing one as well acquainted with Africa its natives and customs as myself also with business affairs -

1st You are well aware that the present line of Policy which has been followed for years has met with the approbation of the Board of Managers -

2d The Board expect the Agt. in Africa to make all he can by trade in Palm Oil & other produce - As the Col. Secty is well acquainted with their trade, I require he may be allowed the management of it, under your direction - It will not be expedient to give out more credit as there is now a large amount out - We have money returned along the Leeward, from Berby &c;

3dly The quantity of goods on hand as per inventory taken this week is amply sufficient to enable you to go on for some months or more - with a supply of Iron Bars & small Pots - For the two last you will pay Palm Oil as now - Preference to be given for Trade Goods - You will dispose of my Tobacco by the Wheel as the quantity of goods (Tobacco) on hand is barely sufficient to get off the bad - After this date the Tobacco sold by retail is to be disposed at the different prices - viz Best 25 c. Among on Best 20 c Among on poorest 15 & 12½ c for a barrel Wheel

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