1499 Coffee trees, and 2133 Cotton trees. In Liberia we are informed, along the St. Johns river, in Bassa County, several farmers have raised coffee, ginger, and arrow root for exportation. One of the colonists in Liberia, has an orchard of 8 acres of coffee, on which there are 4000 trees, which will average him 12 pounds to the tree. So successfully does the cultivation thrive, in all the colonies, that some have now a surplus for exportation, and 140 pounds have recently been sent over to this country, from Bassa Cove, pronounced by competent judges to be equally as good as the Mocha. The 1499 Coffee trees in our own colony, with the number steadily increasing, will add largely in swelling the competition Liberia is destined to produce with the Spanish West Indies & Brazil, in this article of trade and commerce alone.

Commerce and agriculture speak for themselves. We turn with pride to the Liberia Packet & these statistics, and say, behold the fruits of colonization!! The Col. Society has acted in this matter, in good faith, and if they had not acted just precisely as they did, what would have been the result!! How would the colonists have got along!!— the chances for mechanical and other pursuits, were far removed from them; they had to be sustained, and furnished with medical attendance, and as the responsibility of wisely and faithfully administering the objects contemplated in the act of 1831/2, attached to, and in its very nature involved the integrity and wisdom of those whom it called to execute its provisions, is it not clear to the commonest understanding that the Col. Society have not only succeeded in establishing, by a gradual, and regular order of things, an outlet and a home for the emigrants, to which we have not forced, but which now actually invites them, to participate in a government which guarantees unto them equal rights, and which abounds in peace, law order, commerce, virtue and religion, but actually saved the colony from the vice, immorality, ignorance and degradation, which would have

Letter of Ashmun to Mills, Dec. 1, 1828 — Ashmun's last illness, from which he never a Bilious Fever

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