before business was place in my hands.

Jail is unfinished, neither material nor funds for its completion.

Aug 9. There being no Rice, bread, nor flour in the Agency Stores, and none to be purchased in the Colony nor its vicinity I am compelled to send to Monrovia to purchase. I am force to this by several reasons 1st My inability to procure a sufficiency of Rice or any thing else here, for feeding those who are entirely dependant on the Agency. 2. The Natives charge enormous prices for that which they offer for sale, which if paid by me must have the effect to render these prices permanent. 3. The impossibility of bringing the prices down whilst the Natives are aware that we cannot dispense with the article and must buy at any price or starve. 4. As the Ship is doing nothing, cannot be better employed than in going on the voyage.

November 6. I must refer you to Mr Latrobes letter for other particulars than are contained in this letter, which I am obliged to close hurriedly, there being no business the Capt spends but a few hours.

No Palm Oil, or any thing else at present, nor is there any prospect of improvement. I have been compelled to draw for One Hundred Dollars for supplies for Store.

Please present my respect to Mrs Sheppard I have a letter nearly completed containing a full account of my Cavalier law It must be written plainly, so I have not time to copy it. Hope George or Miss Carolin are well my respect to both.

My wife a first rate woman — improves daily — I have cause to be truly thankful.

I dislike sending you a letter like this but can't help it I can think of nothing in that I would write about.

I hope Gov. Russwurm is on the way home, I want news from America — Hope Sister remains there Business, or trade dull at Monrovia and Bassa

In haste Yours Truly

Saml. J. McGill.

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