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Cape Palmas, West Africa
November 22nd 1848

My Dear Sir

As the Packet has again arrived without bringing the detailed plan of our Church which gave us reason to hope you would send us at this time, at the risk of being troublesome I venture to "stir up your mind" on this subject. I have the less hesitation in doing this because I know how liable you are by the pressing duties of your profession to be diverted from a matter in which your interest is nevertheless deep & abiding

The prospects of our Church continue favorable. January 1st 1849 we open at Mt Vaughan under the care of Mr J. T. Gibson (a Colonist trained in the mission) as "Night School" a school as possible exclusively for training Colonist teachers &c &c. I have in my mind (& indeed have put upon paper to be submitted to Gov Russwurm) a project for extending the benefits of this school (which is to be a boarding & small one) to a larger number by means of a manual labor School to be under the direction of a Board or Company of Colonists. The general plan is for the children to support themselves by their labor while they receive their education gratuitously at the Night School. The necessity for some such a system has for some time appeared to me in the fact that many Colonist youths pass most of their time in trifling amongst the natives at a time when the character is forming & when under such circumstances, it is inevitably forming, ~~to~~ evil. Can

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