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Harper Cape Palmas

November 28th 1848

Dr. James Hall
Genl. Agt M.d.S. C. Socy

Respected Sir

It is with much reluctance that I address you with this brief letter; but I presume the circumstances which induced me to write when duly considered will be allow me an apology. Having been in practice of medicine for nearly two years most of the time performing the duty alone I conceive that my experience in treatment of diseases together with the arduous duties devolving on me and that unremittingly would justify me in requesting a compensation more proportional to the services rendered than I now receive.

I would not have it supposed that I depreciate the favours of the Board of Managers; by no means; yet, my adverse condition compels me to ~~[illegible]~~ request rightly I hope for what I would in better circumstances sacrifice to a feeling of gratefulness. Whether my condition has been so favourable to prosperity as that of others I need not say.

I shall merely add that since my return to the Colony my object and ~~[illegible]~~ aim has been to do the duty assigned in that I have ~~[illegible]~~ done ~~[illegible]~~ rather than fall short this could be established if necessary.

Hon Sir, I am Your Obdt Servt Dempsey R Ketchum

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