

Cape Palmas, Oct 19, 1849

Dr. James Hall
Genl. Am. S. C. S.

Dear Sir: Your favor of July 31, 1849 came safely
to hand: and I proceed ^(to notice) the several items embraced in it. I refer as requested
to your despatch of Feb. 17, 1849 and extract as follows: "I must protest against
as many drafts as were drawn last year. & & & but depend upon it we can
not stand such a deluge another year". From this, I inferred that the
Board of Managers thought I might have got along with a less amount
during the season of scarcity. Urgent necessity alone ^{compelled me} to draw for what I
did, in purchasing every barrel of bread stuff that offered.

In purchasing goods from the Packets Co. I was always considered my order
from you, a discretionary one, and I took the care of blue prints at
Mourou from necessity, because I had bought no goods from U. States &
was afraid the Agency there might be here of blue calico, as we had
no other kind for the colonists.

I believe that I informed you while in the U. States, that blue
calico, Am. Remous and furniture check were unsalable, as both natives
and colonists were tired of them: And I have often in my private, if not
in my public letters begged you to send other than blue calico for colonists
wear.

From the large quantity of Remous and fur. Check on hand, I deemed
it a matter of duty to return back a part of them, as I could find
no sale on the coast. This was better than suffering them to rot in
the scullery store. In reshipping ^{part of} these goods to ^{me} you say "that these
very goods had been demanded by colonists for the purchase of Rice, and
been refused to them": do tell me seriously if you believe that these goods

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A. Letter Books

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