

Cape Palmas, Sept 16. 1850

Mr James Hall }
Genl. A. M. D. S. C. S. }

Dear Sir:

Your favor June 28th came safely to hand. We are moving along at the old rate with little of interest to communicate. The present season has been quite unhealthy, and we have lost several valuable colonists, viz Alfred Dent, Jas. Harmon, Jacob Grop and J. Odley managers of the Public farm. There have been several cases of typhoid fever - unknown before. The season has been and still continues uncommonly cool and variable - more so than I have ever known it.

But whilst we have been smitten by disease, the season has been one of abundance - we have been begging for want of purchasers, and we must suffer some loss from the quantity on hand in the store. We are sorry to learn that Mr Guiley considers our colonists the most discontented of any on the Coast; for this we cannot account in any other ^{manner} than because we have so few on number who have been accustomed to taking care of themselves: we are bold in asserting that during their sickness in the fever and through their first year they are better cared for than any other emigrants. They are perhaps disappointed in not seeing gold & silver in circulation, and being paid in the same for their labor, it is a source of ~~grievance~~ ^{grievance} that our currency will not buy from foreign vessels such goods as they may want; but while we regret it we cannot remedy the evil. Having no market for their surplus

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