Cape Palmas April 10th 1851

Geo Lathrobe,

Dear Sir.

As a citizen of Cape Palmas, and also a missionary, I beg leave, to claim your attention for a a few minutes. Since I have been in this colony for the last 2 yrs, there have been varied changes, some to the improvement of it; and others not altogether favourable. State, as a whole there are some prominent features of improvement, which, throw its fostering arm around us. We may justly allude to the missions, with their healthy schools; and the rich word of life dispensed regularly.
The influence of these institution is good, for it holds wickedness in check; if it does not change the vulture to a dove just now. The improvement of the colonists (a good by fortun of whom) is slow, and I regret to say that some specie of immorality, runs high in open day. We may account for it from several reasons, and hope that all may decrease as virtue shall advance.

There has been expressed by a few a dissatisfaction to our present Executive; and a meeting was called to remove him, but it was a perfect failure. I have no disposition to change, not at any rate; for reasons advanced by the opposite. They wants to have a new governor so that, they might carry war against the Natives, It is all folly. The time will come when they will deem it necessary to remove, to keep sacred their own institution, provided, the gospel dont break in upon them before.
We come here not to carry war and carnage, but the blessed peace of Righteousness. Pay no attention to the removal of the Governor, he is the man! The administration is cool, able, and deliberate; and suit well the disposition of this people: Though we have some few Officers who would rather be governed than to govern.

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