

To the Maryland Board of the Colonization  
Society of Maryland in the United States of America

Harper Cap Palmas West Africa

Gentlemen Sirs We the citizens of Cap Palmas having con-  
vinced ourselves together at a public Meeting held at the new  
Vail on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1831. For the Purpose of discussing the  
Subject of the Loss of our late Governor Mr. D. N. Russell.  
Who after a long & lingering Sickness for near 2 years, Sunk  
under his Infirmities, & it has pleased Almighty God to remove  
his frame Amusing us, & take him to Rest.  
He; God, Mr. D. N. Russell departed this Life, on the 10 of June,  
1831, about the hour of 12, o'clock, at night, at the Agency House  
leaving a Widow & his dear Children, and those, with whom  
he administered <sup>the</sup> Word, to mourn his loss, & lament his Death.

As a people, in a Body, Having felt the great Loss of him  
Who had been our Chief Magistrate, and Agent for your Society  
for this last 14 year, & upon, and whom we have considered as  
Statesman, a Patriot, and a Christian Brother, We are left,  
to lament, & sympathize with you Gentlemen on the death  
of so good a man.

We therefore have <sup>thought</sup> our duty, and a Right too, Gentlemen  
Comprising the Board, <sup>you</sup> should as early, as possible here from  
us in a body, by a letter address to ~~them~~ you on the Sub-  
ject, and at the same time, Requesting your Honorable  
Body to make choice, & appoint us a new Governor, one whom  
the Board may elect, so he is capable, for us to make choice of one  
or to nominate 1, 2 or 3, this Gentlemen would be assuming  
a part, which we believe in our own Best & Best Law, is not granted  
into us as yet. But should the Board deem it necessary, for us to  
do so, <sup>they</sup> will no doubt make the same known to us.

P. I. Informed, Dr. J. S. McGill who must according to his app-  
ointment as an Assistant Agent, and the Law providing for  
the same, must act as our Governor until we can here from  
your Honorable Body, He has address a very polite, Communication  
to the Citizens, Requesting therein, that they should, or ought to take some  
Action, in addressing the Col. Board, on the appointment of some  
person for Governor.

He further states in his Communication that he did not  
write the Office of Governor, because he Intends leaving the Colony  
Intirely, & take up his Residence at Monrovia in the Republic  
of Liberia, & this has been the general understanding, among us  
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