

Harper, M^r in Liberia, Sept 23, 1851

Respected Sir:

By an English vessel which passed here in July, I addressed you with a few lines; a copy of which I now enclose. For it and my present communication, I hope you will excuse the liberty taken, as I only do it from a sense of duty arising from my long connection with your affairs in Africa.

You will no doubt be informed by different persons of the dissatisfaction and confusion that have been reigning in the Colony since the death of your principal Agent; and it is probable that the bias and interestedness of some of them, will tend to condemn the one side and exonerate the other. I, during this state of matters, have been rather silently inclined, and felt free to act only in cases where I could restore composure or suggest any measure for the welfare of the people.

In my last, I informed you that the people were unfavorably inclined to their present ruler — with a few exceptions, such is still the case. It is open avowal in favor of annexation with the Republic upon any terms she might suggest, was seized on by a small body* of men to whose hasty movements ~~was~~ is attributed much of the confusion to which I have alluded. Had Mr. Gill remained calm

* They take the name of "annexation Club"

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