

East Warner Cape Palmas 25 Sep /51
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Dear Sir: I hope never to intrude upon able and matured minds such things as have never stood the furnace of experience, and have ^{not} been the recipients of much true reflection. When I wrote you last, we had among us ~~our~~ ^{our} excellent Governor, but since that time he has gone the way of all the earth. His irreparable loss is felt through out the whole country, even to the heathens in these parts by claims - we have lost a friend & father! You would ask, is it true? Very true, not only to them was he closely attached for the colonists generally mourned as those who have no hope. He is character since my acquaintance with ^{him} stands unimpeached, he strove under the care of a government; to give the most high a portion of his time. The sanctuary was never without his presence when health permitted him to be there, and when in the presence of his God; he always fell as David did, on his knees. I think he has completed his work, which the Lord & yourself have given to do. Persecution and trials he had, but the worth of a man is never appreciated by some until he is dead, so with the majority in Cape Palmas. Poor JB Ruffworm's name shall ever live, as a monument of Liberian glory. The first coloured governor, lived virtuous, steady and determined, yes, extraordinary successful; and died in office an honourable Patriot. - Peace with his neighbour, and his God. Hope that yourself and the Board may be able to stand the shock, and take this as a microscope to view the turning of providence.

Dear Sir: I beg leave to say a word on the propriety of Palmas, being annexed to the Republic of Liberia. I think as the whole that we shall be benefited, and be much improved thereby. The Republic operates considerably against us, and as one of the few, who desire to be united to the Republic, urge that you will give it your favourable consideration. As an individual authorized by a few, send you our Respects, Your Obedient Servant
 B. J. Clayton

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 A. Letter Books

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