

Harper Cape Palmas
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President Md. S. Col. Soc.

Hon. Sir

Dr. McMillan & Latrobe
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The length and recent date of my last communications to the Board of Managers, in relation to the condition of our Colony, makes it unnecessary that I should do more at present than forward a few lines to assure you of your continued peace and wellfare.

The Colonists are somewhat disappointed in not having received some communication on the subject of the plan of government, submitted by them to the Board of Managers for their approval, and designed for the proposed "Independent State of Md. in Liberia".

We have been informed that your illness which we sincerely regret was the cause of their not hearing from you. We trust that you have been restored to perfect health, and that you may long continue to enjoy that vigor both of body and of mind, which is so necessary for the fulfillment of the great enterprise, in which you have been so long, and so devotedly engaged, and which has for its sole object and end, the elevation of the oppressed and degraded sons and daughters of Africa by restoring them to the land of their fathers.

I have written to the Agent about all matters appertaining to the pecuniary affairs of the Colony.

One of our Colonists attempted rescuing a Native woman charged with sorcery, from a party of her tribe who were determined that she should drink the poison Sassy Bark Infusion; he succeeded in his humane purpose, but was himself severely beaten by her infuriated accusers. In the general fight that took place between the relatives of the woman, and her accusers, one of the latter was stunned by a blow, whereupon the American was seized, and confined in one of their huts. The affair was made known to the Colonists with many exaggerations, and in ten or fifteen minutes they were under arms

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