colony eleven dwelling houses, owned by young men raised in the Colony, besides these a large Stone Church is being erected by the Methodist. A stone building designed for a Female Orphan Asylum, has been commenced by the Prot. Epis. Missionaries. There is a great and unusual demand for all kinds of building materials, having the effect to produce a vast increase of prices. It will be difficult for your Agent to procure a sufficiency of materials for the construction of houses for the last immigrants: in anticipation of the great scarcity and high price of plank & lumber I strove to make arrangements for procuring it at Sinoe where it is abundant and cheap, in exchange for articles that were ~~not~~ unsaleable in our market, the loss of the Ralph Cross, and of the articles alluded to has defeated my purpose, I must now purchase imported lumber whenever it is offered for sale.

The Colonists are persevering in their labors toward the production of Coffee for exportation, and I feel pretty certain that their labors will be rewarded with success. The usual quantum of potatoes, Cassava, Corn &c for home consumption is being raised — so that I can safely say that we are well provided against the possibility of famine for the next twelvemonths.

Our trade with interior tribes, and in the vicinity of the Colony on the sea board, has been at a positive stand still for the last four or five months, and but for our small boats which enable us to send from sixty to eighty miles to the leeward, we should be

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