and very likely we will claim independance shortly, to get emigrants to come here, I am quite willing for a change, for I believe it will be for our good.

Independance - The poles was opened on the 31st of Jan, at 6 o clock A.M. - votes for independance 122, (nays none,

I hope by the return of this vessel, that every thing will be nearly completed. — Dr Saml J. McGill talks of leaving cape palmas, as soon as he is released from his office as agent.

Trade in palm oil, & calm wood is very dull.

Sir - I remain your very humble servant Thos H. Gray

Thos H. Gray
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