

Harper Cape Palmas
February 5. 1853

Mr. W. B. Latrobe Esq
President Md. St. Col Soc

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 21st Nov^r last, written in answer to my oft repeated applications to be released from my post as Acting Governor, arrived here after I had concluded on remaining here until the last month of the present year: — whether at the head of affairs or not my stay would have been a matter of necessity, arising from the derangement of plans, that were matured in April/51.

Your arrangements leaves it optional with me to remain at my present post or to hand over to Mr Cassell his letter of appointment. — Motives such as once influenced me in declining the Agency when conferred upon me, in favor of a more capable person (our late Governor) now induces me, to comply with the wishes of the Board, and remain in office until the election which should take place before September next.

I have not of course informed Judge Cassell of the provisions that had been made for his appointment.

I take this opportunity of again assuring the Gentlemen of the Board, that so long as they hold

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