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The arrival of immigrants by the "Banshee" a full month earlier than we had expected them, found us in a measure unprepared for their comfortable accommodation. Excepting one family, all of the immigrants who arrived here in July last had left the receptacle, those having families are now occupying their own homesteads.

It is my melancholy duty to report the death of four persons, out of the Shirley immigrants of the respective ages sixty five, sixty, forty, and five years. one of whom was Henry C. Dorsey from the City of Baltimore, whose father and daughter died previously.

I am happy in being able to convey to you the assurance that the Colony and its affairs are in a prosperous state, the natives are intimate and friendly, and the most perfect order and tranquility prevails in the community.

I shall very much regret our deprivation of the services of Messrs Prout and Cassell, my two most able coadjutors in the affairs of the Agency; but as they have been selected by the people to represent them in their conference with the Board, and as the object of their Mission is of the greatest moment in view of future operations, I am content to endure the additional labor, and increased responsibilities created by their absence, rather than mar the early prospects that exist of the early establishment of the Independent government.

I have written to the General Agent fully on subjects of finance I close by inscribing myself.

Your most obedient servant
Saml. F. M^r. Gile
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