

The alteration of the present Liberian Constitution, not altogether impracticable; there is at the moment prevailing there a strong feeling of its necessity. Your suggestions of alteration establishing a fair system of representation are excellent, and I think would be concurred in by a majority of the Republicans. — but at present they decide all measures, for our admission as an independent State.

The Agency has not over six thousand Gallons of Oil in store about one half of which has been purchased during the present season.

I am sorry you did not send us a few more Medicines, we are out of Alcohol, Sweet Spirit Nitro. Barks and Snake Root. Fletcher is the most unsystematic, and recklessly extravagant character I ever saw: unless I keep, and dole out to him small portions of each article, we should be constantly without medicine; cured of this, he may yet turn out well.

By the Shirley I shall furnish you with letters on the subject of a few matters, that will claim particular attention in your treaty of separation. If possible procure from the Office at Washington, the terms of separation between the A. C. S. and Liberia, as we have no copy of it here: and I think it will be needed — the Commissioners will leave us without receiving particular instructions from the people.

Dorsey the younger got the impression that Brandreth's Pills would protect him from African fever — he took them until they produced a serious attack of dysentery, in the midst of which, an attack of fever, carried him off. He knew too much entirely to take advice. I paid him many personal attentions, and conferred on him many extra favors, as I considered him a smart & promising man, a second Bowen or Jim Thomas.

Mr Fuller did not present your letter until, to day, indeed it was not required, governed by first impressions I had bestowed upon him every mark of attention, and I esteem him worthy of the strongest friendship of any man. Your receipt of your letter cannot increase my esteem; but is acceptable is it is an assurance that I am not deceived, in the estimate I had formed of his character.

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