

Cape Palmas July 15<sup>th</sup> 1852

Messrs J. B. Latrobe  
Dr James Hall

Sirs

The measure we propose has with some degree of success been laid before the Gov and Council of the American Colony in this place. Who will no doubt after something more definite is fixed upon, lay the matter before you.

But as we wish to hear directly from you, our selves as well as to hear through others.

We have solicited a disinterested person a Missionary, who loves both us, and the Americans to write our own views to you.

privately. Hoping you will write us also on the subject. So that if you and your <sup>Gov</sup> can agree, in this - are some good plain, a firm and reliable agreement can be effected.

Dr Hall came here years ago, and bought this Country - (Big Town excepted on conditions) And from that time, until this, with some few exceptions we and the Americans have lived in peace and friendship - and now, to day, we are peaceable and in friendship.

But Sir, your settlements spread and grow, and our towns enlarge - The Cape settled by Americans at the point - and my large town spreading from the river, to the sea - almost touch.

My Little Town - and Latrobe or east Harper have almost grown into each other, on one side - And so has the beach town and Latrobe on the other. Thus we are surrounded and separating each other ~~by~~ natural growth and emigration.

We are heathens it is hard for us to understand your religion - and harder still to see the necessity

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