

To look upon Liberia, and her plans. 122
7 The heathen round, depend on us for light,
The gospel is as dark to them as night,
Monrovia, with her thousands heathens round,
And Bassas, equal hard to catch the sound;
While Sinoe's, not at loss the same to find,
And Palmas has her thousands near the town.
These will not bear expense, to hear the news,
But all have souls to save, or else to lose.

These lines are only to show you the present state
and feelings of our citizens. Had I time to do so,
I would be glad to write you a long letter
on the subject of annexing to the Republic
of Liberia. I believe it was never intended for
the Colonies on this western shore, to be anything
else but that of the United States or Colonies of Liberia.
And that this is the next step which ought to be ta-
ken, is a question in my mind, of great weight.
However, we hope the future will point out all
mistakes and bring them to our view; and that
Cape Palmas will yet take her stand in the
Union, and prosper.

In haste

Your resp
W. H. G.

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