Owing to the Massacre of the Crew of an English trading Schrnr in July last at Grand Sabo, we have hesitated about sending our boat in that direction. Com. Mayo promised to touch there and caution them against interfering with our trade. As we are deprived of trade at Garway and Grand Sess by wars in that region, we shall commence again at the Leward next week. We must have rice, from below, let the risk be what it may. The Capture of the Schr. has had the effect to intimidate the English, so that there is a fair prospect of having all the trade to ourselves, until the British Government are ready for inflicting punishment.

The Poor River people, have driven the Peddy tribe from Garraway, and propose establishing themselves there. We cannot prevent their doing so without taking up arms. We had contracted with the Peddys for the land.

Please send out for our Light House, a lightning conductor 60 feet long. Please send also two heads for Bass Drum.

We are sadly in want of Medicines for the Colonist. The Mortality among the Colonist is very great. Nine of the Banshee Emigrant dead.

I am procuring building materials for houses, as fast as to be constructed, or six. — I have barely enough for two

I shall have my hands full during the absence of Prout and Cassell, but shall if blessed with health manage to get through with every duty.

Very Respectfully Your —
Saml. F. McGill.
Agt. Md. & Col. Soc.

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