Harper Cape Palmas,
September 12 1853

Doctor James Hall

Dear Sir As the Shirley has to recently left, I will write but a few words now this may come to hand ere she arrives, you will have every thing respecting our position when she arrives as you will see Messrs. Prout & Cassell, Commodore Mayo has succeeded in settling the Rio Cavalla & Robookah war which will favour our state position, if the natives will hold firmly to what they have agreed to.
Every thing relative to our position you will learn from them as they are the commissioners to effect a treaty with the Society and us. I here enclose a list of medicine required for the Medical Department for this place as the Shirley has it not, The emigrants who come out in the Shirley and Banshee are doing quite so far having all passed the fever and doing well except those of the Shirley on her first voyage.

Yours &c
O B Ashmun & N Fletcher

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