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Harper. Cape Palmas
May 17th 1854

Doctor James Hall
Honored Sir

Permit me through this medium to inform you (as Dr McGill will leave this place in a few weeks) that so far as I am concerned in the Medical Department that there is not any Medicines value in the shop, and if none comes out by the next arrival then your Colonists must be the sufferers I have at my own expense purchased medicines occasionally and furnish those who were in need, without any compensation ~~therefor~~ it; but as the people here are about to assume a new position matters of that nature must be a consideration in common with others; Messrs Trout & Cassell arrived safe and sound; Our people have not been so expeditious in carrying out ~~the rules of the~~ and organizing their new system of Government as one would have supposed, but ere long the business will be settled, what will be their success. God only knows, I hope prosperity may attend us.

I will in concluding this brief scrawl say to you as I will to other members of the Md. St Col Society that it would be well for them to procure another person to perform the duties that has devolved on me alone for the last six years for it is not probable that I will ~~continue~~ continue unless I am compensated more so than I have been heretofore

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