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Mission Room, New York, March 17/55

To Dr Jas. Hall

My Dear Sir,

By a letter from our Superintendent of Missions, Rev. John S. Payne, at Cape Palmas, dated Nov. 18th 1854, we learn, that the Government of Cape Palmas has felt some difficulty, & perhaps have concluded to lay a duty of nine per. cent. on prime cost & five per. cent. on actual sales of all the articles & materials which the Mis. Soety. of the Meth. Ep. Church shipped in the Barb Hermitage for building a new ~~church~~ & a large Substantial Seminary at Cape Palmas. This will be a duty of 14 per. cent. We feel very much surprised at this, and should such duty be levied we shall be discouraged in our attempts to render service to the inhabitants of the Colony. We are aware that ~~the~~ Cape Palmas is not now under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Colonization Society, but it has occurred to us that your relations with the Govt. there might authorize you to give advice, or express an opinion in favour of admitting free of duty materials & articles for exclusive use in the execution of the Missions

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