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Colo. Room
Wash. City, 25 March 1855

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th came duly. By general agreement, all goods, wares, & merchandise, introduced into Liberia by the various Missionary Societies, & used for the use & actual expenses of the Mission, for the comfort of the Missionaries & for their Schools — are to be entered duty free. But if the Missionaries engage in trade, goods for that purpose are to pay duty. — What is for the good of Liberia — is to be free — Whatever comes into competition with the merchants must pay duty. All materials for churches & schoolhouses would be entered free. —

I have not been able to lay my hand on the organic law to this effect — but the custom has been as stated above —

I have the honor to be
Most resp.y Yours

W. McLain
Sec. A. C. S.

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