our country give evidence of the visitations of death and its deal=
=ings with our fellow citizens, our registry records no number of
ravages by mortality unparelleled by that of several preceding
years.— The internal relations of our christian population are con=
=sistent and acceptable;— and while the career of the greatest
powers of Europe, has been marked by blood and dread conflict, our little
State has maintained its quiet by the institution of pacific negociations in tran=
=quilizing differences with factious and hostile tribes.— Our prospects are
hopefull. The busy scenes of activity and animation, during the past year,
pervaded every Avenue of labor. The Mechanic was surcharged with en=
=gagements under contract; the tradesman had his share of the common
blessings, and the ordinary laborer was not left without something to do.—
The standard of religion and morality was fair and is still encouraging. Ample
means of education are in preparation by the Methodist and Episcopal missions
for the greater diffusion of useful knowledge; and that of the Baptist has
not been without its influence and effect. Respectable accessions by im=
=migration have been made to our number, and we may venture upon the
fact with assurance that much good is being effected in the U. States for
our numerical growth. The Half Cavallys and Grahways now live on
terms of amity; and our relations with the Cape Palmas natives are of
a friendly and pacific character.— Unfavored as was the husband=
=man by the unaccountable changes in the seasons nearly the whole of
the year, the harvest is abundant and ripening for the sickle, and
general satisfaction seems to reign.—

Passing from the pleasing and hopeful condition of
our affairs, your attention is invited to take a view of them in
their adverse relations.—

And I feel it to be a part of my duty first to announce
the reception by this government of a despatch from H. B. Majesty's Consul,
J. G. C. L. Newnham Esquire, requiring in ~~a~~ respectful terms an in=
=vestigation into the purchase by one of our citizens from the Bah river
people, of sundry valuables of the "Lark of Liverpool" lately cast by stress
of weather on that peoples shores. Setting up claims as a christian

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