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Harper Cape Palmas
Dec 30th 1856

Dr James Hall
Gen'l Agt Md St Col Soc
My Dear Sir

I avail myself of the opportunity of writing you a few hasty lines which I hope to send to Monrovia by one of Mr McGills Cutters which will sail tomorrow morning, whence I hope they may be forwarded on to you by the English Steamer at a much earlier period than I could otherwise send them

It is my painful duty to convey to you, and through you to the Bd of Managers of the Md St Col Society the sad intelligence that our little State is involved in war with the aborigines On Sunday the 12th inst between the hours of five and six o'clock P.M or thereabouts, information was received by the State authorities that the natives of several of the towns in our vicinity were under arms and contemplated an attack on the settlement during the night. The Colony was immediately put in a State of defence. and on the following monday a "grand palaver" was held with the native Chiefs, in which after various efforts to evade the truth they finally unanimously acknowledged that they were under arms as had been reported, but not however to make, but to

S. T. Gibson. Dec 30th 1856.

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