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Government House
Harper, Feb 26 1857.

Dr James Hall.
General Agt MVD Lt Col Loc.

Dear Sir.

It affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday, which you had the kindness to enclose your notes addressed to President Benson on the receipt of the news of the sad disaster which befall our Expedition in the Saki engagement. Thanks you for the very kindly manner which you have interested yourself in our behalf. I have been much gratified on the perusal of Mr Howard's letter of Instructions, and the Resolutions of the Board of Managers, to your address in view of your visit to the Cara of your youthful struggles. I shall be pleased to hear any suggestions which you may regard essential to our present affairs. I have thought, since the arrival of the tendered assistance of the Liberian Troops, that further hostilities would be uncalled for - growing out of the fact that the influence of their timely presence would in some wise contribute to facilitate peace.
But the occurrence on last night, the burning of two houses, leaves no room for cavil that the enemy are prepared to make a hostile stand.
I cannot but concur with you that the action of the Board was certainly providential for us, and in the very powerful and noble manner the special Agent discharged the trust, which have been of so much benefit to our Government. I would beg leave to say, however, in reference to the present crisis, and the probability that the Bill passed by the General Assembly, to appeal a loan for the successful prosecution and bringing the Belligerent parties to

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