tomorrow, to day being Sunday, preaching & meeting of course, & may reasonably hope to get off on Wednesday morning - such are the main facts of the case up to this date, & so stands the matter now - I shall probably be able to enclose you herewith, a copy of Gov. Drayton's letter to Prest Benson, a copy of Prest B - to the Legislature & of their action thereon, neither of which documents have I yet seen. I send you a copy of my letter to Mr B - tendering a loan on terms previously agreed upon by us. Dr Mitchell has furnished me a detailed statement of transactions at Cape Palmas covering under his own observation. I have already executed one Bill on R. Mitchell Esq for $2000 in favour of "S. A. Benson President" at 60 days sight. & previous to leaving shall have to draw for as much more in smaller sums, at 4 mos sight. - I shall defer any further bills until it shall appear what services will actually be rendered. I shall also have to execute bills to the amount of $1000 at least for supplies for the suffering children & widows at Cape Palmas. As I can get no breadstuff here I must take a few barrels of salt provisions & beans & ~~[illegible]~~ add a couple of barrels of flour. & the two I already have on board for Gibson - I shall also take down a cow or two of domestic, as many of our people escaped almost in a state of nudity - & what is not actually needed for clothing will be required with the tools to purchase rice, cassada or other vegetable food from friendly natives.

I have thus stated what I have done & am doing, without giving my reasons or arguing the matter, or suggesting other courses that might be considered more judicious, but be assured I have not acted without much reflection, and an oppressive sense of the responsibility resting on me. And I doubt not as you

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