I could see but one course that promised speedy relief, & that was the furnishing the aid required of this Govt by Mr Drayton. This I could not hope to obtain without affording them the material aid. In fact I knew the Govt was crippled & embarrassed in consequence of the great expense attendant on suppressing the Mende last year, & which was superadded the Grebo war, which latter cost the Republic over $20,000. On this point I took counsel with Mr Benson, Dr Medill & Prest. Roberts & other intelligent men. The result was a loan of eight thousand dollars, if so much should be required & this Govt for ten years with quarterly int. in coupons at the rate of six per ct. An important point gained in this negotiation was the stipulation that the aid should be unconditional, that is, in any contingent or connection — ~~You will see~~ I say important, & I mean so in more respects than one — I knew this would accord with your wish & the uniform action of the Board. It would also have a good effect upon the Money lenders, as there is little good feeling at present between them & these people. It would tend to harmonize & conciliate, & render operations easy rather than to haggle for pay in demanding their birthright — I may have remark that I have ever differed from Journeys, Mr Stroke & the official action of the Board as to this matter of State independence & entire annexation, but in this as in all matters not specially committed to my discretion I have endeavored to act simply as your Agent, & execute your wishes & directions — It may possibly occur to you that method of furnishing aid through this Govt, I might have found wished it directly to Mr Drayton: but he wants men, while I could not have enlisted here. & I could not have willingly placed more power in his hands & have troubled him for justice & for pecuniary pledge. I have made the Grebo tribe in your name, of keeping the peace in common & dwelling together as brethren —

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