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of Maryland in Liberia, and the same is henceforward dissolved, and by these presents we, the undersigned Commissioners as aforesaid, do cede to the Government of the Republic of Liberia all the Public Domain of the State of Maryland in Liberia, with all her bars, bays, rivers, creeks, lakes and Atlantic waters thereunto appertaining, including the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the same, also all public buildings, forts, arsenals, guns and munitions of war of every kind and description whatever, which we the undersigned Commissioners, acting as aforesaid, are prepared to and will deliver to the Commissioner of the Republic of Liberia now present in Harper, or to any one whom he may designate as the Superintendent of the County of Cape Palmas for the time being, and the said Commissioner of the Republic of Liberia is requested to assume immediately, in the name of his government, the public affairs of the said County of Cape Palmas, and establish here the authority of his government by unfurling the Flag of the Republic of Liberia.

Given under our hands and seals at Harper this the Third day of March, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand, Eight hundred and fifty seven.

Signed: Beeton S. Drayton,
J. J. Gibson,
Thos. Fuller,

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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