Government House
Harpers, March 8, 1857.

Charles Howard Esq:
President Md St. Coe. Society.

Dear Sir— Your kind favor Dec: 3. 1856. came duly to hand. through the courtesy of Dr. Hall. his arrival was hailed with great satisfaction by us, albeit we was engaged in war with the Cape Palmas & Grawway tribes: the particulars of which the Dr. will no doubt advise you. His arrival was to me a source of great gratification, the government had made a Requisition on the Republic for a reinforcement of men, and ammunition. to which application the Ship M.C. Stevens. was the welcome bearer of the troops. under the command of Ex President Roberts, the Gownment have been successful in the restoration of peace with the Belligerent tribes. & treaty happily concluded without further appeal to hostilities. the government feel indebted to the kindly office which Capt Livingston of the St Louis was pleased to take in the adjustment of the affair. The Grawway people are permitted to rebuild their Town on their former site, the Cape Palmas people will build their Town on the Hoffman river, and receive one thousand dollars as a consideration for their Town. the demoralizing influence of the Native Towns in our midst at this late day needs no elaborate argument to prove this, self evident fact. Sir. I am of the opinion that the better understanding between the Colonist and the native tribes will be perfectly harmonious. The Genral assembly at its extra session passed a Resolution for the annexation of Palmas as a County. Submitting the question to the suffrage of the People. And as the People endorsed the Assembly Resolution by their

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