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Dr James Hall
Agt. Md. State Col. Society

Dear Sir

I hand the bearer of a good passport of the Govt. requesting to be furnished, for the information of the Maryland State Colonization Society, a statement of such facts as came to my knowledge in regard to the late war at Cape Palmas, and the terms on which peace was concluded. Also a general information as to the new political arrangements that have been made between the Republic and the State of Maryland in Liberia.

I regret that my time being so limited at present I cannot enter into all the details of the several subjects to which you refer; and therefore can only give you a general statement of what transpired after your departure from Cape Palmas.

You are aware, that we on our arrival at Harper, we found among the Citizens many conflicting opinions respecting the course proper to be pursued towards the Natives. Some maintained that their lands and the trade ought to be immediately attacked and destroyed. Again others, more reflecting and humane, thought that course was not only unnecessary but extremely cruel — especially as there was every reason to believe that the belligerent Chiefs were not

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