Ship M. C. Stevens April 4th 1857

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To Charles Howard Esq
Pres't Md. St. Col. Society.

Dear Sir. I embrace the first time I have on board to continue my record of occurrences as your Agt during my visit to Africa. I trust I shall soon meet you & be able to give you more satisfactory verbal than I can by writing. Still it may be as well to put on record what I have done, referring to many documents herewith enclosed also to be registered in the office. My last to you was under date of July 16th. We were then expecting to get the troops on board that day & sail directly for Palmas. but this was not effected till the next morning, when we sailed with the Land Breze. Light winds & tornadoes blowing off the coast protracted the passage down, to five days, arriving there on the 16th at about ~~five~~ two o'clock in the afternoon. I believe just twenty three years to an hour from the time of my anchoring in the same spot with the slaver Brig Alerte to found a settlement. —

The troops of the Republic were under charge of Ex. President Roberts, who also was empowered to act as Commissioner for his Govt to arrange the terms on which they were to remain.

During our passage down he drew up a document expressive of his views in regards to the matter to be submitted to Governor Drayton. I regret that I did not obtain a copy of this as I believe it formed the basis, if not all the provisions of the terms of capitulation between the two Governments. Some of the more important portions I remember & will endeavor to state, although not definitely or in regular

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