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About two hours after they left Harper the sound of cannon, our old howitzer, at the Camp of the Grebos, announced their joyous reception, indicated that my message was well received. Having done all in my power to induce an early settlement of the difficulties & to guard against suffering by the poorer & most destitute part of the community, I left Cape Palmas on the evening of Saturday the 24th having spent more six days on shore. Of the condition of the people prior to the war, the extension of the settlement, the advance in agriculture or even the character of their dwellings & general improvements, beyond the public papers I am able to give you no information. Nor in fact can I say more of the town of Harper & the district called Latrobe than what we have long known. Six that some stores, warehouses & dwellings had been erected, together with sundry chambers, the orphan asylum on the Cape &c. To attempt any estimate of the prosperity or thrift of the place, the amount of business done, under the circumstances in which I found it, would be out of the question. Many people were to be seen in the streets apparently with nothing to do. Mostly women & children. Squads of ragged men & boys were from time to time seen marching to the sound of a lone rub-a-dub. a few straggling Kroo towns nations with muskets on their shoulders were lounging around, apparently enjoying the honor of being allies to the Americans. I could not get even one hour with our Agt Gibson to examine the Society's store, much less the Agency papers. The fort, guns, were existing & nothing else.

The subject of County annexation was mooted soon after our arrival there & there seemed to be considerable feeling opposing to it. I have since been informed that much depended upon the views I took of it, or the opinions I might express, but I was not aware of this at the time, as I was in no way

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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