surprised at it hurriedly & suggested to Messrs Drayton &c. to alter the name to Neil or to retain the name of Ali'd, but they objected.—
I cannot doubt but on receipt of my letter Mr Gibson will cause the name to be changed. I received by the Hecla a letter from King Yellow Hill soliciting assistance in building three new towns. Upon consideration of the question of hostilities, I concluded Gibson might spare him a Mat of Tobacco & accordingly wrote him to make over one to King Yellow Hill & also a quantity of able muskeaell powder which he had informed me he had on hand.—

In the interview which I had with Gov. Drayton before referred to, he gave me a brief history of the origin & progress of the war, differing in many respects from the reports I had received from other sources, & from statements I made to you in my letters via England dated Feby 18th & 12th.— I therefore requested him to furnish me with the same in writing that I might lay it before the Board of Managers: this he very kindly consented to do & I enclose the manuscript. I also enclose a communication from Gov. Roberts giving a brief history or statement of the Palaver, furnished in ~~[illegible]~~ at my request. From both these documents you will be able to form a pretty correct estimate of the cause of the war & the manner in which it has been conducted. I refrain from any comments thereon.—

I believe I have adverted to all matters with which I have been connected during my voyage necessary or important to be laid before you or the Board, at any rate I hope to be present & able to supply any deficiency, if desired. All letters that I have written or received as your Agt are on file & subject to your inspection & I have endeavored to do all business as your Agt by letter to avoid misunderstanding. I have no more to say but subscribe myself, very truly & respectfully yours

J. Mercer Hall, Agt. &c.

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A. Letter Books

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