There is to be an national agricultural fair at Monrovia in December of which His Excellency S. A. Benson is President. I shall exhibit I think some Cassadas and sweets potatos which are now in the ground and which I shall endeavor to have there until the time. Should I be succeed in this, I entertain no apprehension but what Robertsport will have the prize for those articles.

The health of the immigrants has been remarkably good. The acclimating process is scarcely perceptible. We are out of the vicinity of all noxious malaria which I think accounts for their success thus far. Some few of them have had what might be called fever at while the majority of them are still in the enjoyment of excellent health and fine spirits. They say that the fever is nothing like what they expected. Up to this date we have lost four children who died in spasms. My latest advices from Mr Seys place report one slight case of fever. It is to be hoped that immigrants will either be sent here, or to the interior settlement where they can escape, at least, the dangers of an acclimation.

Our national affairs are advancing with their accustomed rapidity. Provisions are dearth and money is scarce. The treasury still suffers from the pressure of the Sinoe war, but hopes soon to be relieved from the embarrassments. Among the immigrants who went up the St Paul's River some twenty have died. Mrs Walker is among the number. Mr Ff has removed to Mr Seys' settlement. Yours &c &c

W. M. Chester

Please excuse all imperfections as I write in a great hurry to get all my letters on board. ~~I shall be happy to hear from you soon.~~

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